

REPORT

WORLD WOMEN STUDIES CONFERENCE-VII

07-09, March 2024

Convener- Prof. Harpreet Kaur

Co-Convener: Dr. Uzma Nadeem

On the eve of International Women's Day, Mata Sundri College for Women hosted the international "World Women Studies Conference-VII" in collaboration with the **Institute of Economic Development and Social Researches, Turkey, and Baku Girls University, Azerbaijan**, from 7th - 9th March 2024 in Hybrid Mode.

The opening ceremony of the World Women Studies Conference commenced with a warm welcome from **Dr. Kaldygul Adilbekova**, the **General Secretary of IKSAD**, setting the tone for an engaging and insightful event. **Prof. Harpreet Kaur**, Principal of Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi, and **Convener & Honorary President of the Conference**, extended her greetings, emphasizing the significance of the conference in advancing the cause of women's studies globally. Prof. Harpreet Kaur in her welcome Speech also said that this conference aims to foster international dialogue on women's studies, providing a platform for valuable insights and collaboration along with advancing global perspectives on women's empowerment.

The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of **Hon'ble (Mrs.) Jacqueline Mukangira**, High Commissioner of the Republic of Rwanda in India, who delivered a message as the Chief Guest. Her address highlighted the importance of international collaboration and solidarity in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

Dr. Petra Pelletier from the University of Paris delivered a thought-provoking keynote lecture titled "**Beset with Disasters: Gender Dimensions of Global Crises and Resilience**," shedding light on the crucial intersection of gender dynamics and global crises, urging for resilience and empowerment.

Dr. Uzma Nadeem, representing Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi, delivered another welcome speech as the **Co-Convener and Executive Member of the Organizing Committee**, expressing gratitude and anticipation for the insightful discussions and collaborations that would unfold during the conference.

The opening ceremony set a significant tone for the conference, highlighting the importance of women's studies in addressing global challenges and fostering resilience in the face of adversity. It brought together distinguished speakers and participants from around the world to engage in meaningful dialogue and exchange of ideas pertaining to gender equality and empowerment.

The World Women Studies Conference-VII witnessed an impressive turnout of scholarly contributions, reflecting a global interest in advancing the discourse on gender issues and women's empowerment. More than 150 research papers were received from 14 countries (Türkiye, Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, India, Italy, Lebanon, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, Uzbekistan), demonstrating a diverse range of perspectives and insights into the field of women's studies.

In response to the unique circumstances posed by the ongoing global situation, the conference adopted an online mode for the submission and presentation of research papers. This facilitated the participation of researchers from various corners of the globe, transcending geographical barriers and fostering international collaboration.

Additionally, the conference accommodated a special delegation from Uzbekistan, comprising 18 delegates who presented their research papers in a face-to-face mode. This direct engagement allowed for deeper interactions and discussions, enriching the conference experience with diverse cultural and academic perspectives.

The inclusion of both online and face-to-face modes of presentation ensured a comprehensive and inclusive platform for the exchange of ideas and knowledge. It promoted cross-cultural dialogue and facilitated the dissemination of research findings on pressing issues related to gender equality and women's rights.

Overall, the significant number of submissions and active participation from researchers and delegates underscored the importance and relevance of the World Women Studies Conference-VII in advancing the global agenda for gender equality and empowerment. The conference served as a catalyst for further academic inquiry and collaborative efforts towards creating a more equitable and inclusive society for all.