

**7- Day International Level Online Faculty
Development Programme (FDP)**

On

Gender Sensitization

(25th July, 2020 - 31st July, 2020)

Time: 6.00 PM – 9.00 PM (IST)

Organized by



The Women's Cell

&

The Department of English

Barabazar Bikram Tudu Memorial College

Purulia, West Bengal, India

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Concept Note

The Women's Cell and the Department of English, Barabazar Bikram Tudu Memorial College, Purulia, West Bengal, India, will organize a week-long International Level Faculty Development Programme on '**Gender Sensitization**' for faculty members, researchers, scholars, educationists, and students.

Literature has been used to challenge, expose, and undermine cultural presumptions about gender. The feminist epistemology has attempted to probe the nature of women's experiences as individuals and social beings. This probing has resulted in a shift in perspective. Developments in feminist discourse have moved beyond gender inequality to the point where gender itself has become an unstable category. Judith Butler's seminal book *Gender Trouble* (1990) further developed this fluidity of gender. By refusing the social characteristics assigned to a particular biological sex, binary gender categories have been deconstructed to reveal many gender positions. But this has led to us to ask – If gender is constructed, can it be constructed differently? Is our culture and biology destiny? How do historical and cultural specificities determine gender? Hegemonic masculinities have been challenged, particularly because identity is not fixed and does not determine who we are. Several questions have been raised about – violence against women, questions of choice and care, women and migration, body positivity, workplace feminism, home as the site of social relations structured by power and inequality, gendered divisions of space and workplace, workplace sexual harassment and its connotations, digitally-driven movements, trans inclusivity, etc. There has been a conscious attempt to reclaim the different experiences. This Programme will attempt to capture the theoretical and practical aspects of this study to foster awareness and receptivity towards the immediate and larger environment from diversified perspectives. We have speakers specifically from India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan who will debate the subject position and disseminate the cultural and social appropriations. The objective of this 7- day online FDP on 'Gender Sensitization' will be to locate the paradigmatic and polymorphous nature of the discourse on gender studies that have moved beyond the corridors of academia and traversed into the heterogeneous discourse of everyday living.

About the College and the Department of English

Barabazar Bikram Tudu Memorial College, affiliated to Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, is one of the premier institutions in the district of Purulia, West Bengal, India. It has catered consistently to provide excellent educational opportunities that are responsive to the community's needs and endeavoured to help students meet economic, social, and environmental challenges to become active participants in shaping the future.

The Department of English, Barabazar Bikram Tudu Memorial College has strived endlessly for the students and teachers' holistic growth, provide with newer horizons of thinking, encourage research acumen, develop reflective and analytical skills, and inspired humanistic approach to issues. With this in mind, the Department has consistently conducted in-house lectures, national and international seminars, and conferences focused on the curriculum. In the Covid-19 lockdown period, e-conferences have been conducted with speakers from the national and international sphere.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/jtW1Z1LSAfbwFp59>

Last date of Registration: 23rd July, 2020

Target group/participants: Primarily Faculty members, and Research Scholars.

Platform: YouTube live

Link to the Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMOlrGQxpXMqfGtXOHfDLTw?view_as=subscriber

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Basic instructions/rules for FDP Participants

1. Mode of this FDP will be StreamYard (for host and invited speakers) and YouTube live for all the participants.
2. The YouTube links to join the sessions will be mailed to all the registered participants' mail IDs in due time.

3. If you want to ask any question to any speaker during the FDP, please send those to this WhatsApp number (+917699643386). You can also use the chat box section on YouTube to write in your questions and observations.
4. Assignments based on the topics of the presentation will be given to the participants daily and they must have to submit the assignments within 12 hours.
5. E-Certificates will only be awarded to those participants who will submit assignments every day and complete all necessary formalities.
6. Certificates will be issued on successful completion of the course. Certificates will be sent to the registered mail IDs within two months and no individual request will be entertained. Communications should be done only on e-mail.

Inaugural Session

Date	Time (IST)	Events	Resource Persons
25.07.2020	5:00-5:05 PM	Welcome address	
25.07.2020	5:05-5:30 PM	Inaugural Address	Prof. Ranu Uniyal Professor and HOD Dept. of English and Modern Indian Languages, University of Lucknow, India
25.07.2020	5:30-6:30 PM	Introductory Speech Glass Ceiling or Sticky Floor: Negotiating Gender Sensibilities	Prof. Aparajita Hazra Professor and HOD Department of English SKB University, India

Programme Schedule

Date	Time (IST)	Particulars of Resource Persons	Name of Topics
25.07.2020	6:30-7:00 P.M	Prof. Smita Agarwal Professor of English University of Allahabad, India	Gender Issues in Indian Poetry in English
25.07.2020	7:00-8:00 P.M	Dr. K. A. Geetha Associate Professor of English Literature, Language and Cultural Studies BITS Goa Campus, India	Gendering Caste: A study of Dalit Women
25.07.2020	8:00-9:00 P.M	Prof. Asha Sen Professor of Postcolonial Literature and Theory University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire USA	Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Transnationalism, and Study Abroad in India
26.07.2020	6:00-7:00 P.M	Dr. Dhishna Pannikot Associate Professor in English School of Management NIT Karnataka, India	Conceptualizing Gender Studies and Critical Awareness in Literature
26.07.2020	7:00-8:00 P.M	Prof. Nazmunnessa Mahtab Supernumery Professor Department of Women and Gender Studies University of Dhaka, Bangladesh	Gender Inequality in Bangladesh: Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic
26.07.2020	8:00-9:00 P.M	Dr. Rubeena Zakar Professor and Director Institute of Social and Cultural Studies University of the Punjab, Pakistan	Sexual and Reproductive Health Related Rights in South Asia
27.07.2020	6:00-7:00 P.M	Prof. Niladri R. Chatterjee Professor of English University of Kalyani, India	What is Gender?
27.07.2020	7:00-8:00 P.M	Dr. Tania Haque Professor of Women and Gender Studies University of Dhaka, Bangladesh	Exploring the Uncounted Contribution of Win Bangladesh: Situational Analysis during COVID- 19

27.07.2020	8:00-9:00 P.M	Dr. Bonnie Zare Associate Professor Dept. of Women's and Gender Studies and Sociology Virginia Tech University, USA	Begin with Girls: The need to Energize and Educate Vulnerable Adolescents
28.07.2020	6:00-7:00 P.M	Dr. Sarani Ghosal Mondal Associate Professor of English Department of Humanities and Sciences NIT Goa, India	Women in Crises in The Colour Purple
28.07.2020	7:00-8:00 P.M	Prof. Sunita Murmu Professor of English Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, India	Challenging Gender Stereotypes in Literature
28.07.2020	8:00-9:00 P.M	Prof. Nandini Sahu Director School of Foreign Languages and Professor of English, IGNOU India	'Body Politics' from a Creative Writer's Lens
29.07.2020	6:00-7:00 P.M	Dr. Sonia Omer Assistant Professor Department of Social Work University of the Punjab, Pakistan	Hurdles in the Way of Economic Empowerment for Pakistani Women: Issues and Challenges in the Wake of Covid 19
29.07.2020	7:00-8:00 P.M	Prachi Prabhu Assistant Professor Department of Women's Studies Goa University, India	Gender-based Division of Labour and its Reality during the COVID 19 Lockdown
29.07.2020	8:00-9:00 P.M	Kavita Ezekiel Mendonca Poet & Critic Alberta, Canada	Gender Inequality - Let's Change the Narrative
30.07.2020	6:00-7:00 P.M	Dr. Nasmaem Farhin Akhtar Chairperson Centre for Women's Studies Dibrugarh University, India	Coping with the New Normal: Understanding COVID-19 through the Gender Lens
30.07.2020	7:00-8:00 P.M	Dr. S. Suba Assistant Professor Department of Women's Studies Bharathidasan University India	Gender and Institutions

30.07.2020	8:00-9:00 P.M	Prof. Polly Vauqueline HOD Department of Women's Studies Gauhati University, India	Gender and Workplace Discrimination and Harassment
31.07.2020	6:00-7:00 P.M	Dr. Nidhi Vats Assistant Professor Department of English University of Delhi, India	Gender Equality in Education and Workplace: Who Needs to be Empowered and Why?
31.07.2020	7:00-8:00 P.M	Dr. Swathi Krishna S Assistant Professor in English Department of Humanities and Social Sciences IIT Ropar, India	Women on the Road: Literary Representation, Possibilities, and Dangers
31.07.2020	8:00-9:00 P.M	Prof. Geeta Patel Professor of Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages & Cultures and Women, Gender & Sexuality University of Virginia, USA	Messing around with Gender



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