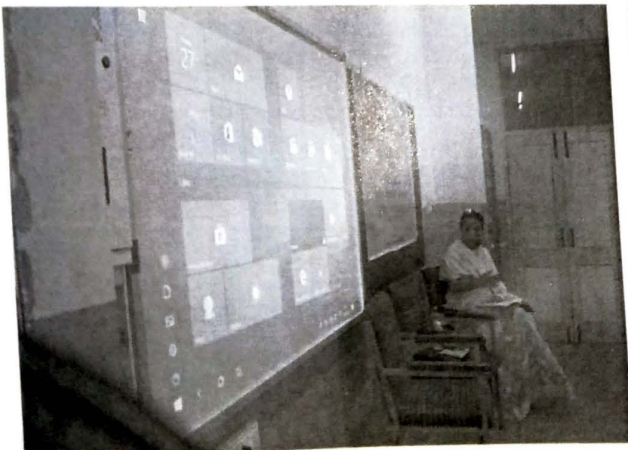


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Introduction

Nestled in the lap of nature and housed in a heritage building, the Centre of Excellence, Govt. College Sanjauli, Shimla, HP, has been providing an academically and intellectually stimulating environment to students and other stakeholders. Situated in the heart of the city, this College has a long tradition of excellence. This institute carries the legacy of teaching and learning, as in its initial days, it was an “industrial orphanage” named “Himalayan Christina Orphanage and Industrial School for female orphans”. It was upgraded during the pre-independence days to B.Ed/B.T. College for girls, affiliated to Punjab University. Since 1969, this college has been catering to the needs of the students from the length and breadth of Himachal Pradesh. The college earned the status of “Centre of Excellence” in the year 2006 and earned a B+ grade from NAAC in the year 2017.

The seminar sought to answer certain pertinent questions related to women's dignity, position and empowerment. Does the Indian woman really want to be venerated as “Devi”? Does being called a, “Devi” provide her with a sense of dignity and security? Does it put an end to violence and abuse? Crimes against women are on the rise, becoming more heinous with each passing year. The examples of *Nirbhaya* and *Gudiya* haven't left our minds. Gender based violence hinders women empowerment and gender equality. Women are not only subjected to violence outside the confines of the home, they are also exposed to familial and societal exploitation. The seminar hoped to initiate dialogue in an evolving climate where things seem to have changed but are still the same in many ways.

E. Detailed Session-wise summary of the proceedings of the Seminar

Session-I

Technical session-I was conducted on August 27, 2021 in the Chemistry lecture hall of the COE, Govt. College Sanjauli. The session was chaired by Dr. Anuja Sharma, HOD, Department of English, St. Bede's College, Shimla and co-chairperson, Prof. Vikas Dogra, Chairman, Department of Journalism, HPU, Summerhill, Shimla. The session was moderated by Dr. Kirti Sigha, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics.

In this session, the following speakers presented their papers on various aspects related to the theme of the seminar:

1. Diksha, Research Scholar, HPU, Shimla. Title: 'The Struggling Tribe of Women: A Case Study of Holi Tehsil in Chamba District, Himachal Pradesh'
2. Harul Vinay, GDC Sanjauli. Title: 'Finding Traces of Feminine Power in the Kinnauri Family System'
3. Adhiraj S. Bisht, UG-22, Ashoka University. Title: 'Gendered Morality and Violation': A Case Study of the Jognis of Ilaka Jhiri-Bajaura'
4. Ashmita, Research Scholar, HPU, Shimla. Title: 'Understanding Women through Economic Status: A Case Study of Sanitation Women Workers in Shimla District'.
5. Dr. Navreet Sahi, Associate Professor, Shoolini University. Title 'Negotiating Spaces: A Feminist Study of Select Middle Eastern Texts'.
6. Kesang Youdon, Research Scholar, HPU, Shimla. Title 'An Exploration of Resistance and Patriarchy: Reading '*Ramayana*' and the liberation of '*Sita*'.
7. Vishav Jyoti, Asst. Professor, GDC Darlaghat. Title: 'Women and Female Genital Mutilation in India'.

The completion of the 3rd session was framed by our two rapporteurs, Dr. Nidhi Dhadwalia, Department of Zoology and Dr. Kishori Lal Chandel, Department of History.

All the papers were highly appreciated by the chairperson and relevant discussions followed the presentations.

Session-II

Technical session II was conducted simultaneously in the conference Hall, the session was chaired by Dr. Vidhya Nidhi retired Professor, Hindi. She was assisted by Dr. Sapna Sanjay Pandit, Associate Professor, Department of English, GC Nalagarh and the session was moderated by Dr. Meenakshi Kohli.

The following speakers presented their papers on various aspects related to the theme of the seminar:

1. Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Asst. Professor, GDC Kotshera. Title: **'हिमाचल की समकालीन हिंदी कता में नारी प्रश्नों की समाज शास्त्रीय विवेचना'**
2. Dr. Sharda Devi, Asst. Professor, ICDEOL, HP University, Shimla. Title: 'Women in Literature: A Historical Study'
3. Dr. Manorama Devi, title: **'शिक्षा और महिला सशक्तिकरण'**
4. Dixit Garg, GDC Sanjauli. Title: 'Gender Stereotype: A Cognitive Component Responsible for the Dilapidated Condition of Women'
5. Dr. Monika Raina, Asst. Professor, GDC Tikkar. Title: 'Hyper Masculinity and Gendered Violence in the Selected Fiction of Alice Munro'
6. Dr. Priyanka, Asst. Professor, GDC Sanjauli. Title: 'Deification and Demonization of Women in Rajinder Singh Bedi's '*Lajwanti*'

The Rapporteurs for this session were Dr. Meenakshi, Department of Biology and Mrs. Priyanka Department of English. Dr. Vidhya Nidhi suggested the participants to be very careful

about their presentations, and asked them to read up more resources while writing papers. Dr. Sapna Pandit asked the participants to conduct research on micro level and explore the primary sources in addition to more secondary sources. The session ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Meenakshi Kohli.

Session-III

Technical session III was conducted on August 28, 2021 in the conference hall at 11 am. The session was jointly chaired by Dr. Kamlesh Thakur, Principal, Chail Koti and Dr. Neena Gupta, Principal Govt. College Sunni. Dr. Meenakshi Kohli was the moderator of the session.

The following speakers presented their papers:

1. Dr. Saroj Bhardwaj, Asst. Professor, RKMV Shimla. Title: 'Menstruation and Honour: Myths and Reality'.
2. Dr. Kishori Lal Chandel, Asst. Professor, GDC Sanjauli. Title: Position of Women in Himachal Pradesh Society from A.D. 700 to 1800 based on Existing Epigraphic Sources of Kulu and Chamba'.
3. Dr. Sapna Pandit, Associate Professor, GDC Nalagarh. Title: 'Transcending the Class Barrier: Aalo Andhari by Baby Haldar'
4. Neeraj Pizar, Research Scholar, Shoolini University. Title: 'Sita Unbound'
5. Dr. Anupama Choudhary, Asst. Professor, GDC Theog. Title: 'Discovery of the Self in Volga's "*Liberation of Sita*"
6. Lakshita Thakur, Asst. Professor, GDC Shilai. Title: 'Low Population, Lower Sex Ratio at Birth: Understanding the Demographic Trends in Himachal Pradesh, India'
7. Sonika Rana, Research Scholar, HPUDES Shimla. Title: 'हिमाचल की कहानियों में नारी संवेदना'
8. Dr. Devkanya, title: 'सूत्री-वरिद्ध अपराध: देवी अस्मिता का खंडन'
9. Dr. Prem R. Bhardwaj, Associate Professor, GDC Nahan. Title: 'Economic Implications of Covid Lockdown on Unskilled Labour in Paonta-Sahib Region of District Sirmaur: A Gender Perspective'
10. Dr. Arti Pandit, Professor, Department of Evening Studies, HPU Shimla. Title: 'Women in Hindi Cinema: A Reflection'
11. Vibhuti Gupta, Research Scholar, HPU, Shimla. Title: 'The Dying Matriarch of Himachal Pradesh'.

The papers were highly appreciated by the chairpersons and relevant discussions were held which was followed by a vote of thanks by Meenakshi Kohli.

Valedictory Session: The Valedictory session commenced at 3:00 pm on the 28th of September. The Principal welcomed the Valedictory speaker, Dr. Daisy Thakur, Chairperson, Women's Commission, Himachal Pradesh. A detailed report of the proceedings of the two day conference was presented by Ms. Himani Saxena, Dept of English.

Dr. Daisy Thakur spoke about the role and responsibilities of the National Commission for

Women and the State Women's Commission. She apprised the audience about the legal provisions in the Indian penal code against gender violence and harassment. She also congratulated the paper presenters for the academic rigour that they had committed themselves to in participating in the conference.

The principal and Dr Daisy then distributed certificated of participation to the conference delegates.

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Gist of deliberations/ information shared by the Resource Persons

Dr. C. B. Mehta, Principal, Govt. Degree College, Sanjauli, addressed the audience and opened his speech with an apt quote, "A man is born through a woman, he is raised by a woman, he falls in love with a woman, marries a woman, and I am surprised about a man who doesn't respect a woman". Those are the words that we must reflect upon. Dr. Kamayani Bisht introduced the theme of Crime Against Women, The Devi-violated and made the audience aware about the proceedings of the event.

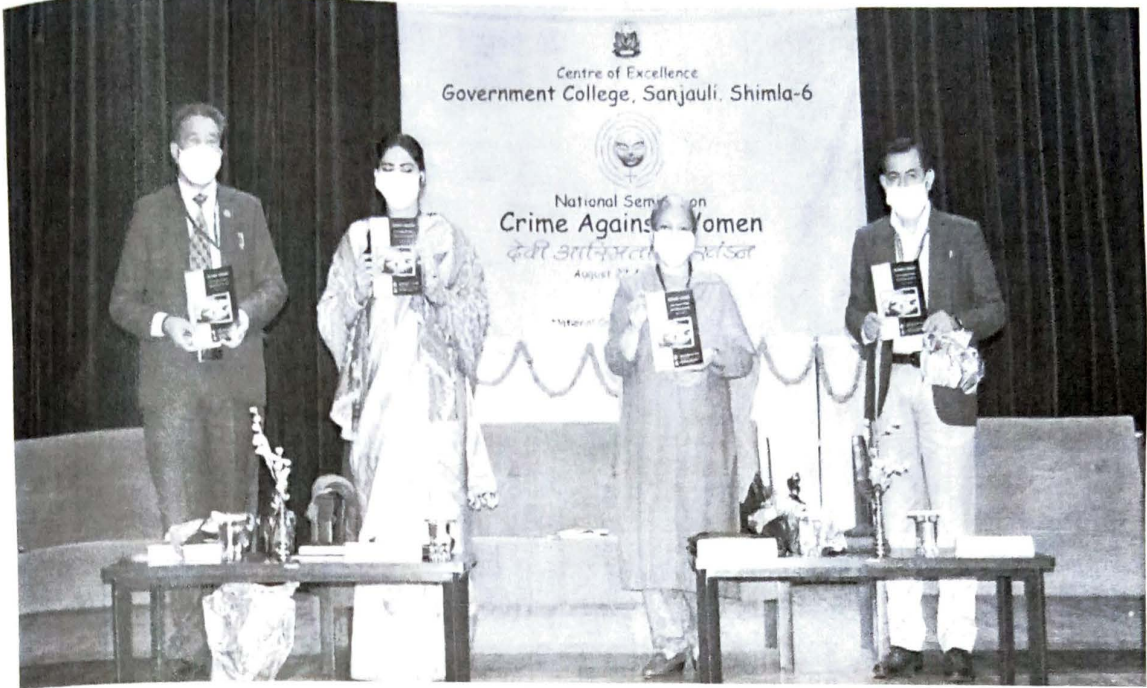
Dr. Meenakshi Faith Paul, the keynote speaker gave an overview of the conference, esp. about the themes and subtitles mentioned in the brochure. Her speech focused on the comparison between Women in stone versus the Women in flesh. She also talked about other issues in India such as Dayan Pratha and Baanj (infertility in women).

"A good speech is like a pencil, it has to have a point." Speech has power, speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel and that is what our chief guest Ms Somya (IPS), gave voice to. In the very beginning she questioned the collective cultural consciousness that determines the treatment of women in society. She talked about the increasing number of crimes against the women of Himachal Pradesh. "With great freedom comes great responsibility", she advised women to be trained in combat, and weapon to defend themselves. She laid stress on the three D's – Dowry, Drugs, Drinks which are majorly responsible for crime against women.

The first speaker in the plenary session was Prof. Manju Jadika, who mainly spoke about, "Women in the Workplace" and "Women in the Pandemic." She also talked about the practicalities of life that a woman is entrapped in.

Dr. Roshan Lal Sharma, being the second speaker, spoke about gender equity and femininity as viewed from the male perspective. He shared his personal experience of masculinity and how a deeper understanding of the dynamics of gender can lead to a fairer social order.

Ms. Pooja Priyamvada, the last speaker, laid stress on the s-word (all things sex). Her focus was on the deep mental trauma and identity crises that is born of the stigmatization of sex and sexuality in women. During her presentation, she also talked about the self-stigmatization of women and their vulnerability in the male dominated society which leads to the high number of household suicides. Her stress on psychological manifestations of oppressive internalization of gender roles was a refreshing take on violence. The talk did make many in the audience uncomfortable but that's what it was meant to do.



तब तक सामाजिक सोच नहीं बदलेगी तब तक स्त्री विरुद्ध अपराध नहीं थमेगा। यह बात सजौली महाविद्यालय में दो दिवसीय स्त्री विरुद्ध अपराध विषय पर राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी के दौरान आई पी एस बोम्बा सांगोसावन ने कही। उन्होंने कहा कि सामाजिक क्रांति का सबसे ज्यादा दायित्व अल्पसंख्यकों का है, जबकि पुलिस एक सुरक्षा कवच के रूप में काम करती है। वहीं मुख्य अतिथि डॉ. अरुण शर्मा ने भी उद्घरण साझा किए जिसमें स्त्री के प्रति समाज की कुंडित मानसिकता नजर आती है। यही नकारात्मक सोच स्त्री पुरुष में विषम पैदा करती है। इसी को जल्दा से जल्दा खत्म करने तक यदि उससे परिवार से समाज तक भेद भाव न किया जाए तभी स्त्री पुरुष में असमानता खत्म हो सकती है। संगोष्ठी के प्राथमिक सत्र में विषय विशेषज्ञों के रूप में प्रोफेसर मनु जेठका, प्रोफेसर रोशन शर्मा, प्रोफेसर पूजा प्रियंवदा ने स्त्री के सामाजिक, पारिवारिक, आर्थिक और महापौराणिक स्थिति और स्त्री कोशिका में विभिन्न स्तरों पर शक्ति का प्रयोग, जो चरमभन महत्ता ने स्वागत किया। उन्होंने कहा कि हमने अन्तराष्ट्र की उपरांत आयोजित इस संगोष्ठी में बाद में अपने विद्वानों और योग्यताओं द्वारा जो पत्र पढ़े जाएंगे। उससे स्त्री विषयक सामाजिक चरणाओं का स्पष्टीकरण होगा। सामाजिक सोच को बदलने और निर्धारित करने में स्त्री के योगदान का निम्नोक्त। तभी की भावना शुरू करें। डॉ. रीतेश शर्मा, मनोरमा शर्मा, सान्धा कुमारी, शारदा देवी, दीक्षा, अश्विनी, राजकुमारी आदि लगभग 50 प्रतिभागियों ने एक क्षण के लिए अपने-अपने पत्र पढ़ने का अवसर प्राप्त किया।

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समाज की सोच बदलने से रुकेंगे महिला के प्रति अपराध : सौम्या

शिमला। आईपीएस अधिकारी सौम्या सांगोसावन ने कहा कि समाज को जब तक महिलाओं के प्रति सोच नहीं बदलेगी तब तक इसके प्रति अपराध भी कम नहीं हो सकते। सामाजिक जागरूकता लाने की जिम्मेदारी शिक्षकों के कंधों पर है। सेक्टर और एक्सपर्ट मंत्रीजी कॉलेज में महिलाओं के प्रति अपराध विषय पर शुरू हुए दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय सेमिनार में बनौर मुख्यालयी शिरकत करते हुए सांगोसावन ने कहा कि पुलिस सिर्फ महिलाओं पर होने वाले अपराध को रोकने के लिए सुरक्षा कवच के रूप में काम कर सकती है।

सेमिनार में मुख्य वक्ता के रूप में शरीक हुई विश्वविद्यालय के इवानिंग स्टडीज विभाग की अध्यक्ष प्रो. मीनक्षी पाल ने महिलाओं के प्रति समाज की कुंडित मानसिकता के उद्घरण दिए। संगोष्ठी के प्राथमिक सत्र में विषय विशेषज्ञों के रूप में शरीक हुई मनु जेठका, प्रो. रोशन शर्मा, प्रो. पूजा प्रियंवदा ने महिलाओं के सामाजिक, पारिवारिक, आर्थिक, मनोवैज्ञानिक स्थिति और स्वाधीनता पर व्याख्यान दिए। मंत्रीजी कॉलेज प्राचार्य डॉ. सौम्या मेहत ने सभी प्रतिभागियों और वक्ताओं का स्वागत किया। संगोष्ठी के तकनीकी सत्र में दिनेश शर्मा, मनोरमा शर्मा, सान्धा कुमारी, शारदा देवी, दीक्षा, अश्विनी और राजकुमारी ने पहले दिन पत्र वाचन किया। दूसरे

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