

WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTRE

KUMAUN UNIVERSITY, NAINITAL, UTTARAKHAND

BRIEF BACKGROUND

Women's Studies Centre was established in 2011 with the great efforts of the Founder Director of the Centre Prof. Neeta Bora Sharma and under the Vice Chancellorship of Professor V.P.S. Arora. The Centre has fulfilled the UGC Phase 1 criteria set for women studies centre in 2016, and has since taken many significant steps towards achieving awareness and sensitization of Gender issues in the D.S.B. Campus and in surrounding communities. One of the significant achievements of the centre is the successful approval for MA in Women Studies by the board of Studies, and the centre is looking forward to commence the Masters programme from session 2024-2025.



Prof. Neeta Bora Sharma
Director

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PUBLICATIONS

Books

- ❖ Mahila Sashaktikaran ka Badalta Paridrishya, 2021
- ❖ Human Rights and Challenges of Women in India, 2019
- ❖ Bharat mein Mahila Manavadhikaron ki Stithi, Dasha, Evam Disha, 2017.
- ❖ Status and Role of Women in Uttarakhand, 2014

INTERNATIONAL/ NATIONAL SEMINARS/ WEBINARS/ CONFERENCES ORGANISED

- ❖ National Seminar on ‘The Status and Role of Women in Uttarakhand’, 2012.
- ❖ National Seminar on ‘Protection of Human Rights of Women in India’, 2014.
- ❖ National Seminar on ‘Challenges of Women in the Himalayan Region’, 2015.
- ❖ International Conference on 'Urban Spaces and Gender- Exploring, Gender Marginalisation and Enquiry in Urban Spaces in the Pacific', 2017.
- ❖ National Webinar on the occasion of World Environment Day, 2020.
- ❖ National Webinar on the occasion of Constitutional Day, 2020.
- ❖ National Webinar on the occasion of International Women’s Day, 2021.
- ❖ National Webinar on ‘Uniform Civil Code: Need of the Hour’, 2023.
- ❖ National Webinar on the occasion of Human Rights Day. (Every Year)



OTHER ACTIVITIES



- ❖ Women's Study Centre honored 5 women for their remarkable role in women empowerment, namely-
 - Prof. Veena Pande
 - Prof. Savitri Kaira Jantwal
 - Mrs. Preeti Priyadarshani (SSP Nainital)
 - Dr. Ketki Tara Kumhaiyan
 - Mrs. Kiran Tiwari (Social Activist)
- ❖ An interactive discussion session with Indian development feminist Activist Kamla Bhasin as the key speaker was organised by the Centre. (2018)
- ❖ Women's Study Centre organized online quiz on Gender Awareness (2020)
- ❖ Women's Study Centre organized online quiz on CoVID 19 Awareness (2020)
- ❖ Women's Study Centre organized a two-day exhibition of handicrafts made by Women entrepreneurs. (2021)
- ❖ Women's Studies Centre has organized an Aipan and Alpana Training Workshop (Basic Course) in collaboration with 'Cheli Arts'.(2023)



नैनीताल में महिला जागरूकता शुरु: पहले दिन हुई क्विज प्रतियोगिता

डीएसबी के राजनीति विज्ञान विभाग व कुविवि महिला अध्ययन केंद्र की पहल

आज समाचार सेवा नैनीताल। कुमाऊं विश्वविद्यालय के डीएसबी परिसर के राजनीति विज्ञान विभाग तथा महिला अध्ययन केंद्र कुमाऊं विश्वविद्यालय के संयुक्त तत्वाधान में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस के उपलक्ष में महिला जागरूकता सप्ताह शुरू हो गया है। इसी क्रम में शुक्रवार को डीएसबी परिसर में क्विज प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया।



पुछे गए, जिसमें छात्र-छात्राओं ने बड़े-चढ़कर प्रतिभाग किया। इससे पूर्व प्रतियोगिता के सफल संचालन के लिए राजनीति विज्ञान विभागाध्यक्ष प्रो. नीता बौरा शर्मा द्वारा संयोजक समिति व प्रतिभाग करने वाले सभी छात्र छात्राओं को मबारकबाद दी। प्रतियोगिता को

के मुताबिक जरूरी परिणामों को और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उपलक्ष में जो कार्यक्रम किए गए, प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन का



Report on Women Awareness Week

- ❖ The Women's Studies Centre celebrated Women Awareness Week on the occasion of International Women's Day from 3rd March to 8th March 2023. The week commenced with a Quiz Competition held on 3rd March and Essay Competition on 7th March in the D.S.B. Campus premises. The themes quiz were women ragging, gender equality, women rights, significance of women's day etc. Another event essay competition on topic "innovation and technology for women empowerment". Prize distribution held on 3rd April 2023.
- ❖ The Women's Studies Centre from 2nd of March to 11th of March 2024, conducted a weeklong event which included Essay Competition, Aipan Competition, use of Waste Materials and a lecture on the topic "Bharat ke Punarutthan mein Mahilaon ke Bhumika". At first, an Essay Competition was held on 2nd of March, followed by Aipan Competition on 4th of March, use of Waste Material on 6th March, and a lecture was delivered on 11th of March by Mr. Sujet Kuntal.

Women Studies Centre honored these women in 2024 for their endeavours in women empowerment



Laxmi Thapa



Munni Tiwari



Dr Archana Negi Sah



Parvati Arya

Gender Sensitisation Workshop on 12/03/2023

Women Studies Centre conducted Gender Sensitisation Workshop on 12/03/2023. In this workshop, students of various schools participated and an interactive session between the students and faculties held on Gender Sensitivity in behaviours of the students. Focus of this workshop was to inculcate behavioural changes in students.

The centre took the initiative to organize workshop creating awareness about gender issues and working towards and creating an enabling environment of gender justice and where men and women can work together with a sense of personal security and dignity. Workshop highlighted on the difference between biological sex and gender identity, and how gender identity is affected by regressive social ideologies. Efforts in direction of unmasking the patriarchal mores that operates unnoticeably in daily life. Boys were special focus of this workshop where they learnt how to behave to with other gender at their school, family and in their vicinity. It was a very successful workshop where students participated very enthusiastically, learnt curiously about sensitive issues related to women.



Gender Sensitization Workshop on 23/04/2024

The Women Studies Centre conducted Gender Sensitization Workshop on 23/04/2024. In this workshop Women Self-Help Group and advocates participated. They shared their grass-root experience and learning with people participated in workshop. Self-Help Group members brought new perspective of gender sensitization in economic field and what kind of values should be norm in our society. Violence, sexual harassment and unequal treatment etc. are social problems which can only be solved by sensitive people of society who practice gender justice on daily basis and become example for other people. Advocates of workshop educated every one of legal solutions related to domestic violence, sexual harassment, constitutional rights of women, dowry practice and did counselling to aware everyone about laws of the land. Workshop was fruitful and it was learnt that gender justice can only be achieved when social and legal solutions go hand in hand.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ **MA in Women Studies:** The Centre is about to start a Master's Programme in Women's Studies and the Board of Studies has approved the syllabus for first semester of the programme.
- ❖ **Empowering Women:** The Centre has been at the forefront of empowering women from diverse backgrounds by providing them with educational opportunities, skill development programs, and awareness campaigns. Through its initiatives, the Centre has helped countless women gain confidence, independence, and access to resources.
- ❖ **Research and Publications:** The Centre has made significant contributions in the field of women's studies through its research and publications. It has produced numerous scholarly articles, reports, and books on various topics related to women's rights, gender equality, and social justice.
- ❖ **Community Engagement:** The Centre has actively engaged with the local community, organizing workshops, seminars and public lectures on gender-related topics. It has collaborated with grassroots organizations, government agencies, and NGOs to raise awareness about gender-based violence, discrimination and women's rights.
- ❖ **Advocacy and Policy Influence:** The Centre has been a strong advocate for women's rights and has actively influenced policy changes at various levels. It has provided valuable inputs to government bodies, policymakers, and international organizations on issues such as gender mainstreaming, legislation, and implementation of gender-sensitive policies.
- ❖ **Skill Development and Capacity Building:** The Centre has played a vital role in building the capacity of individuals working in the field of women's empowerment. It has conducted training programs and workshops for professionals, activists, and students, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to address gender disparities effectively.

FUTURE PLANS

- ❖ **Education and Skill Development:** This includes starting a self-financed course in Women's Studies. To expand educational programs to equip women with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in an ever-changing world. This also includes developing entrepreneurship, leadership, financial literacy, and technology training modules.
- ❖ **Research and Data Analysis:** To further advance our understanding of women's issues, we will strengthen our research efforts by publishing a Research Journal (**Gender Watch: Compendium of Data Research and Policies**). Our research will provide valuable insights and evidence-based recommendations to policymakers, organizations, and communities.
- ❖ **Collaboration and Partnerships:** We will seek Partnerships with the like-minded organizations locally and globally through MOUs. Collaborative initiatives may include joint research projects, knowledge sharing, advocacy campaigns, and capacity building programs.
- ❖ **Community Engagement and Grassroots Empowerment:** To ensure the inclusion and representation of diverse women, we will actively involve local communities in our programs. This may involve organizing awareness campaigns, workshops, and community-led initiatives that address specific challenges faced by marginalized women.
- ❖ **Technology and Innovation:** This includes leveraging digital platforms, social media, and online learning tools to disseminate information, provide remote support, and connect women across borders.
- ❖ **Setting up Retail Outlets:** As suggested by the former Governor of our state Margaret Alava, the Centre is striving to establish retail outlets by women entrepreneurs and artisans offering handicrafts like Ringaal, Aipan, hand-knitted woolen clothes, authentic and organically grown cereals, pulses and millets like madua, bhang seeds, flavoured salts, and local products like jams, squashes and pickles, etc.



GALLERY





नारीवाद पर सर्टिफिकेट कोर्स

श्रीमती अल्पना ऐपन प्रसिद्धा द्वारा

नैनीताल 'कुविमि' के कुलपति प्रो. पीसी कविचरवाल, निदेशक संपर्क एवं निदेशक नैनीताल परिसर, प्रो. एन.के. शर्मा, सेंट्रल फार स्टडीज ऑफ सोसाइटी और पब्लिकेशन द्वारा विभिन्न अतिथियों के रूप में नारीवाद पर नारीवाद के पृष्ठभूमि जो आने वाले समय में राष्ट्रवादी नारीवाद को पीछे छोड़ देना भारतीय संस्कृति में आगे करियर सम्भावनाओं पर इस क्षेत्र में कीर्तिलेख लिखा है। प्रो. एन.के. शर्मा, सेंट्रल फार स्टडीज ऑफ सोसाइटी और पब्लिकेशन द्वारा विभिन्न अतिथियों के रूप में नारीवाद पर नारीवाद के पृष्ठभूमि जो आने वाले समय में राष्ट्रवादी नारीवाद को पीछे छोड़ देना भारतीय संस्कृति में आगे करियर सम्भावनाओं पर इस क्षेत्र में कीर्तिलेख लिखा है।

आयोजन: सर्टिफिकेट कोर्स और नारीवाद पर सर्टिफिकेट कोर्स का आयोजन किया गया।

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