

## **Webinar on Deconstructing Gender by Dr Bulbul Dhar-James**

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Department of Psychology organized a webinar on Deconstructing Gender by Dr Bulbul Dhar-James. Dr Dhar-James is Honorary Director of Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies & Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Coordinator MA Human Rights Programme at Jamia Milia Islamia University. Principal Dr Leena Raje delivered the welcome address.

The webinar aimed at discussing lived experiences, critically reflecting on the behaviours around us and practicing healthier habits and behaviours. The webinar initiated a discourse on discrimination of marginalized genders and also looked at the pandemic through the gender lens. It covered facts and factors affecting the increase in domestic violence against women during the pandemic. Dr Dhar-James deconstructed the concept of patriarchy and the patriarchal control on our behaviours as a society. She discussed the movie Thappad while deliberating on the wide influence of patriarchy on our choices as a society. She also spoke on gender stereotypes and their harm on all kinds of genders. She discoursed on gender inequality while discussing the movie Kabir Singh, thereby highlighting the influence of patriarchy in popular media. She also deconstructed the concept of Toxic Masculinity and how damaging it can be for young males. She encouraged discussions on consent, boundaries, bullying and peer pressure. She also spoke on stigma attached to people who do not identify with gender binary and their rights. The webinar ended with an interactive Question and Answer session.

The webinar was attended by 216 participants across 13 states and 3 countries. The participants included Principals and Vice Principals of various colleges, Academicians, Research Scholars, Social Workers and students of various universities and colleges. The webinar was conceptualized & coordinated by Head of the Department & ably supported by the members of the Department.



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The YouTube link for webinar:

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