

Event: Talk with Kamla Bhasin

Organized by: Department of Political Science and Gender Sensitization Committee

Date: February 22, 2018

Number of Participants: College faculties and students attended the event

The Department of Political Science and Gender Sensitization Committee organized a talk with Kamla Bhasin on February 22, 2018. Kamla Bhasin is a renowned social activist who primarily focuses on feminist ideology, she is a prolific author and has written extensively on the subject of women and the issues concerning women. The speaker started the talk with her own experiences and encounters as far as the issue of gender discrimination had been concerned. She mentioned specifically the Rakhi event for explaining the concept and her experience. Through her own journey, she was able to create a genuine picture of how gender-based discrimination is a socially sanctioned reality and is a phenomenon which is present in most of the Indian households. She started by explaining the concept of biological and social cultural created difference which have been used for marking men and women as dominant and subordinate position. Along with it she also emphasized the need to stop looking at females as merely a source of reproduction and being confined to the household and the private domain. She tried to encourage the students to start questioning their immediate social environment and understand the root cause of such belief system and question their basis. She quoted the instance reflecting how she managed to get out of the relationships which were based on humiliation, insensitivity, violence, and subordination. She enlightened the necessity of creating awareness also among the educated section too, so that they able to identify these discriminatory practices and the specifically for women to become more assertive for their rights in legal, social, economic, and political domain.