

Event: Talk on Deconstructing Gender by Bulbul Dhar – James (Prof. Dept. Of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia)

Organized by: Civil Society of Department of Political Science

Date: November 6, 2019

Number of Participants: College faculties and students attended the event

The Civil Society of Department of Political Science organized a talk on Deconstructing Gender by Bulbul Dhar – James, Prof. Dept. of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, on November 6, 2019. The central theme of the seminar was to familiarize the students with the idea of gender and what are the various meanings which are generally associated with the same. The speaker who is a renowned theorist especially in the domain of feminism and women studies tried to explain to the students the basic differences between the concept of gender and sex. She emphasized on how gender refers to the socially constructed concept which is often used for creating stereotypes. The speaker was conscious of the audience of the seminar, who were primarily the young undergraduates. In order to explain the concept to the students, she started with a question and answer round, in which students were asked to explain the meaning of gender and how do they experience gender stereotypes in the society and especially in their family. This categorization of individuals in the society has led to the creation of gender discrimination where one category i. e. of males is always preferred and considered superior to the females, who had been slotted as being inferior and had been subjected to strong biases. By the very title of the seminar/talk, the intent was to question the basis of a gendered society and to re-examine and reassess the situation. The need of the hour is to deconstruct the status quo and fight the rigid belief system so as to create a more egalitarian society which is based on a more balanced gender perception of society.