

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

SEMINAR ON "GENDER ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA" ORGANIZED BY FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES IN COLLABORATION WITH IQAC

Bridging the Gap: Gender issues in Contemporary India – A Seminar and Panel Discussion

The seminar organized by the Faculty of Arts and Social Studies of St. Xavier's University in association with IQAC held on 23rd September, 2019. Following speakers gave their valuable speech are:

- a) Keynote speaker and moderator: Dr. Niladri Chatterjee, Head of Department, English, University of Kalyani, West Bengal
- b) Mrs. Rita Bhimani, CEO-Founder, Ritam Communications, Corporate PR expert
- c) Smt. Radhika Singh, Assistant Director Programmes at British Council
- d) Dr. Anindita Sen, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta.

Panelists took their valuable speech focusing on the lived experiences of women everyday life. In India, gender issues are rendered more complex due to multiple structures such as caste, class, ethnicity which intersect with socio-economic and political factors.

The seminar intensified to examine the role of women at the micro level by critically examining the challenges they face and suggesting strategies to enhance participation and enable their agency.

UG and PG students of the university attended the seminar. The session ended with the moderator's conclusion and a question answer session.