

Title - Strands and Waves of Feminism

Category – Extension Lecture

Organizing Unit- Department of English, RKSMVV

Resource Person – Dr. Soma Marik, Associate Professor, Department of History, RKSMVV

Date – 19.06.2024

Time- 12:15- 1:15 pm

Number of Participants - 17

Venue – Room no. 16

Brief Description of the Event - Dr. Soma Marik began her lecture by acquainting the students with the contributions of Mary Wollstonecraft, one of the significant figures associated with Feminism. Her lecture focused on the waves of feminism starting from 1848. She explained how the ideologies of Feminism evolved significantly with each wave. Consequently, her lecture extensively revolves around the eminent figures of Feminism and their contributions such as Simone de Beauvoir, Lucretia Mott and Gloria Marie Steinem. Dr. Marik also talked about the various organizations and movements of feminism like the National Organization for Women, Women’s Action, and Alliance movement. Furthermore, she also distinguishes the differences existing in the various strands of feminism - liberal, radical and socialist feminism. She referred to psychoanalytical feminism as discussed by Ellen Willis and Firestone. Additionally, she shared her own experiences as an activist pointing out the possibility of extending the spectrum of feminism in practice. She concluded her lecture with the significant figures of Indian feminism and their contribution including Savitri Bai Phule, and Fatima Sheikh.

Outcome - Students found the lecture not only interesting and engaging but also insightful. Apart from widening the theoretical concept of Feminism, it also facilitated the students’ academic needs.

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