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An Appraisal
(2012 - 2018)



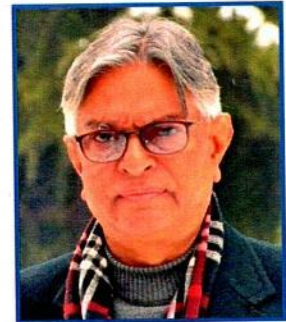
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Vision and Mission

The centre for Women's Studies and Research was originally set up as Women's Studies Centre at University of Kashmir under the aegis of UGC in 2006. The Centre is open to the public and University community. It plays a vital role in disseminating information and literature regarding issues of concern to women, as well as information on Women's Studies and other related activities. The Centre seeks to act as catalyst for promoting and strengthening women's studies through teaching, research, curriculum, field and extension.

We at CWSR strongly believe that women are resourceful actors in our community and without empowering them that lasting peace, and sustainable development cannot be achieved in Kashmir. The centre has an instrumental role in incorporating knowledge, relevance, importance of women's studies in all the disciplines of the university and affiliated colleges. The centre also seeks to play an interventionist role for policy making and policy implementation. In order to achieve our objectives we seek cooperation and networking with other Women's Studies Centres, NGO's, academicians etc.

Our vision is to be an organization that brings positive change in the lives of Kashmiri women and girls through building their capacity and confidence to participate in decision making, articulate their specific needs and exert their agency through calling for participation, representation and solutions that will effectively address marginalization and gender inequalities that they experience in Conflict affected Kashmir. Using the tools of gender, and women's studies research the Centre strives to produce and support scholars, leaders, and social change agents who work collaboratively and build coalitions to advance knowledge, contribute to their communities, and promote equity and opportunity for all members of our global society.



Vice Chancellor's Message

It is a pleasure to inform that the Centre for Women's Studies and Research (CWSR), University of Kashmir is publishing its second appraisal report.

The idea behind establishment of CWSR was to have it play an instrumental role in dissemination of knowledge to the women in particular and society in general. At present the CWSR is successfully running Master's Programme in Gender Studies besides organising different workshops and seminars.

Keeping in view the contemporary challenges faced by present day women, there is an increased responsibility upon CWSR to educate women about their rights, security and other social issues.

I am hopeful that CWSR will keep on striving for excellence in teaching, research as well as extension work in order to be recognised as one of the best Women's Studies Centre at national level.

I convey my best wishes to CWSR in its future academic endeavours.



Prof. Talat Ahmad



Message from the Dean Academic Affairs

I want to congratulate all the members of the Centre for Women's Studies and Research for their tireless efforts to take the initiative to publish an appraisal report to give us the glimpses of their events and achievements. Women's Studies is a flexible, versatile field of study that can be used in many careers. Women's Studies provide students a strong education in writing, critical thinking, research, public presentation, and leadership skills that are valuable in many fields. Courses offered at the Centre for Women's Studies and Research Women's often examine the relationships between gender, race, class, and sexuality in addition to integrating perspectives from global feminisms and transnationalism. The centre has an instrumental role in incorporating knowledge, relevance, importance of women's studies in all the disciplines of the university and affiliated colleges.

I Wish the Centre all the best in all its endeavours and ensure everyone affiliated to it full support from my office.



Prof. Akbar Masood



Message from the Registrar

I am glad to know that Centre for Women's Studies and Research, University of Kashmir is bringing another appraisal report of its activities. This practice will provide an insight into the outreach activities, contributions and achievements as a source of inspiration for students and society to facilitate the empowerment of women. I believe the Centre is progressing well and acquiring its goals in a purposeful direction. I am sure the centre will be able to fulfil its role with excellence and will play a significant role in empowerment of women in general and specifically women belonging to weak and under-privileged class.

I wish all the success to the Coordinator and staff associated with the Centre in its endeavors.



Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir



Founder Coordinator's Message

Women's Studies Centre and Research originally setup as "Centre for Women's Studies" in the year 2006. It was one of the first Centre set up in J & K by UGC. On the basis of its excellent performance, it has been upgraded to the status of the full-fledged Centre of the University of Kashmir.

The Centre seeks both to interpret the women's experiences as well to change women's condition, through a transformation of consciousness, Social forms and modes of action. It seeks to interrogate the entire system of socio-economic, political and cultural subordination of women as well as influence, reshape and recast dominant ideologies. It visualizes itself into one where gender justice and equality would be the norm. The main aim is to create and maintain a teaching /learning environment for feminist and gender studies, and provide an impetus for sustaining a research community that contributes to the development of women's and gender scholarship within the two thirds world/Indian context. The trine objectives are to create awareness, to intellectually equip students and to empower all.

It has already introduced certificate course on Women and Law, Master's course in Gender Studies and Elective courses for other departments in the University. As a founder Director, I am thankful to the administration and members of various decision making bodies in strengthening the center, by encouraging its teaching, training, research, dissemination and advocacy as its core activities. As a senior professor who has all along worked for advocacy for gender equity in the university do hope that the new coordinator will dedicatedly promote the Centre. I do put on record that teaching and non-teaching staff of the Centre has given their best to the Centre.



Prof. Nilofer Khan



Coordinator's Message

It is my belief that a good women's studies program should have a two prong mission: Advancing scholarship and research on the subject of gender and women's studies and serving as resource for advocacy on behalf of the growth and achievement of women. My goal is to assure that the program will continue to grow in these two areas and to reach out to others on campus who shares the same commitment to the advancement of women and the exploration of the importance of gender. Through the strength derived from working together, I believe that Women's Studies at University of Kashmir will thrive and grow.

The main aim of the Centre is to explore the basic problems confronted by the women and conduct various research projects on the issues confronted by women nowadays. In order to achieve our mission, the Centre for Women Studies is focusing on Teaching & Training, Research, Documentation and Publication, Advocacy, Seminars & Workshops, Networking & Coordinating with other agencies, Monitoring & Review and many more courses that we are hoping to add where men and women are taught to raise their voices for any injustice that they see and act on it and at the same time inculcate a behaviour in them so they treat their fellows with equality irrespective of their gender. Besides, the Centre has started M.A Gender Studies in the year 2018. The Centre has also introduced a new subject "Gender Studies" in the curriculum of Govt. Degree College Kulgam. I am sanguine that our talented Teaching/Non-teaching and dynamic students will allow the Centre to reach new heights and hope that this creates a ripple in the society that results in a change we all want to see.

With all humility I am extremely thankful to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for giving the Centre a wonderful space to accommodate our office and library. It is an ideal space for a quiet place to study.



Dr. Tabasum Firdous

Introduction of Teaching Courses

3 Months Certificate Course

As per order No. F(intro-CCWL) Acad/KU/14 dated:29-05-2014, The Centre received the authorization for introduction of Three Months Certificate course on **Women and Law**. Under the said course, following papers are being offered.

Course Code Title

- WL-1 Women and Public Law
- WL-2 Women and Personal Law
- WL-3 Women and Criminal Law
- WK-4 Women and Labour Law

Introduction of MA Course

The Centre is glad to announce the introduction of Two Year Masters Course in Gender Studies from the year 2018. The classes for first Batch (2018) were commenced from 06-Nov-2018. The masters Programme offers following Courses.

First Semester	
Course Code	Title
GS-18101CR	Introduction to gender studies
GS-18102CR	Feminist Movements
GS-18103CR	Gender and Development: Approaches and Strategies
GS-18104CR	Women and Work
GS-18105DCE	Growth of Women's Studies in India
GS-18106DCE	Gender Mainstreaming and Budgeting
GS-18107DCE	Status of Women in Jammu and Kashmir

2nd Semester	
Course Code	Title
GS-18201CR	Feminist Theories
GS-18202CR	Social Status of Women in India
GS-18203CR	Gender Based Violence
GS-18204CR	Gendering History of India
GS-18205DCE	Gender and Health
GS-18206DCE	Women and Education
GS-18207DCE	Social Structure and Institutions

3rd Semester	
Course Code	Title
GS-18301CR	Gender, Polity and Governance
GS-18302CR	Feminist Research Methodology
GS-18303CR	Project Work
GS-18304CR	Women Entrepreneurship & Development
GS-18305DCE	Feminist Approach to Peace Building
GS-18306DCE	Women and Religion
GS-18307DCE	Women, Ecology and Environment

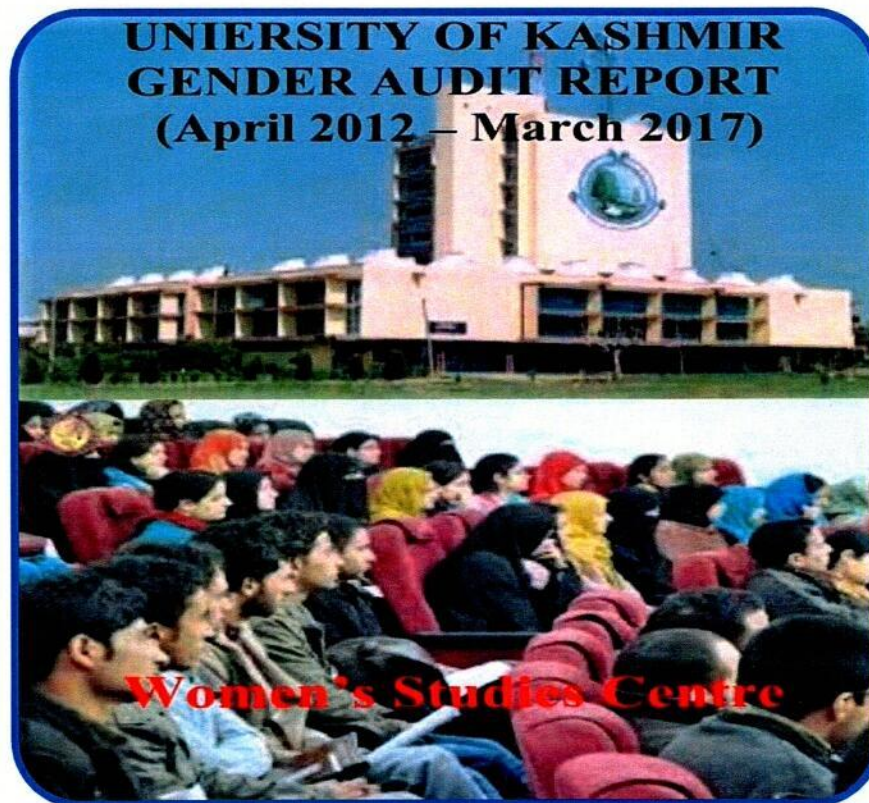
4th Semester	
Course Code	Title
GS-18401CR	Gender and Economy
GS-18402CR	Gender and Human Rights
GS-18403CR	Women and Law
GS-18404CR	Women and Livelihood Issues in Jammu and Kashmir
GS-18405DCE	Women, Globalization and Challenges
GS-18406DCE	Culture, Society and Media
GS-18407DCE	Women and Literature

The Centre also **offers 06 OE/GE courses** for the Students of other Departments of the University of Kashmir. The Courses offered are as under:

1 st Semester	
Course Code	Title
GS-18001OE	Conceptualizing Women's Studies
2 nd Semester	
GS-18002GE	Gender and Society in Kashmir: Contemporary Debates
GS18003OE	Women and Human Resource Management
3 rd Semester	
GS-18004GE	Gender, Culture and Development in South Asia
GS-18005OE	Women and Disability
4 th Semester	
GS-18006OE	Women's Participation in Media and Media Ethics

Research Activities

Centre for Women's Studies Played an Instrumental Role in the data collection and compilation for *Gender Audit Report* of the University of Kashmir. The Centre prepared the drafts of relevant questionnaires and distributed them in different departments and centers of the University. The data was analyzed using feminist perspectives.



The Centre for Women's Studies' and Research has been compiling the clippings of the *Greater Kashmir*- a daily Newspaper from Jammu and Kashmir, related to the women and gender issues. Using the same, the Centre has prepared a report on '*Content Analysis of News Reporting about Women in the Greater Kashmir*' in 2017.



An Initiative for drafting a State Women's Policy in Jammu and Kashmir

Recently the ministry of women and the child development has drafted a National Women Policy (2016) replacing the National Policy for Empowerment of Women (2001). Adopting a similar approach Centre for Women's Studies and Research and Yakjah Reconciliation and Development Network, initiated an elaborate process to draft a state women policy to be adopted by the J&K assembly for policy intervention. In this connection a core committee was formed, which includes stakeholders from different sectors.

In this regard a meeting was held in the Premises of Kashmir University Administration Block, on 11-08-2017 at 10.00 am chaired by Chairperson State Women's Commission, Mrs. Nayeema Mehjoor;

National and International Seminars

On The Eve of International Women's Day Women's Studies Centre Organised Diet Counselling Programme for Female Students of University of Kashmir On 8th March 2013.

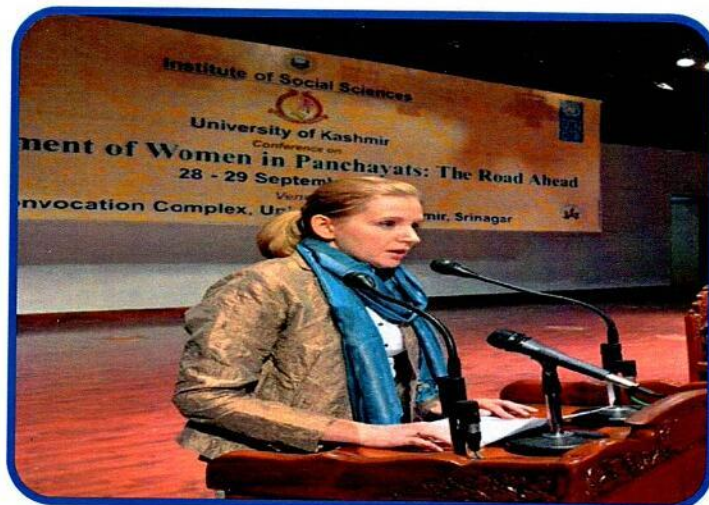
The Centre for Women's Studies and Research Conducted *Six-Days UGC Sponsored Workshop on 'Management Skills Enhancement'* in June 2013, at Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir. In the Inaugural Session, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Mohammed Akbar Lone addressed the delegates.



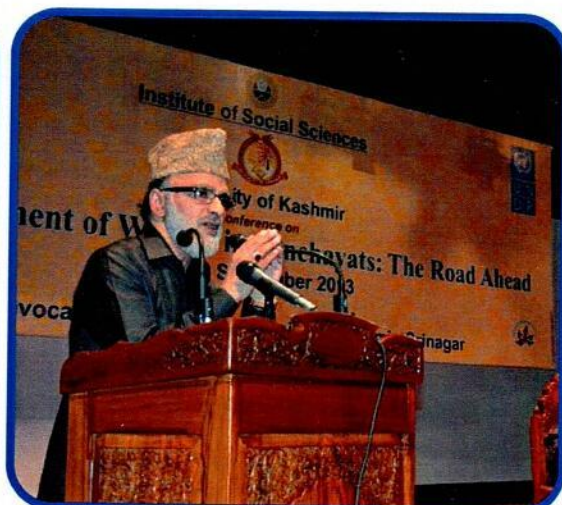
Prof. Armaity. S. Desai, Former Chairperson UGC and Chairperson (CBWM) in Higher Education



The Centre organised Two Days Conference at University of Kashmir in Collaboration with UNDP, Planning Commission Government of India and Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi Conference on "Empowerment of Women in Panchayats: The Road Ahead" on 28-29 September 2013.



Alexandra Solovieva



Ali Mohd. Sagar inaugurates the conference



The Centre Organised One Day Programme on Breast Cancer on the Eve of World Cancer Awareness Day Organized by Women's Studies Centre in Collaboration with Institute of Home Science and Cancer Society of Kashmir on Nov. 07, 2013.

The Centre Organised One Day Seminar on The Eve of International Women's Day on "Women Tech Makers-Engineering the Future" In Collaboration With Dsw At Ib-Ne-Khaldoun Auditorium on 08-03-2014.

The Centre Organised Three Weeks Refresher Course on Gender Studies, Sponsored by UGC From 15th Dec - 2014 to 3rd Jan-2015 in Collaboration with Academic Staff College.



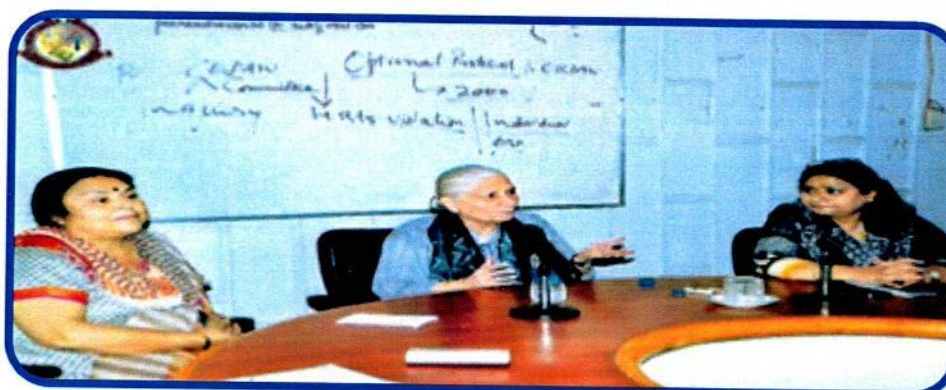
The Centre organized a *Round Table Discussion on Gender and Conflict in South Asia* at Conference Hall Academic Staff College on 9th April 2015. Prominent Scholars including Dr. Seema Kazi were also present.



The Centre in collaboration with DSW and Partnership for Safe Medicines (PSM) India Initiatives, New Delhi and President AIWC Kashmir Chapter organized three days National Conference on "Making J & K the Most Patient Consumer Friendly State: Improving Access" from 19-21 May -2015 at Gandhi Bhawan.



The Centre Organised Three Weeks Refresher Course on Gender Studies, Sponsored By UGC from 22nd May To 16th June - 2015 in Collaboration with Academic Staff College.





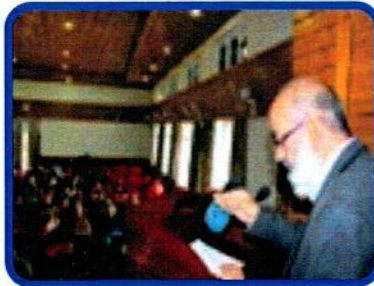
The Centre Organised Extension Lecture On *Gender Relations* Delivered By Prof Pamela Singla, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi on 11-09-2015.

The Centre Organised One Day Seminar on "*Sensitization of Police & Media Personnel In Curbing Violence Against Women*" on 8th March, 2016 at EMMRC, University of Kashmir.

The Centre Organised three weeks Refresher Course on *Women and Child Development* in Collaboration with Human Resource Development Centre, University of Kashmir from 14th Dec-2016 to 4th Jan-2017

The Centre Organized One Day Seminar on the eve of International Women's Day (8th March 2017) on "*Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 By 2030*"

The Centre in collaboration with All India Women's Conference (AIWC) organized, Two Days National Conference on the theme "*Women and Leadership*" on 17-18 July-2017 at Gandhi Bhawan University of Kashmir.



The Centre Organized One Day Workshop on '*Gender Issues*' in collaboration with Indo Global Social Service Society at HRDC , University of Kashmir On 21 Dec, 2017.



The Centre for Women's Studies & Research in collaboration with Dean College Development Council organized One Day Seminar on the eve of International Women's Day-8th March-2018 in Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir on '***Role of Educational Institutions in Promoting Women's Rights***'. Prof. Naseem Shifae, the Sahitya Academy Award Winner was the Guest of Honour and Key Note Speaker on the Occasion.



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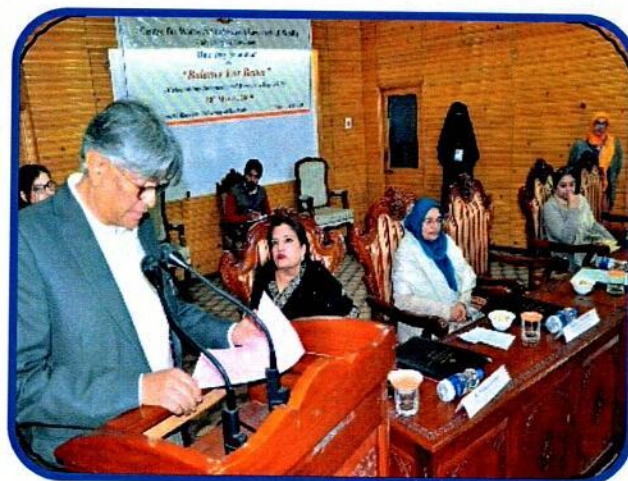


The Centre Organized One Day Seminar on '*Elimination of Violence Against Women*' in Collaboration with ELFA International –an NGO based in Kashmir Valley, at the Centre for Women's Studies and Research on 15th Dec-2018.





18th March 2019, Centre For Women Studies & Research Organized a One-Day Seminar, Celebrating The International Women's Day 2019. The Theme of the Seminar was *"Balance For Better."*



The Centre Organised One Day Seminar on *"Increasing Participation of Women's in Science & Technology"* Sponsored by National Commission for Women, New Delhi at Ibene- Khaldoun, University of Kashmir on March 28: 2019.



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Classroom Activities

1. **#MeToo Debate** On 13th December, 2018 a debate was held in the Centre for Women's Studies and Research, University of Kashmir between the M.A first semester students, Batch-2018 on the global online campaign of #Metoo. The students were divided into two groups viz. Group A and Group B. Group -A spoke for the topic and Group-B spoke against the topic. Both the groups sat facing each other and actively participated in the debate.



2. Film Screening

The Students were shown a Documentary film on *Daughters of India* followed by a discussion on Rape culture in India.



The Centre in collaboration with **Help Foundation**, Tulsi Bagh Organized One Day Exhibition Cum Sale of products made by *Shahjar* (An initiative of Help Foundation, J&K for Employment of women) on 23-08-2017 at Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir.



Professor Nilofer Khan, Coordinator Women's Studies Centre inaugurated the event and threw the exhibition open to customers. The main aim was to encourage the women workers associated with Shehjar and to provide them a platform to showcase their skill.





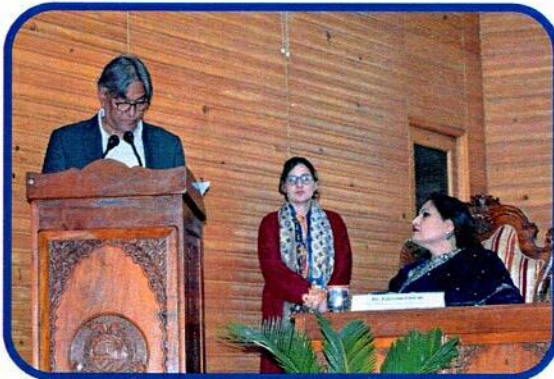
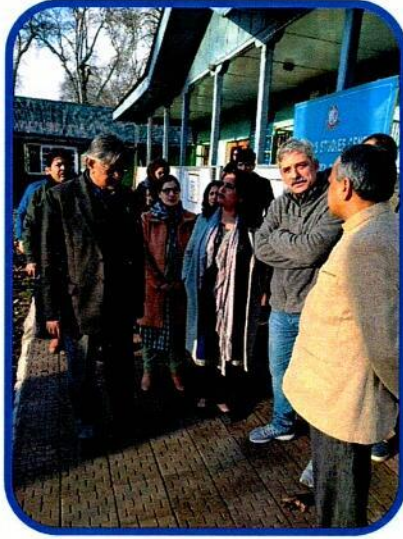
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Library;

As the Centre is growing and so are its infrastructure and the resources. The Centre from its inception has been striving to enrich its library for the students from the Centre and the students from other departments working on women's issues as well. The Centre houses around 300 books as of now.







Extension Lecture for 1st Sem Students by
Prof. Arvinder Ansari (Jamia Milia Islamia)



Art Exhibition by Students of
1st Semester Batch, 2018

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