



April, 2025

# Centre for Women's Studies & Research, University of Kashmir

## NEWS LETTER



Naseem Bagah Hazratbal, Srinagar. Cell  
No:7780883502  
E- mail: [coordinatorcwsrku@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatorcwsrku@gmail.com)  
Web: [wsc.uok.edu.in](http://wsc.uok.edu.in)



## VICE CHANCELLORS MESSAGE

It is really gratifying to know that the Centre for Women's Studies and research (CWSR), University of Kashmir has decided to bring out the newsletter highlighting the achievements and activities of the Centre. Having been associated with this Centre for a number of years as a Founder Director, I am happy to see that the Centre has today grown in terms of its stature and conspectus of activities, under the patronage of various organizations.

This newsletter marks the culmination of activities undertaken by the Centre during the 2023-25. Looking back, it is satisfying to note that a number of activities have been completed. The past decades have witnessed the influence of the establishment of these trends within academia, leading to path breaking feminist research in different disciplines, particularly in the social sciences and humanities.



The Centre for Women's Studies and research (CWSR), has been offering post graduate course in Gender Studies since 2018 and onwards and from May 2024 Ph.D course started. They also deal with a broader spectrum research programmes on social and cultural aspects connected to male, female, LGBTQ+ from relational, symbolic, feminist and Intersectionality perspectives.

I am hopeful that CWSR will make their sincere efforts to achieve the goal of women's empowerment and liberation, I wish them good luck and success in all their future endeavors. I would also like to urge them through this newsletter to work more on their knowledge and skill sets.





## MESSAGE FROM COORDINATOR'S DESK

It is my belief that good Women's Studies programme should have a two prong mission: Advancing scholarship and research on the subject of gender and women's studies and serving as a resource for advocacy on behalf of the growth and achievement of women. My goal is to assure that the programme will continue to grow in these two areas and to reach out to others on campus who share 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 women through research, advocacy and find solutions to the problems.

In order to achieve our mission, the Centre for Women's Studies and Research is focusing on Research, Training, Documentation and Publication, Advocacy, Seminar & Workshops Networking & Coordinating with other agencies, Monitoring & Reviewing, in addition to this offering

many more courses that we are hoping to add where men and women are taught to raise their voices for any injustice meted out to them and act on it and at the same time inculcate a behavior in them so that they treat their fellows with equality irrespective of their gender. Besides, the Centre has started M.A Gender Studies in the year 2018. Gender Studies is being offered as OE/GE at the undergraduate level in all degree colleges of the Valley. We are hope-full that under the dynamic leadership of our Honorable Vice-Chancellor who is the founder director of the Centre, this Centre will touch the heights of the academic excellence. The Centre has also introduced a new subject "Gender Studies" of Govt. Degree Colleges, Under the dynamic leadership of Honorable Vice Chancellor the Centre was blessed with the launch of Research Shift in Gender Studies in the year 2023. I am sanguine that our talented Teaching/ Non- Teaching and dynamic students will allow this Centre will touch the heights of academic excellence and succeed in maintaining social justice and a fair society.



## ABOUT THE CENTRE

focuses on interdisciplinary tasks on women and gender queries, women's status in both developing and developed countries and concerns pertaining to women, aspects of gender development; division of labour etc.

The main focus of the centre is to analyze and examine the gendered nature of social procedures targeting mainly upon the growth of women in every aspect. It focuses at contributing to academic, practical and didactic discussions within the study of power dynamics rooted in gender relations.

The objectives of the centre can be broadly classified under two categories:

✓ **Academics**

✓ **Empirical**

The Centre organizes seminars, awareness workshops, public lectures, group discussion and debates. These usually involve students, faculty and people from different walks of life. Since its conception, centre is also involved in different kinds of extension and outreach programmes in different parts of Kashmir valley in collaboration with other departments and organizations.

### P.G GENDER STUDIES:

M.A Gender studies is a 2 year P.G course which is offered by University of Kashmir, the course is not offered by any institution in the valley as yet.



### CERTIFICATE COURSE IN WOMEN AND LAW:

It is a three months certificate course. The programme is developed to offer candidates with the knowledge of laws at both the National and International levels pertaining to women.

#### FACULTY ACTIVITY

Dr. Roshan Ara, Assistant Professor & Co-ordinator, CWSR, University of Kashmir, is a teacher by profession, a researcher by interest and a woman and social activist by choice. For her exemplary work as a teacher, and her valuable contribution towards education, Women's empowerment and Voluntary service, she has been awarded the most prestigious award of the country, National Best Teacher Award, from his excellency, Honorable President of India, Jinab Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati bhavan, New Delhi, in the year, 2012.

In addition to this award, she has been the recipient of many other awards in the field of women empowerment and social work like, India Inspirational woman award, Himalyan Welfare Award, Award of appreciation from US based Education Trust FFE, Bangalore. She is a member of various reputed international women's organizations (IAW), International Alliance for Women, France, (IWPG) International Women's Peace Group, South Korea. She is equally representing the national level women's organization, (AIWC), all India women's conference, New Delhi, Facilitator for FFE Education Trust, for Jammu and Kashmir, Member<sup>th</sup> Indian Association for women Studies etc. She has attended many international conferences and presented papers at Geneva, Moscow and South Korea. She has delivered numerous lectures, invited talks, special lectures, chaired various sessions, and acts as a regular discussant in the programs of All india Radio and Doordarshan Srinagar. Beside this she has authored (3) books on women empowerment and development, and almost 35 research publications in National as well as International journals.





## EXHIBITION CUM SALE

The centre organized one day exhibition cum sale on May 29, 2023 for women entrepreneurs and saw participation of 45 young entrepreneurs from Kashmir who have set up their business ventures to become economically self-reliant.



## CELEBRATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



DR. Shazia Malik, Assistant Professor, CWSR, University of Kashmir, presented a paper 'titled' 'Violence and Motherhood in Kashmir; Loss, Suffering and Resistance in the lives of Women in Kashmir' at 5th World Conference on Women's Studies on 'Activism, Solidarity and Diversity: feminist Movements toward Global Sisterhood' from 25th-27th April in Bangkok, Thailand. Published a Research paper in "English Language Notes, Duke University Press on 2023: on the Theme: I am Very Sexy Sexy Sexy" Expressions of freedom in Kashmiri Transgender Wedding Songs. She contributed two book Chapters in Routledge, Taylor and Francis. "Interrogating the Colonial Categorization of Female Dancers: A Case of Hafizas in Kashmir" IN Sutapa Dutta, Shivangini Tandon (ed.), Making the 'Woman': Discourses of Gender in 18th-19th century India, in December 2023 e-edition. She had delivered Talk on various women issues, which were being broadcasted by Doordashan in 2017. In collaboration with Dr. Diana Fox (Department of Anthropology, Bridgewater State University) for the project titled: Representation of Cis- and Trans Women's Agency and Gender Relations in Oral Traditions and Performative Practices in Kashmir: A Study of Digital Folklore funded through the Center for Advancement of Research and Scholarship (CARS) Summer grant program approved in June 2021 in favor of Dr. Shazia. Beside this she is warden of Habbak khatoon Girls Hostel, University of Kashmir .





## ONE DAY NATIONAL CONCLAVE

The Kashmir Entrepreneurship Conclave ( For SC, ST and women Entrepreneurs) organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Centre for Women's Studies and Research was held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at Ibn- Khaldun, Auditorium, University of Kashmir.



## NATIONAL SEMINAR

One day National seminar on “ Domestic Violence” organized by the Centre for Women's Studies and Research in collaboration with Mission Shakti, Social Welfare Department, J&K, on 21 Feb, 2023



## OUTREACH PROGRAMMES HEALTH AND HYGIENE AWARENESS DRIVE

The Centre for Women's and Research in collaboration with Institute of Home Science, University of Kashmir, conducted two day outreach programme on ” Common health issues of women” and “ Nutritional needs of adolescent girls” at Shanpora and Batpora, Srinagar on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.



## FREE HEALTH CAMPS

Centre for Women's Studies and Research, University of Kashmir in collaboration with the PG Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, L D Hospital, Srinagar was organized one day free” Medical Health Camp” held on 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2023.







### AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Women's health and hygiene awareness programme at Government, Higher Secondary School, Uttersoo (Anantnag) on 13<sup>th</sup> of October, 22.



One day awareness programme of health and hygiene of rural women at Fakir Gujri, Dara District Srinagar on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.



Awareness cum Medical Camp at Gulati Bagh, Warchash (District Ganderbal) on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.



### WORKSHOPS

Centre for Women's Studies and Research, University of Kashmir in collaboration with Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP) organized a workshop on "Gender Audit Training" on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Human Resource Development Centre, University of Kashmir.





Organized one day Spot creative art exhibition on 5<sup>th</sup> on September, 2022.



Awareness workshop organized with Centre for women's Studies and Research in collaboration with the District legal Services Authority, Srinagar on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023.



One day workshop on "Health and Hygiene Awareness for women" on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.



## NEWS, EVENTS, SEMINARS AND WEBINARS

- ✓ Extension lecture on theme "How objective is objectivity" peeping through the lens of feminist by Atreyee Mukarjee, HOD Philosophy, West Bengal State University on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.
- ✓ Centre for Women's Studies and Research in collaboration with Dean Students Welfare conducted a Gender Sensitization rally across the University main campus on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- ✓ Centre for Women's Studies and Research in collaboration with Indian Association for Women's Studies, department of Women's studies Bhartiyadasan University and All Indian Women's Studies Forum organized online Activism Programme on Domestic violence and sexual harassment on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.



- ✓ Awareness workshop organized by Centre for Women's Studies and Research in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023.
- ✓ Centre for Women's Studies and Research, University of Kashmir, in collaboration with National Commission for Women, New Delhi- Organised a Two- Days National Seminar on the theme "Socio Cultural Dimensions of Sexual and Reproductive Health of Women in Kashmir" which was held on 23<sup>rd</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023 at Ibn- Khaldun, Auditorium, University of Kashmir.

✓ Centre for Women's Studies and Research (CWSR) organized One Day workshop Gender Parity for on ensuing Quality Culture in Higher Institutions (

HEI's)" in collaboration with DIQA, University of Kashmir which was held on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, at Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir.

✓ Centre for Women's Studies and Research (CWSR) organized a fieldwork for PG students of 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester ( Batch 2022) on the theme " Drop-out patterns among females" at Village Sumbal, District Bandipora" on 30th December 2023.



The Centre for Womens Studies & Research, University of Kashmir in collaboration with Naandi Foundation – Indian Mahindra Pride Classroom, organized a One-Day “Job Utsav” on Friday, 29th of November 2024, at Gandhi Bhawan. The purpose of this event is to provide a platform for young job seekers to find employment.



Centre for Women’s Studies and Research, University of Kashmir, organized a Three Day free Exhibition of “Women Entrepreneurs” of Kashmir valley. The event held on 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of July, 2024, at the Lawns of Business School, University of Kashmir, in collaboration with the National Consumer Rights Commission (NCRC), Central Government, NCT of Delhi, Bharat.

Centre for Women’s Studies and Research, University of Kashmir in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science and Research (ICSSR) North-Western Regional Centre (NWRC), Chandigarh organized a Two-Day National Workshop on the theme “Depression and Suicidal Trends Among Young Female Folk of Kashmir”

CWSR organized 6 Days Employability Skills Training Programme In Collaboration with *NAANDI FOUNDATION & MAHINDRA PRIDE CLASSROOM*

*Aijaz Ahmad Wani*, Student of CENTRE FOR WOMEN’S STUDIES AND RESEARCH University of Kashmir, has qualified JRF held on 13-12- 2023 by UGC in the subject of Women’s Studies.



✓ FIELD VISIT of PG Students of Gender Studies of Semester 3rd, CWSR, University of Kashmir to MOOL, Sustainability Research and Training Center, Ganderbal on 12th March , 2025





## EMINENT WOMEN PERSONALITIES WHO VISITED CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES AND RESEARCH

