

**Report on the State-Level seminar on *Challenging Exclusion as Normal and Normalising Inclusion* held on 11.03.2024**

The WGDC and IQAC in collaboration with the departments of Political Science, History, Philosophy, and Teacher Education organised a state-level seminar on *Challenging Exclusion as Normal and Normalising Inclusion* to observe International Women's Day on 11.03.2024. The main objective was to celebrate the spirit of International Women's Day and the theme was in accordance with the UN theme- *Inspire Inclusion*. Our esteemed resource person was Dr. Sushmita Gonsalves from the Department of Political Science, Scottish Church College and delivered a lecture on *The Excluded Woman: In Pursuit of the Goddess*. Total sixty-five (65) students participated from the Departments of Political Science, Philosophy, History and Department of Teacher Education Scottish Church College, Kolkata as well as from other colleges. The technical session was followed by a question and answer session in which both students and the faculty members participated.

The second part of the programme had a students' seminar in which twenty-one (21) students from Scottish Church College and other colleges such as the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, Bethune College, Loreto College participated and presented their papers and posters. Their papers and posters were on women's movements, women's paid and unpaid labour, the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community and men's rights.

**Outcomes of the programme:** a) Students were able to understand the dynamics of exclusion and inclusion of women and other marginal groups in the spheres of politics, culture, economy and decision-making process in India.

b) The resource person also explained the relationship between religion and women and the role of religion as an instrument of women's subjugation in society.

c) They also shared their views on women's issues, LGBTQIA+ community and men's rights through paper and posters. It explained an intersection of class, community, gender and religion in Indian society.



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*Organise*

**A DAYLONG STATE-LEVEL SEMINAR**

*on*

## **CHALLENGING EXCLUSION** **as Normal and Normalising Inclusion**

**SPEAKER**

**Dr. Sushmita Gonsalves**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science,  
Scottish Church College, Kolkata



**11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 • 12 noon onwards**

**Venue: SEMINAR HALL**

*All Are Welcome*

**Posters Presentation by the Students of Teacher Education Department on International Women's Day on 11.03.2024.**



**On Women and Society**



**On Women's Right to Equality and Women and Indian Politics**

**Beginning of the Programme**







**Vice-Principal, Dr. Supratim Das is delivering his Welcome Address**



**Faculty gathering in the seminar**



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**Students' gathering in the seminar**







**Felicitation of the Resource Person by Vice-Principal- Dr. Supratim Das**



**Dr. Sushmita Gonsalves is delivering her lecture**



**Dr. Sushmita Gonsalves is delivering her lecture on the *Devdasi* System**



## Q and A Session with the Students



### **Q and A Session With Faculty Members**



**Judges of the Students' Seminar: Dr. Monalisa Basu (Political Science) and Dr. Riddhi Bhattacharya (History)**



**Judges of the Students' Seminar: Dr. Sushmita Gonsalves (Political Science), Dr. Shrimoyee Guha Thakurta (History) and Dr. Varbi Roy (Philosophy)**



## Students' Paper and Poster Presentations



## Certificate distributions



**Certificate Distribution by the Principal- Dr. Madhumanjari Mandal, assisted by Dr. Monalisa Basu (Political Science)**



**Certificate Distribution by Vice-Principal- Dr. Supratim Das, assisted by Dr. Monalisa Basu (Political Science)**



**Certificate Distribution by IQAC Coordinator- Dr. Samrat Bhattacharjee**



**Concluding Remarks by Principal Madam-Dr. Madhumanjari Mandal**



**Group Photo of the Programme**