

One Day Lecture on

“Conscious youth – Catalyst for Gender just Society” collaboration with OXFAM India NGO was organized on 15th March, 2016

A lecture on “Conscious Youth-Catalyst for Gender Just Society” was organized in collaboration with OXFAM India on March 15, 2016. The resource person for the day was Ms. Kamla Bhasin (Co-chair of the worldwide network, Peace Women Across the Globe and South Asia Coordinator of One Billion Rising). She is a social scientist by training and have been actively engaged with issues related to development, education, gender, media and others for over last 35 years. Ms. Bhasin set the mood for the vibrant and thought-provoking talk by defining gender. She highlighted that gender refers to the socio-cultural definitions of man and woman, the way societies distinguish men and women and assign them social roles. The society defines roles and place limits on both men and women. She gave illustrative examples of particular rituals, conventions and beliefs that further the practice of patriarchy. As a fallout of this, patriarchal culture has continued to exist in the society.

The ritualistic practice of “Kanyadan” is a glaring example of it. There are stereotypes for women, and men too and they are expected and coerced to play predefined roles. Addressing the young students, she reiterated that only youth can usher in changes in the society. This is possible since youth are under minimal pressure by the society and they also have the inclination to change the old ways.



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