



Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala

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International Faculty Development Programme

Gender, Research Approaches and Social Change

The Department of English and Centre for Gender and Cultural Studies (CGCS), Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala in collaboration with Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (Cash), Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab organized 5-Day International Faculty Development Programme titled Gender, Research Approaches and Social Change from 25-29 May 2026 under the dynamic leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Rattan Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JGND PSOU & Prof. (Dr.) Jai S. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab. The objective of the programme was to raise awareness about gender concepts, ideology, cultural practices, policies and the need to usher in effective changes in perceptions.

Prof. (Dr.) Nishat Zaidi, Director, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi spoke on Gender in Research: Issues and Perspectives; Prof. Manvinder Kaur, Dept. cum Centre for Women's Studies & Development Panjab University, Chandigarh talked on Gender, Culture and Patriarchy in Punjab; Prof. Bootheina Majoul, University of Carthage, Tunisia discussed presented views on the topic "When Superman Marries Sheherazade: Narratives of Change and the Politics of the Third Sex"; Dr. Jasleen Kewlani, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab emphasized on Pathways to Social Transformation: Education, Activism and Research; Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Gill, Advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh elaborated on Contemporary Challenges and Policy Response for Gender Issues in India; Prof. (Dr.) Anita Singh, Co-Coordinator, Centre for Women's Studies and Development, Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh shared her views on Understanding Gender and Dr. Navleen Multani, Director, Research & Development Cell Head, Department of English, JGND PSOU discussed Gendered Geographies and Literature: Negotiating Social Spaces for Development. Faculty and Research Scholars from Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla; University of Allahabad ; Dr. C. V. Raman University Kota Bilaspur Chhattisgarh; Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University; Anurag University; SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur; Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Fatehgarh Sahib; School of Law, Lovely Professional University, Punjab; NMIMS, Bangalore; Amity University Lucknow; AURO University; Diamond Harbour Women's University; Sharda University; Panjab University; Gujarat National Law University, Silvassa Campus; VVM'S Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law Margao Goa; University School of Law, Rayat Bahra Professional University, Hoshiarpur; Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University were attendees for IFDP.

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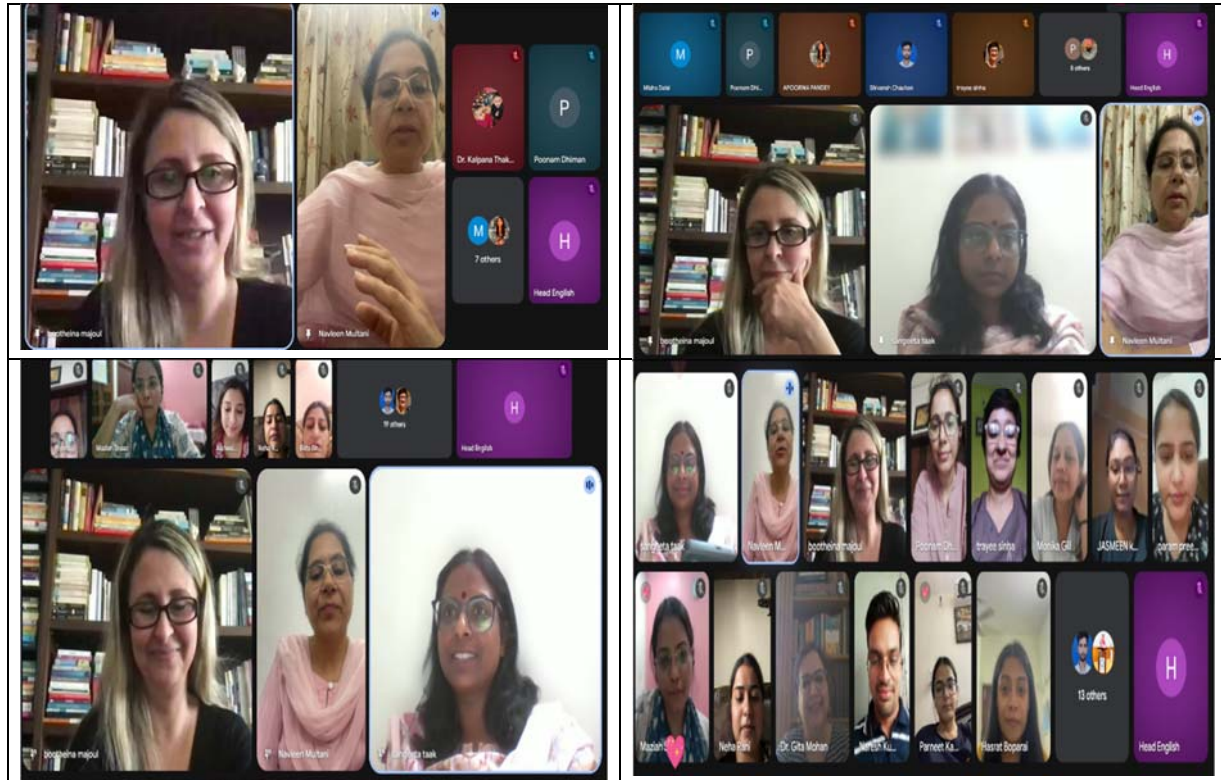
Day 1/ Date	Resource Person	Topics
25 May 2026	Prof. (Dr.) Nishat Zaidi Director, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi	Gender in Research: Issues and Perspectives



Day 2/ Date	Resource Person	Topics
26-05-2026	Prof. Manvinder Kaur Dept. cum Centre for Women's Studies & Development, Panjab University, Chandigarh	Gender, Culture and Patriarchy in Punjab



Day 3/ Date	Resource Person	Topics
27-05-2026	Prof. Bootheina Majoul University of Carthage Tunisia	“When Superman Marries Sheherazade”: Narratives of Change and the Politics of the Third Sex



Day 4/ Date (Session I)	Resource Person	Topics
28-05-2026	Dr. Jasleen Kewlani Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab	Pathways to Social Transformation: Education, Activism and Research



Day 4/ Date (Session II)	Resource Person	Topics
28-05-2026	Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Gill Advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh	Contemporary Challenges and Policy Response for Gender Issues in India



Day 5/ Date (Session I)	Resource Person	Topics
29-05-2026	Prof. (Dr.) Anita Singh Co-Coordinator, Centre for Women's Studies and Development Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh	Understanding Gender



Day 5/ Date (Session II)	Resource Person	Topics
29-05-2026	Dr. Navleen Multani Director, Research & Development Cell Head, Department of English JGND PSOU	Gendered Geographies and Literature: Negotiating Social Spaces for Development

