

Pragati, Women's Development Cell
Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi
International Women's Day Celebrations
24th March, 2023

Pragati, the Women's Development Cell of Daulat Ram College, organized a virtual National Conference to celebrate International Women's Day on 24th March, 2023. The theme for the conference was "*DigitAll: Innovation and technology for Gender Equality*". The conference intended to draw attention to the existing gender gap in the digital domain and the significance of defending women's rights in online spaces, combating gender-based violence, and ensuring equitable access to resources.

The event was graced by the presence of dignitaries Prof. Sarita Nanda (Vice Principal), and Dr. Pooja Jain (Bursar). The event was held online and over a hundred people were in attendance. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Alka Mittal, former CMD and Director of Human Resources, at ONGC India, Dr Mittal has the distinction of being the first woman to head ONGC. Her address inspired the audience by encouraging them to create their own identity. The keynote address was followed up by a Question-and-Answer session in which the attendees participated enthusiastically.

This was followed by a students' symposium on the theme "*Women, Education, and The Digital Space: Experiences, Challenges, and Way Ahead,*" with the objective of highlighting the research endeavours made by the WDC team. Four papers were presented during the session: '*Impact of disparity in access to resources on student stress, academic motivation, and resilience*' by Pankhuri Sawhney; '*Emotional aspects of student engagement in online learning*' by Pratiti Das; '*Gender gap in online education: Causes and solutions*' by Arushi Gupta and Kajal Chaudhary; and '*Challenges women educationists face in work-life balance*' by Pranjal Gangoli. The research was conducted under the mentorship of Dr. Pooja V. Anand, Convenor of the Women's Development Cell.

The event was followed by paper presentation sessions in which students, research scholars and faculty members from around the country presented their papers. Around twenty papers were presented revolving around the theme of "*DigitAll: Innovation and technology for Gender Equality*". The event was a huge success with a lot of learning to take home for everyone. At the end of the event, the convenor of WDC delivered a vote of thanks to all the participants and acknowledged their hard work.



