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Guest lecture on Barriers of Women Empowerment

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The Department of English, Faculty of Media Studies and Humanities in collaboration with **Gender Sensitizing Cell** organized a Guest lecture on "Barriers of Women Empowerment". The Guest lecture took place on 6th February, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. through Google Meet. The session was taken by **Dr. Aditi Bhola** who is presently working as an Assistant Professor of English at Govt. College, Bissar Akbarpur (Nuh). The students of B.A. Semester 3 and 5 and M.A. Semester 3 attended the lecture. The Guest lecture was organized to create awareness and discussion around the issues women face in Indian society. Dr. Aditi Bhola talked about the mentality of our Indian society where a woman is supposed to be depended upon by a man in order to make herself feel fulfilled. She talks about how female students get admissions in college in order to pursue further studies and their ambition. So they work hard in the initial years but as the girls start to get 18-19 they are pressured to get married. Even if they have the will and passion to stand up on their feet yet they are forced by their family to get married and marry and manage their own family. She cited real life examples of her students in rural Haryana. Dr. Aditi Bhola highlighted the fact that there are still some areas in India where the birth of a boy child is celebrated but the birth of a girl child is considered a curse. Although it is a relief that the society is beginning to change their mentality still women were restricted from getting too much exposure because if they are given the chance then they know that they are able to get financially independent and they fear that these women might exceed the males and then they will not follow the rules and customs set by the males of the society and how they expect women to behave accordingly. Overall it was a very fruitful session and the students shared their take on the condition of women in society.



