

# DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC STUDIES, GDC PAMPORE ORGANIZES 5-DAY WEB SERIES ON “CONTEMPORARY DISCOURSE ON WOMEN”

The Department of Islamic Studies, Government Degree College Pampore in collaboration with Women Development Cell, GDC Pampore, organized a 5-Day Web Series on the theme “Contemporary Discourse on Women” w.e.f 23<sup>rd</sup> of August to 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. The program was coordinated by Dr. Shaista Rasool who apprised the audience about the



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## **Contemporary Discourse on Women**

*Islam is the religion which liberated women by ensuring equal rights to them in comparison to male fellows. Islam has ensured women's rights in every sphere of their life. But due to the prevailing socio-cultural norms and practices sometimes the guarantee of Islam does not get translated into tangible actions because of which women were vulnerable to numerous structures of violence and discrimination. Domestic violence has plagued not only Kashmir but whole world in modern times. The proposed Web series aims to highlight that negative stereotypes around women in Islam and that it does not arise from Islamic guidance but from cultural practices, which not only denigrate the rights and experiences of women, but also stand in direct opposition to the teachings of Allah and His Prophet. Further the series will also highlight the need to understand and recognize that women's rights are basic human rights. It will also help our youth in general and students in particular to change that attitude of people through mass awareness and to put an end to any kind of violence against women.*

**Patron**  
Prof. (Dr) Seema Naz,  
Principal

**Eminent Speakers**

**Dr. Zairah Ashraf Khan**  
Assistant Professor, Govt. Degree College  
Pulwama  
Topic: Status and Rights of Women in Islam  
Date & Time: 23rd August at 11:30 am

**Prof. Sheikh Shaukat Hussain**  
Dean School of Legal Studies, Central University of  
Kashmir, Ganderbal.  
Topic: Women in Kashmir: Obstacles to her Rights and  
Possible Solutions  
Date & Time: 25th August at 11:30 am

**Miss Nusrat Ali Hakak**  
Judicial Magistrate, Munsif Court, Pampore, Kashmir  
Topic: Legal Rights of Women with Special focus on Prohibition of Domestic Violence  
and Dowry Deaths  
Date & Time: 24th August at 11:30 am

**A Debate on Women Engagement with Special Reference to Women Leadership:  
An Islamic Perspective.**  
Students, Govt. Degree College Pampore.  
Date & Time: 26th August at 11:30 am

**Qirat and Naar Competition**  
Students, Govt. Degree College Pampore.  
Date & Time: 27th August at 11:30 am

**Coordinators**  
Dr. Iqbal Malik  
HOD Department of Islamic Studies.  
Dr. Shaista Rasool  
Lecturer, Department of Islamic Studies, Govt. Degree  
College Pampore

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background of the series and its importance in disposal of myths about women in both the text and the context within Muslim societies. Esteemed Principal Dr. Seema Naz welcomed the guest speakers and participants and gave a context to need for organizing this Web Series and the questions revolving around women and Islam. She discussed how social, cultural and religious traditions have undermined the place of women not only in Kashmir but in whole world. It is surely Islam that emancipated the women and shaped a positive space for socio-economic and intellectual engagement of women in Islamic societies.

**Day 1: “*Status and Rights of Women in Islam*”**

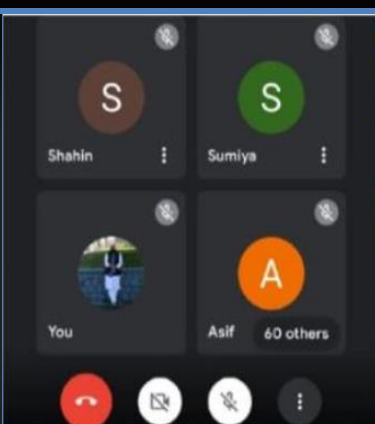
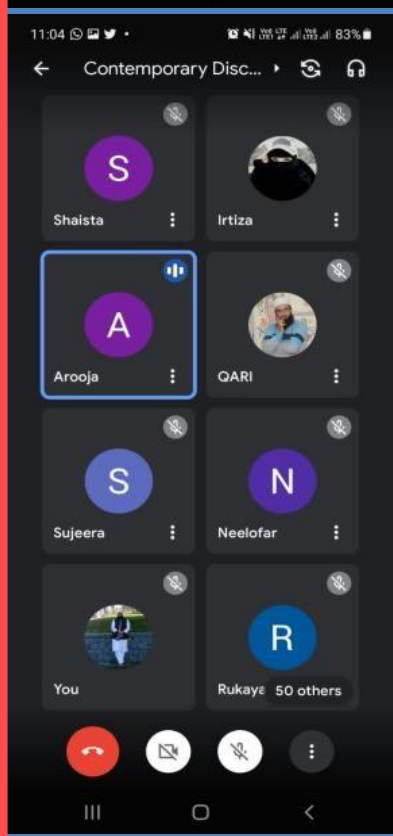
On the very first day i.e. 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021, Dr. Zaira Ashraf, Assistant Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, Government Degree College Pulwama delivered an online talk on the topic “*Status and Rights of Women in Islam*”. The session was attended by 59 participants. The speaker, Dr. Zaira deliberated on how dual- Jahaliyyah, both of early Islamic society and the modern world have degraded the status of women and it is only the Prophetic normative framework and its implementation, by which the regeneration of women rights is possible. She also highlighted the complementarity of genders. A special mention of the different rights of women given to them by Islam was made by the speaker. She affirmed that the only course of action that will ensure progress and success for the Muslim community is to follow Quran and the footsteps of Prophet Muhammad (SAAS) with all the strength.

**Day 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Legal Rights of Women with special focus on Prevention of Domestic Violence and Dowry Deaths***

On day two i.e. 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, Miss Nusrat Ali Hakak, Joint Registrar, High Court Wing Srinagar delivered an online lecture on the theme, “*Legal Rights of Women with special focus on Prevention of Domestic Violence and Dowry Deaths*”. Almost 42 participants attended the session. The worthy speaker debated about the advocacy techniques, Muslim legal traditions and their impact on women's rights, traditional customs and practices and their impact on women's rights and women's rights to development. This diverse session gave rise to recommendations on how to protect and promote women's human rights using legal means. The worthy speaker highlights the provisions under the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) which have direct relevance to the rights, equality, liberty, and justice of women folk in the state. She talked about Rights of Women under Section 22, Section 25, and Domestic Violence act also.

**Day 3: “*Women in Kashmir: Obstacles to her Rights and Possible Solutions*”**

On day 3<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> of August, 2021, the worthy Speaker, Prof. Sheikh Showkat Hussain (Dean School of legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir) delivered an online speech on the theme, “*Women in Kashmir: Obstacles to her Rights and Possible Solutions*”. The lecture was attended by 46 participants. The worthy speaker started off with the diverse narratives revolving around women within Muslim societies with special reference to Kashmir valley. He informed that 40% of women in Kashmir are physically or mentally abused by the husbands or by the in-laws. In most of the cases of domestic violence, the reasons are dowry, interference from in-laws, misunderstandings, giving birth to female babies all of which result in steep rise of the number of domestic violence cases in Kashmir. The worthy speaker maintained that awareness programs should be launched to educate men as well as women

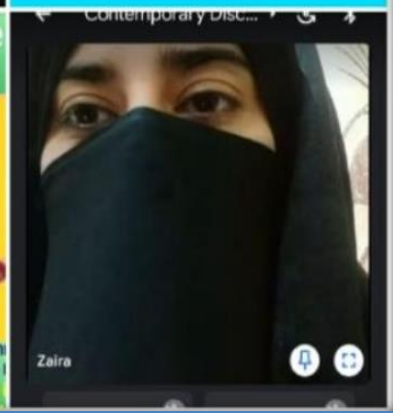


**Program Schedule for**  
**"Contemporary Discourse on Women"**  
 Organized by  
 Department of Islamic Studies  
 and  
 Women Development Cell

S.No	Name	Designation	Topic	Time
01	Dr. Basma Rasool	Organizer	Real	12:00 hrs to 12:05 hrs
02	Prof. (Dr.) Sumaiya Noor	Principal	Full Circle Address	12:05 hrs to 12:10 hrs
03	Dr. Zaira Ashiq Khan	2020 Islamic Studies GDC Pampore	Status and Rights of Women in Islam	12:10 hrs to 12:30 hrs
04	Dr. Sybil Malik	2020 Islamic Studies	Yun of Thandi	12:30 hrs to 12:45 hrs
05	Dr. Shadia	External Moderator	Aggregation	12:45 hrs to 12:50 hrs

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**7days Web Series**  
 Theme  
**Discourse on Women**

**Dr. Zaira Ashiq Khan**  
 Assistant Professor, Govt. Degree College Pampore  
 Topic: Status and Rights of Women



about the rights of women. He further maintained that empowering women and raising awareness of women and men on women's rights contributes to limiting the power of gender stereotypes.

***Day 4: Debate “Women Empowerment with Special Reference to Women Leadership (An Islamic Perspective)”***

On day four, i.e. 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021, a debate was organized on the topic “***Women Empowerment with Special Reference to Women Leadership (An Islamic Perspective)***” wherein a large number of students participated. Sakeena Nisar, Mir Tazim and Haroon Rashid won first, second and 3<sup>rd</sup> position, respectively.

***Day 5: Naat/Qirat Competition***

On day five, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021, Qirat/Naat competition was organized wherein more than 60 students from different colleges and *Madaris* of the valley participated. Both the events were monitored by the Juries. In the Qirat competition, Muhammad Saleem bagged 1<sup>st</sup> position, Irtiza Shabir, the second, and the third position was given to two candidates Jahangir Ahmad and Farheena Mushtaq. In the Naat competition, Rifat Rafeeq got 1<sup>st</sup> position, Umer Rashid Peer got 2<sup>nd</sup> and Irfan Ahmad got third position.

**Concluding Session:**

Dr Iqbal Malik offered his worthy remarks and deliberated on the ingrained notion of women rights in Islam and its role in discarding the misinformation and misinterpretation about the place of women in Islam. The 5-Day Web Series was wrapped up with the vote of thanks by Dr. Iqbal Malik, HOD Islamic Studies, to academicians, guests, students and scholars for participating in the event.

**Report Submitted**

**By**

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