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**Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala observes International Women's Day**

The School of Languages and the School of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University (JGND PSOU), Patiala organised a seminar to mark International Women's Day. Prof. Sanjukta Das Gupta, Member, General Council and English Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi was the resource person on the occasion. Prof. Dasgupta expanded on United Nations 2023 theme "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equity". She said, "The theme aims to drive transformations to enable women to be a part of inclusive development. The empowerment of women in conjunction with education, safety and healthcare can accelerate gender equality." "Inorder to realize equality, it is important to embrace equity. One must remember that despite the disparities, women have contributed to the digital world," observed Prof Dasgupta. She also deliberated on the topic "From Myth to Media: The Journey of the Indian Woman". Tracing the evolution of Indian Woman, Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta alluded to the incongruence in representation of woman in epic and media. She underscored the resilience of Indian women trying to find a meaningful existence.

Dr. Navleen Multani, Head, School of Languages and Director, Public Relations, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University delved into the origins of Women's Day and emphasised on the consequences of international focus on women by United Nations. Citing Simone de Beauvoir, Dr. Multani said, "Congenial social conditions greatly determine development of an individual 's talent." Dr. Sulakshna Dwivedi, Coordinator, School of Business Management and Commerce, extended vote of thanks. The event was coordinated by Dr Shefali Bedi, Assistant Professor in Sociology.

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