

Press Release

The Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), JMI concludes Two-Week, Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on “Gender Issues and Feminist Research Methodologies” on 24th November, 2025.

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The Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) at Jamia Millia Islamia, Centre University, New Delhi, successfully concluded a two-week Online Refresher Course on “Gender Issues and Feminist Research Methodologies (Interdisciplinary)” held from Nov 11 to Nov 24, 2025 on the theme, *“Gender Issues and Feminist Research Methodologies”*. The course brought together a vibrant and intellectually diverse group of educators, policy-makers, and practitioners to engage in critical dialogue on the future of feminist research in India.

In her inaugural address, Prof. Kulwinder Kaur, Hony. Director of MMTTC, welcomed all participants and introduced the Course Coordinators - Prof. Nishat Zaidi, Hony. Director, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women’s Studies and Dr. Suraiya Tabassum, Assistant Professor, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women’s Studies, JMI. In her introductory remarks, Prof. Kaur shared the vision behind conceptualizing the course on ‘Gender Issues and Feminist Research Methodology’. She emphasized its objective of creating a critical, inclusive, and reflexive academic space where participants could engage with contemporary debates, rethink conventional research paradigms, and strengthen their methodological approaches to studying gender in diverse contexts. Prof. Nishat Zaidi, Course Coordinator, in her address, highlighted steadfast commitment of Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women’s Studies to fostering rigorous and interdisciplinary gender research. This was followed by a concise overview of the entire programme by Dr. Suraiya Tabassum.

Over the span of the next twelve days, the programme saw enthusiastic participation from 127 faculty members from 48 disciplines, representing universities across 26 Indian states, ranging from central and state institutions to deemed and private universities. The sessions drew insights from gender studies, development studies, history, literary and media studies, urban studies, and other allied fields, making the programme richly interdisciplinary.

The component on feminist epistemologies featured lectures by Prof. Savita Singh of IGNOU and Prof. Rajesh Gill from Panjab University, who discussed *feminist epistemology and interdisciplinary methodological approaches*.

Sessions on feminist readings and writings were delivered by Prof. Rukmini Sen of Ambedkar University who spoke on *Life Writings as Feminist Method*; Prof. Simi Malhotra of the Department of English, JMI, discussed *Reading Literary and Media Texts from Feminist Critical Standpoints*; while Prof. Meher Faima of SNCWS, JMI, and

Dr. Firdous Azmat Siddiqui from SNCWS, JMI spoke on themes of *Reading women's history through literature, memory and oral narratives*. Dr. Prashant Negi from the Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, JMI, deliberated upon *integrating evidence into research framework design*.

The research methods component included lectures by Prof. Polly Vauqueline from Guwahati University, who discussed *focus groups*, and Prof. Tulsi Patel, broadly covered various *feminist research methodologies*. Prof. Azra Musavi of AMU explored *survey data*, while Prof. Susan Visvanathan of JNU underlined the importance of *reflexivity in feminist research*. Prof. Azra Abidi, Head of the Department of Sociology, JMI, discussed *the possibilities of collaborative research in feminist studies*, and Dr. Nesar Ahmad, Director, Budget Analysis and Research Centre, Delhi addressed the significance of *gender-responsive budgeting*.

Themes shaping the intersections of caste, class, and gender were taken up by Prof. Raj Kumar from the University of Delhi; Prof. Nishat Haider from the Department of English, JMI, analysed *gender, caste, and translation through the works of Bama*; and Prof. A. K. Ramakrishnan from the Centre for Study of Plural Societies, spoke on *gender in relation to religion and civilization*.

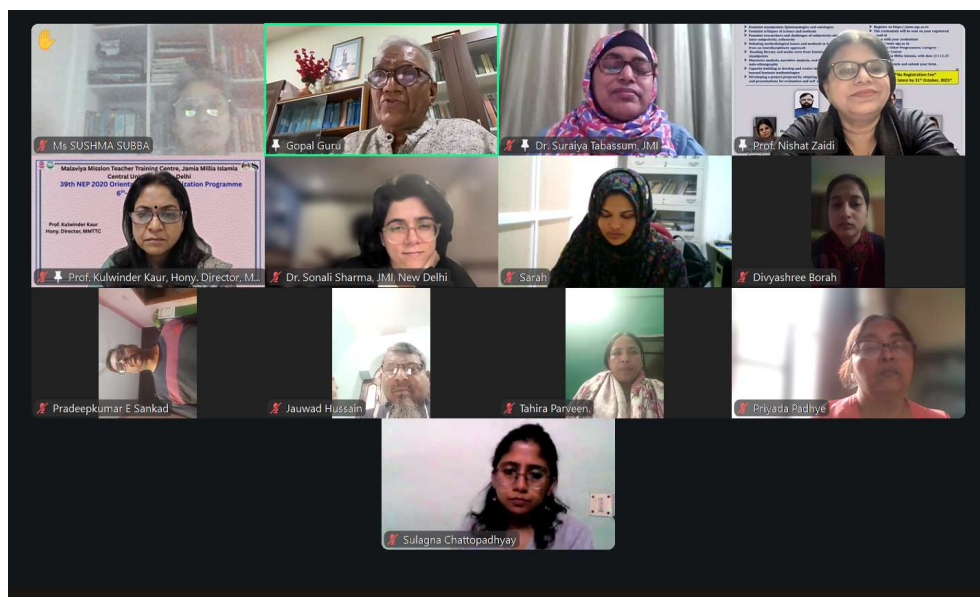
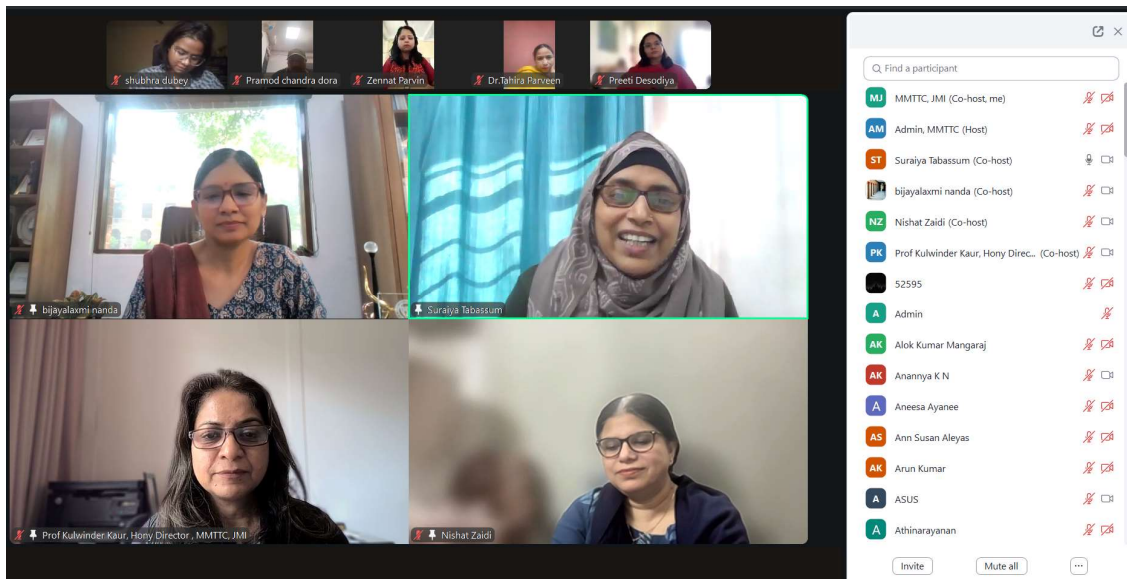
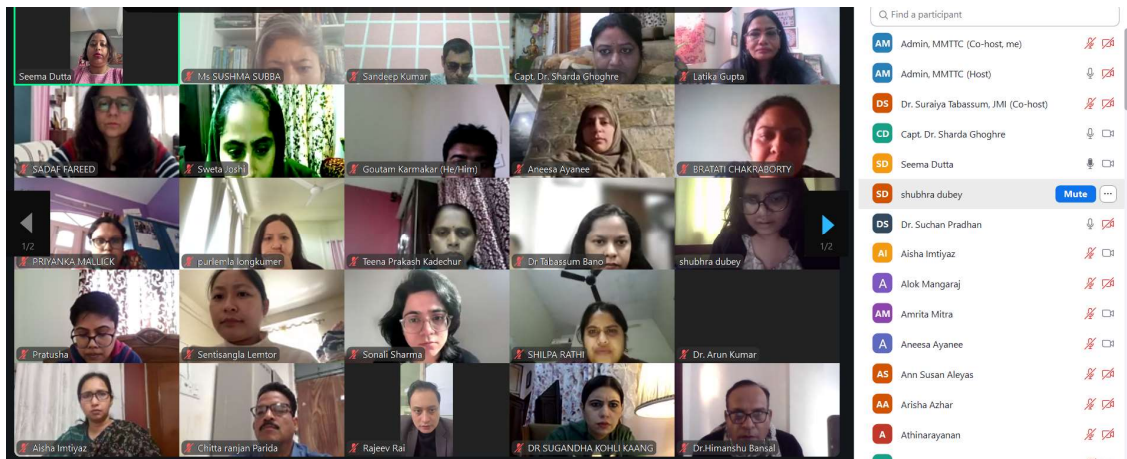
Urban and area studies perspectives were shared by Dr. G. Uma from IGNOU, and by Prof. Taruna Bansal from the Department of Geography, JMI. Dr. Ritu Sharma of Delhi University explained the links between *gender and the environment*; Prof. Naved Iqbal from the Department of Psychology, JMI, explored *self-compassion and self-control as predictors of well-being*; Prof. Vijaylakshmi Brara from SNCWS, JMI discussed *women's agency in Northeast India*; and Prof. Gomati Bodra Hembrom from the Department of Sociology, JMI, delivered a lecture on *stratification among the tribals of Chotanagpur (Bihar)*.

The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Gopal Guru, eminent political scientist and former Professor at JNU, who underscored the enduring *relevance of feminist research methodologies* and encouraged participants to incorporate these approaches into both research and classroom teaching.

All the participants submitted rigorous assignments, took an MCQ test and made group presentations on themes related to gender issues and feminist methodologies. During the feedback session, participants commended the course for its innovative design, interdisciplinary strength, and transformative learning experience. The assured the organizers that the programme would significantly inform their future academic work and deepen their engagement with gender-related research and teaching.

The Refresher Course not only facilitated meaningful scholarly exchange but also bridged theoretical frameworks with field-based insights, reaffirming MMTTC's commitment to fostering critical, inclusive, and future-ready academics.

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Life Writings/Narratives/History

The world is crammed full of human, personal documents. People keep diaries, send letters, make quilts, take photos, dash off memos, compose auto/biographies, construct web sites, scrawl graffiti, publish their memoirs, write letters, compose CVs, leave suicide notes, film video diaries, inscribe memorials on tombstones, shoot films, paint pictures, make tapes and try to record their personal dreams. All of these expressions of personal life are hurled out into the world by the millions and can be of interest to anyone who cares to seek them out. They are all in the broadest sense 'documents of life'

Rukmini Sen

Dr. Suraiya Tabassum, JMI

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