

Report on the Extension Lecture on “Revisiting Gender Issues in India: A Spectrum of Pessimism and Hope”

Venue: Conference Hall, Post Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir

Date: Friday, April 17, 2026

Time: 11:30 AM

The Post Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir, organized an Extension Lecture on “**Revisiting Gender Issues in India: A Spectrum of Pessimism and Hope**” on Friday, April 17, 2026 at 11:30 AM in Classroom 1. The lecture was delivered by **Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay**, associated with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, and Yusuf Hamied Faculty Fellow, Columbia University, USA.

The programme was anchored by Ms. E. Mariam, Assistant Professor. Prof. Effat Yasmin, Head, Post Graduate Department of Economics, delivered the welcome address and felicitated the guest speaker.

In her extension lecture, Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay examined the changing nature of gender issues in India by highlighting both the persistent inequalities and the areas where progress has been made. She discussed how gender disparities continue to shape access to education, health, employment, and decision-making, while also drawing attention to policy interventions and social changes that have created spaces of hope and transformation. The lecture offered a balanced perspective on the structural barriers faced by women and marginalized groups, while also emphasizing the need for continued academic and policy engagement with questions of gender justice and inclusive development.

The programme was attended by faculty members, research scholars, and students of the Department. A Question-Answer Session was held at the end, during which participants interacted with the speaker and discussed the issues raised in the lecture.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Ghulam Mustafa.