

## **International Conference on “Through a (New) Looking Glass: Challenges for Women in the 21st Century”**

WDC & IQAC SLC (University of Delhi) in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) organized an International Conference on “**Through a (New) Looking Glass: Challenges for Women in the 21st Century**” on 9-10 January, 2020 at Indian Society for International Law (ISIL) and Seminar Hall, SLC respectively. The International Conference was inaugurated by Chief Guest Ms. Arushi Nishank, Founder- Sparsh Ganga at ISIL. The conference hosted well known academicians from across disciplines in India and abroad like Prof. Aditya P. Padhi, EC Member, NAAC, , Prof. K.B. Das, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi , Prof. Kaisa Sorsa, University of Turku, Prof. Slagijana Stojanobska, Integrated Business Faculty, Macedonia, Prof. Ari Lindeman, XAMK, Finland, Dr. Anu Lähteenmäki-Uutela, University of Turku, Finland , Ms. Jayashree Vyas, MD, Sewa Bank, , Prof. Madhu Kishwar, Chair Professor, ICSSR , Prof. Kavita Sharma, Former President, South Asian University , Ms. Monika Arora, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court , Prof. Sidharath Mishra, VIPS Delhi, Prof. Baran Farooqi, Department of English, JMI, Prof. Ritu Tripathi, IIM Bangalore , Prof. Ashwini Mohapatra, JNU , Prof. Srparna Basu, FSM, Delhi, Mr. Shreenibas Chandra Prusty, Registrar ILI.

After the traditional lamp lighting ceremony, the theme of the Conference was formally introduced by Dr. KushaTiwari, Coordinator, WDC & IQAC, SLC. Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, SLC delivered the welcome address in the honor of the guests present on the occasion. He essayed the Challenges faced by Women in 21<sup>st</sup> century and aspired that deliberations made in this International Conference shall help us as a society to come close in achieving gender neutrality. Ms. Arushi Nishank as a Chief Guest to the occasion congratulated Prof. Kar and Dr. KushaTiwari for organizing a Conference on such an important issue. In her address to the gathering of academicians and students at the inaugural session, she talked on various aspects of new challenges faced by Women in 21<sup>st</sup> century and also mentioned that in Indian Vedas Women is addressed as “Janani- the Creator” & ‘Shakti- the destroyer of Evil’. Everyone at the venue was spellbound by her speech.

A large audience comprising academics, research scholars, experts, faculty and students from across the country actively engaged in exchange of ideas and knowledge over a period of two

days. Over a period of two days of International Conference 3 Plenary Sessions, 1 Workshop and 15 Concurrent Sessions for 90 presenters were held.

The Conference was concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Dr. Kusha Tiwari.