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Press Release

**CJNS, JMI organises Webinar on "Women, Conflict, and Peace Building" to observe International Women's Day**

The **Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies (CJNS), Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI)**, successfully organized a webinar on "*Women, Conflict, and Peace Building*" on **March 7, 2025**, in observance of **International Women's Day**. The webinar was chaired by **Prof. Bharti Sharma**, Honorary Director of the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, JMI. The keynote speaker for the session was **Prof. Kaushikee** from the **Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution, JMI**. The webinar was convened by **Dr. Etee Bahadur**, Assistant Professor, CJNS, JMI. The session commenced with a **welcome address by Mamtha G.** and **opening remarks by Neelima Chadha**, research scholars at CJNS.

Prof. Kaushikee began her lecture by discussing the various forms of violence, women experience **even before conflicts arise, i.e., during peacetime**.

In the next segment, she examined the **interconnection between women, conflict, and violence**, which she categorized into three key sub-sections:

- **Man-Woman Relations as a Causal Factor in Conflict** – Prof. Kaushikee highlighted feminist scholars' perspectives on the **myth of men as protectors and women as innate peacemakers**, thereby challenging traditional gender narratives.
- **Impact of Violent Conflict on Women** – She emphasized that the consequences of violent conflicts on women can be **both positive and negative**. Women often assume multiple roles, including **survivors, combatants, and peacebuilders**.
- **Women and Peace-Building** – This section delved into women's roles as **peacemakers, peacekeepers, and peacebuilders**. She also explored the debate between **essentialist and social constructionist perspectives**, citing **international treaties like the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325)**, which formally recognize women's contributions to peacebuilding and their affinity with peace.

Following the lecture, **Prof. Bharti Sharma** expressed her gratitude and reflected on the conceptualization of the topic. She appreciated how the discussion **debunked myths**

**and led to a nuanced understanding of reality.** She also commended the **clarity and conciseness** of the lecture before opening the floor for a **question-and-answer session.**

The session witnessed active participation from the faculty members, and research scholars from different centres and departments. The webinar concluded with a **vote of thanks delivered by Soumya Tripathi, Research Scholar, CJNS.**

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