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Expert Lecture on Feminism and Literature by Prof. Himadri Roy
October 21, 2019

Vivekananda School of English Studies organized a guest lecture on 21 October, 2019 on Feminism and Literature by Dr Himadri Roy, Professor at IGNOU. Prof. Roy started his lecture with a very important question "Who are you"? This question had various creative and delving responses by the students as well as the teachers. He talked about the basic meaning of Feminism, feminism's binaries starting at an early age. Where feminism talks about advocating equal rights to women, it is also necessary that it is followed in every walk of life. He talked about how it is important to be strong as an individual and take pride in it.

He mentioned about Psychology of Feminism where it denotes that if you think you are an inferior, you will feel the same way and the reaction will be the same too. He mentioned about how a woman feels more strong and powerful with more capital she has and this is where economic structure starts coming in. There are two dynamics associated with it –Personal Success and Professional Identity, which means both are important to consider a human's potential. He mentioned Literature as a vent for women who were not ever allowed to read or even write and thereby it acted as a vent for them. He talked about Virginia Woolf, Emily Bronte, Jane Austen, Aphra Behn, Anuja Chauhan and other examples that women have made their place in the patriarchal society and are ruling it amazingly.

He ended his lecture by explaining how today's culture is not self-centric but self-narcissistic and that is what, the feminists today are fighting for. To prioritize yourself, love yourself, and create that world for yourself what you dream for, is important, commented Prof. Roy. It was an enlightening experience for the entire department to listen to his broader perspectives. Students asked questions pertaining to the current gender issues and they understood the philosophy behind the gender issues. The event ended with the vote of thanks.




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