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## Lecture on Feminist Movement

Date: 3rd January 2019

Venue: Maynaguri College

### Introduction:

The Women's Cell of Maynaguri College, in collaboration with the Jalpaiguri Literary Club (JLC), organized a lecture on the Feminist Movement. The event aimed to raise awareness about feminist ideologies, gender equality, and the ongoing struggles for women's rights.

### Speakers:

**Dr. Nivedita Sen, renowned feminist scholar and author.**


**Mrs. Ananya Roy, women's rights activist and founder of a local NGO.**



Number of Participants: 156 ([Click to View](#))

### Key Points Discussed:

1. **Historical Perspective:** Dr. Sen commenced the lecture by providing insights into the historical context of the feminist movement, tracing its origins from the suffragette

  
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movements to the contemporary wave of feminism. She emphasized the importance of understanding the struggles faced by women throughout history to appreciate the current feminist discourse.

2. **Intersectionality:** The speakers highlighted the concept of intersectionality, emphasizing that feminism should not only focus on gender but also consider how it intersects with other identities such as race, class, sexuality, and ability. They elucidated how different forms of oppression intersect, making some women more vulnerable than others.
3. **Challenges and Achievements:** Ms. Roy discussed the challenges faced by the feminist movement, including resistance from patriarchal structures, cultural barriers, and internal divisions within the movement. However, she also highlighted significant achievements, such as legislative reforms, increased representation of women in various fields, and the emergence of grassroots movements.
4. **Contemporary Issues:** The lecture addressed contemporary issues such as gender-based violence, wage gap, reproductive rights, and representation in media and politics. The speakers encouraged the audience to actively participate in addressing these issues and advocating for gender equality in their communities.
5. **Role of Education:** Both speakers emphasized the role of education in promoting feminist values and empowering women. They encouraged students to critically analyze gender norms and stereotypes, challenge oppressive systems, and strive for inclusivity and equality.

### **Audience Participation:**

The lecture was followed by an engaging Q&A session where students and faculty members actively participated, raising thought-provoking questions and sharing personal experiences. The interaction facilitated a deeper understanding of feminist ideologies and their relevance in contemporary society.

  
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## Conclusion:

The lecture on the Feminist Movement organized by the Women's Cell of Maynaguri College in collaboration with JLC, Jalpaiguri, proved to be a significant platform for promoting dialogue and awareness about gender equality and women's rights. The event inspired the audience to reflect on their roles in advancing the feminist agenda and fostering a more inclusive and equitable society.

  
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