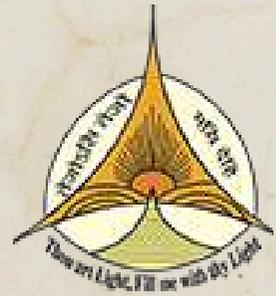




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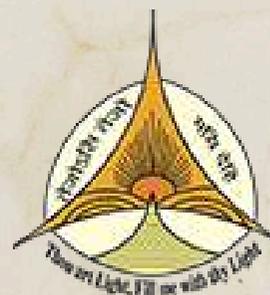
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Part 1: Decolonising Gender and Sexuality: An  
Introduction to Non-Normative  
Representations in Literature(s) from India



*Dr. Kashish Dua,  
Assistant Professor, JMC*

Date: March 25, 2026

Time: 8:30 PM IST

Venue: Microsoft Teams

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The lecture would offer an accessible entry point into how gender and sexuality have been imagined in Indian literary cultures outside "Western" frameworks. It would situate gender and sexual norms within the context of colonial epistemologies and show how British colonial law and morality reshaped indigenous understandings of desire and embodiment. Emphasis would be placed on cultural specificity, cautioning against reading Indian texts solely through U.S.-centric gender-queer paradigms, while simultaneously drawing points of connection and difference. The lecture would encourage the audience to reflect on how literature functions as a site of cultural dialogue, challenging assumptions about "tradition," "modernity," and the circulation of homogenised global narratives of gender and sexuality.

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Part II: The Silent Revolution and the Glass  
Ceiling- Gender Dynamics in Contemporary  
Indian Elections



*Dr. Bipasha Rosy Lakra,  
Assistant Professor, JMC*

Date: April 14, 2026

Time: 7:30 PM IST

Venue: Microsoft Teams

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In recent electoral cycles, India has witnessed a "silent revolution" characterized by a historic closing of the gender gap in voter turnout, with female participation in the 2019 and 2024 General Elections nearly equaling or, in several states, surpassing that of men. This surge in agency has transformed women into a decisive "vote bank," prompting political parties to pivot toward "gender-plus" strategies that combine targeted welfare schemes—such as direct cash transfers and subsidized LPG—with a protective rhetoric centered on "Nari Shakti" (woman power). However, this high level of engagement at the polling booth has not yet shattered the glass ceiling of legislative representation. Despite the landmark passage of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women's Reservation Act, 2023), which mandates a 33% quota for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, its implementation remains deferred, leaving female representation in the 18th Lok Sabha at a stagnant 13.6%. Contemporary Indian politics thus presents a paradox: while the woman voter has emerged from the shadows as a sophisticated and independent political actor, the woman candidate remains constrained by patriarchal "gatekeeping" within party hierarchies, financial barriers, and the pervasive "Sarpanch Pati" (proxy) phenomenon, highlighting a persistent chasm between electoral participation and substantive political power.

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