

## **Post-Extension Lecture Report**

Dept. of Islamic Studies, Dated 27-10-2022 Govt. Degree College, Kulgam as a series and regular feature of the college activities, conducted/organized an Extension lecture on the topic “Women Empowerment in Islam with Special Reference to Their Property Rights.” Dr. Showkat Hussain, Associate Prof. Department of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science & Technology, was invited as the guest speaker. His Excellency, Principal, GDC, Kulgam Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Lone welcomed the speaker with an open formal speech. Dr. Irfan Jalal, I/C Head, dept. of Islamic Studies not only introduced the guest Speaker but the contemporary relevance/challenges as there has been much misunderstanding and mischief concerning Islam and women. In the given context, Dr. Showkat Hussain was invited for an extension lecture. He emphasized for the revisiting of the sources as Islam doesn't favor a specific gender. He elaborately talked about the specific provisions in the Social textual Scriptures of Islam which establishes the legal entitlement of both men and women to inheritance since material maintenance is a legally protected right in Islam. It is notable, argued the guest speaker that Islam's declaration of inheritance for women preceded the Western world by a millennium, where until the end of the sixteenth century, women were basically denied the right to inherit property. Whereas, one of the crucial changes brought about by Islam was the establishment of the principle of women's right to inheritance which constituted a radical departure from pre-Islamic and inhuman practices which not only denied women any right to inherit, but actually treated them as though they themselves were objects to be inherited. Other Faculty members of the staff including Dr. Iqbal, Head Bio-Chemistry, Dr. Halim, Head (Chemistry), Dr. Shamim Hakim and Irshad Ahmad (Computer Sciences), Dr. Aijaz, (Physics), Dr. Parvez and Saba Iqbal (Commerce), were present during the lecture. Fortunately, for being open many research Scholars from different Universities graced the occasion. Pertinently, a large no. of students mostly female attended and made it highly engaging by asking very relevant questions. Dr. Nisar Ahmad Bhat, Head Kashmiri Literature, Staff Secretary and Convener Seminars and Debates with his outstanding performance proposed the vote of thanks to everyone involved in making the event successful.