

# A two-day workshop on Capacity Building of Journalism Students on Gender-Sensitive Reporting - Bhopal (5th & 6th September 2023)

A two-day workshop on "Capacity Building of Journalism Students on Gender-Sensitive Reporting" was held on the 5th and 6th of September 2023 at the prestigious Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication in Bhopal. The primary aim of this workshop was to enhance the awareness and skills of a group of 47 journalism students concerning gender-related matters, gender-based discrimination, and violence. The event brought together students, distinguished speakers, and professionals to delve



into the nuances of gender-sensitive reporting. The workshop was graced by eminent speakers who are experts in the field of gender and media. The lineup included Mr. Sunil Jacob, Dr Mani Nair, Dr A. L. Sharada, Prof. Dr. Sasikala Dean, Shri. Suresh Tomar, Prof. (Dr.) KG Suresh, Ms. Kumud Singh, all of whom brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the discussions.

The workshop comprised several insightful sessions to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of gender-sensitive reporting. The sessions explored critical topics such as "Gender and patriarchy," dissecting the roots of gender inequalities, and "Gender and Social Norms," which delved into the societal constructs that influence gender dynamics. "Reporting through the Gender Lens" emphasised the importance of addressing gender issues in journalism. "Gender Integration in Media Institutions" discussed ways media organisations can promote inclusivity, "The usage of language" highlights its influence on conveying nuances in gender-sensitive reporting, while "Schemes from the Dept. of Women and Child Development that the media can write about" highlighted practical steps journalists can take to contribute positively. The workshop not only fostered a deeper understanding of gender





issues but also instilled in the students the importance of responsible journalism in addressing these issues. It encouraged students to approach their future careers with a gender-sensitive perspective, ensuring that media empowers them to challenge stereotypes and advocate for gender equality.

The workshop was a resounding success in achieving its objective of enhancing the awareness

and skills of journalism students in gender-sensitive reporting. It provided a platform for robust discussions and an opportunity for students to interact with some of the most influential figures in the field of gender and media. The knowledge gained and the insights shared during these two days promise to impact the students' future careers in journalism.