

Women Development Cell

During the report year, a number of programmes were held in order to inculcate value of gender equality among the students.

One effective medium used for spreading the message was Street Plays. Students performed Street Play on Female Foeticide in Sonawane College, which bagged the Consolation Prize. The competition was organised by WDC, University of Mumbai. The students also performed the same play in Karkhanis College, Ambernath. The play was performed under the guidance of Prof. Priyamvada Tokekar.

Amidst the insecurity that encircled women throughout the country, Women Development Cell organised few programmes.

On 7th January 2013, Prin. Dr. Mrs. S. A. Singh had a Group Discussion with students of Women Studies regarding the balance between freedom and responsible behaviour of both boys and girls.

On 10th January 2013, a panel discussion was organised on the issue of security of girl students. It was organised in collaboration with Rotary Club, Thane. Panellists in this programme were Adv. Madhavi Naik, Counsellor Sai Lele, Journalist Shashikant Kothekar, Marathi Actress Sampada Joglekar, Police Inspector Sushama Patil and Prin. Dr. Mrs. Shakuntala A. Singh.

The programme had overwhelming response from students. The panel discussion was followed by question-answer session.

23rd January 2013 was declared by NSS Unit and the WDC of University of Mumbai as 'Action and Awareness Day'. As a part of this programme, Principal of the College and President of WDC of College Dr. Mrs. Shakuntala A. Singh and Chairperson of WDC Prof. Tokekar went to every class in order to give information about the Cell. Principal Dr. Mrs. Singh also administered an oath to students to maintain gender sensitive atmosphere in College. The oath was administered to Students' Council as well.

On 8th March 2013, International Womens' Day, Special Lectures by Asst. Prof. Anil Dhawale, Asst. Prof. Manoj Patharkar, Dr. Radhika Parasnig-Gupte and Asst. Prof. Swati Bhalerao were arranged. They spoke about 'Portrayal of Women' in Hindi, English, Marathi and Sanskrit Literature, respectively.

WDC is thus, trying to spread the message of Gender Equality.

Chairperson of WDC, Prof. Priyamvada Tokekar was awarded '*Smt. Savitribai Phule Adarsha Shikshika Puraskar*' for the year 2011-12.

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