

Women Development Cell

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The cell has organised number of programmes in order to inculcate the value of gender equality among the students.

On 23rd July 2014, WDC organised Security Program for Girl Students in our college. The program was organised in collaboration with the institute 'Risk Pro.' It was a half day workshop for girl students which consisted of interactive and practical sessions. 103 girl students attended these sessions. The head of Risk Pro Mr. Mangesh oriented the students about the strategies of security and their importance in today's world.

The WDC had organised Two Day National Conference in the month of January. As a part of this conference WDC organised a pre-conference Intercollegiate Competitions for students on 22nd August 2014. Five Intercollegiate Competitions were held namely – Street play, PowerPoint Presentation, Documentary, Poster and Slogan Competition. We got overwhelming response from various colleges and in all 26 colleges participated in these competitions. The prize winners were given an opportunity to perform in our National Conference.

The participation of different stakeholders in the activities of college is very essential. It is with this objective that we organised Parents Meeting in order to communicate them about the conference. Therefore WDC organised parents meeting on 10th September 2014. Principal of the college Dr. Mrs. Shakuntala A. Singh had a dialogue with parents in order to know their views on the topic of gender equality- the theme of the conference. The parents acknowledged the idea of meeting and expressed their viewpoints.

As a part of conference WDC organised Pre-Conference Workshop for Teachers. This programme was organised on Wednesday, 26th November 2014. The title of the workshop was 'Empowerment towards Financial Management.' Ms. Supriya Kubal, Financial Planner was the Chief Speaker. She oriented the gathering on the avenues of investment and need to take independent

decisions in financial matters. Degree college teachers from aided and self-financing section attended this program.

The theme of Navrang- 2014 was 'Sabal Stree Saksham Stree'. WDC took lead in guiding the various committees to organise women-centric competitions during Navrang. The cell organised the 'Front Page Competition' in order to prepare front page of the proceedings of the conference that was to be held in the month of January. Our student Kumudini Kudalkar got first prize in this competition and designed front page for the proceedings.

The most important event organised by WDC during the year was the Two Day Conference on 9th and 10th of January 2015. The theme of the conference was 'Women's Quest for Equality in India. The conference was inaugurated at the hands of Ex Vice- Chancellor of the University of Mumbai, Dr. Snehlata Deshmukh. Various sessions were held during the conference and in six parallel sessions more than 45 research papers were presented. The conference was attended by the delegates all over India. The detailed report of the conference is separately given.

On 9th February 2015, a Power Point presentation was organised for students on the theme of 'Violence against Women.' Malvika and her team- students from TISS interacted with the students on this theme. It was well attended and well appreciated by the students.

The cell organised a solo performance on the life of the First Woman teacher of Maharashtra Savitribai Phule, titled 'Vhay Mi Savitri.' on 16th February 2015. It was performed by Dr. Ujwala Karande, Professor, Psychology Department, K.V. Pendharkar College. The performance reminded the gathering of the tireless efforts taken by Savitribai Phule for the cause of girls education.

On December, Convenor of the cell Prof. P. P. Tokekar was invited to Birla College. It was interactive session on gender equality. She had a dialogue with the students on the meaning of gender socialization and its agencies.

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