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HOW GENDER SENSITIVE ? HOW INCLUSIVE?

The **Women Development Cell (WDC)** of Kishinchand Chellaram (KC) college had organized a session on the topic **Media:- How Gender Sensitive, How Inclusive**. Students of Degree College of Arts, Science & Commerce under the guidance of Prof. Mariyah Gour, attended the program on Friday, 28th July, 2017 from 3:30 pm.

It was divided into two sessions. A study on **Media - How Gender Sensitive, How Inclusive** has revealed that the presence of women as a person, photographers and women in technical sections to be dismal across all media.

In the first session, **Dr Piyari** revealed that gender has

become irrelevant in today's post- globalised era; performance of individuals is now distinguished by professionalism rather than gender. But there is a need for the media organisations to introspect on the stereotypes and gendered assumptions that are still pervasive in these organisations.

She spoke about the aspects of gender distribution recruitment and promotion policies and provided recommendations to formulate a more gender- inclusive and sensitive society.



In second session, **Dr.A.L.Sharada**, director Population First, said the study was conducted with support from the United Nations Population Fund. “The conclusions were derived from the

rich data gathered from interviews with media personnel and from review of previous research studies and literature on the subject. Data on gender distribution at different levels within media houses has clearly reflected gender disparity. Board Members, founder members and (Eos are predominantly men).

The session was influential helped the audience to understand the condition of gender in society. The authorities are looking forward for the opportunities to conduct such sessions for the benefit of the society.

The **Women Development Cell (WDC) and Nss Unit** of Ruia College had organized a session on “Women Empowerment in 21st Century.” Students of Degree College from Arts faculty under the guidance of **Prof. Mariyah Gour** attended the programme on 16/09/2017 from 9:30am onwards. It was divided into three sessions.

In the first session **Geeta Chaddhas** spoke about the MAVA, Experience and their observations. In this, She also focused on Delhi Rape Case where said it is important to humanise men through counseling sessions, youth helplines, publications etc. In credits the other person **Chiltra Radkar** spoke about the framework of status of women in India and various problems faced by her from dowry to the difficulties faced by them in employment sector. The talk was followed by discussion. In second session, **Psychiatrist Dr. Ashish Deshpande**, spoke about the changing mindset to address issues of gender-based discrimination and violence against women. He shared his thoughts on how Patriarchy forces women to be religious and gives the men complete freedom to do anything they want.

In the third session, **Audhery D'mello** focused on various sections that deal with Dowry, Rape, Domestic violence and Material rape. This session was extremely interactive and invoked responses from almost everyone.

And last but not the least **Mrs. Vidya Apte** (FACSE) Gender sentatives, Gender diversity, Gender equality, Child Sexual Abuse and the law in detail in Marathi. The session was influential and helped us the audience to understand the condition of women not only in history but also in todays so-called "modern society".

Workshop on Self Defence

August 4th 2017

The WDC and Mahila Takrar Samiti Jointly organised a workshop on Self Defence on Friday 4th August, in the college seminar room. The judo State Gold Medalist -our Assistant Sports Director, **Ms. Shilpa Sherigar** was available on the occasion to guide the students on the importance of learning Self Defence in contemporary society.

Mr. Pawan Semwal, a student of TYBA, sociology and Philosophy major and also a trainer in self defence by profession explained the steps and procedures to follow when needed. He also demonstrates it for the students for a better understanding.

Our Judo Koch **Mr. Mushtaque Khan** was also present for the workshop who made the girls students practice in his presence to show various moves and preventive techniques. He even enlightened the girls about the significance of carrying a special body language to avoid any mishaps'. Many of the students participated in the workshop and learnt various tips on self defence. Many of them also showed interest in taking up a certificate course in Judo.



The second session of the workshop was conducted by Sub-inspector of Police from Sion Police Station, **Ms Madhuri Pokale**. She guided the students on how they can be safe in public and on road. She also made students aware about various helpline numbers to be contacted in times of need and emergency.

Looking at the enthusiasm of the students WDC and Mahila Takrar Samiti announced for a judo certificate course in collaboration with Sports department.



“Empowering Self Awareness and Implementation of Rights and Responsibilities”

August 21st 2017

A workshop on **“Empowering Self Awareness and Implementation of Rights and Responsibilities”** was organised by **Women Development Cell**, Rizvi College of Arts, Science and Commerce in association with **POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment on 21st August 2017** in the college seminar Room. Three advocates, **Advocate Sana Hakim, Advocate Shivangi Prasad** and **Advocate Sejal Pawar** were present on the occasion for the conduction of the workshop.

All the three lawyers were felicitated by Principal, Paul Raj who gave a n impressive speech on Women Empowerment and its need in today’s era. Vice Principal, Prof Ashfaque Khan also highlighted the need for creating gender sensitivity and equality in society.



It aimed at creating an understanding about sexual harassment and to sensitise on individual differences and the rights provided by the constitution for their safeguard of the women. A detail explanation on ICC (Internal Compliance Committee) along with procedures for filing and redressal of a complaint was minutely discussed. It emphasised on the purpose of law and also took into account the discussion on barriers in reporting of cases of harassments.

The issues of stalking, acid attacks and voyeurism were also taken up and the ways to deal with the malicious complains were also discussed by the ways of taking examples from the participants. They were made aware about their rights and duties and were enlightened on preventive measures too.

The workshop also gave lot of inputs on research methodology as the participants were taught with the help of worksheet based on questionnaire to conduct a survey. Practical tips were given and learning from real life situations was discussed. The case studies were taken as live examples to develop a better understanding.

The programme was hosted by the **WDC representative Ms. Namrah Khan** and the vote of thanks was proposed by **Ms. Kainat Khan**. The organising team consist of **Ms. Batul Bhavnagarwala, Nadiya khan** and the students of TYBA, Sociology Majors who tirelessly worked to make this programme a great success.

The workshop received an overwhelming response as the students of Bhavans college, HR college, Govt. Law college and S.I.E.S colleges participated for the same. **Prof. Sherbano of Bhavans College** and **Prof. Kajol Bramhadande** and **Prof. Ratna Yadav** from **Devkiba College Silvasa** also participated in the workshop. Prof. Kajol



complemented the organisers for having a workshop of this kind. Overall the workshop was attended by ninety eight participants comprising of **four male** and **ten female staff** members along with **23 male** and **61 female students**.

All the participants were provided with the participation certificates.

Mariyah Gour-Ghori

Convenor, WDC

PCOS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

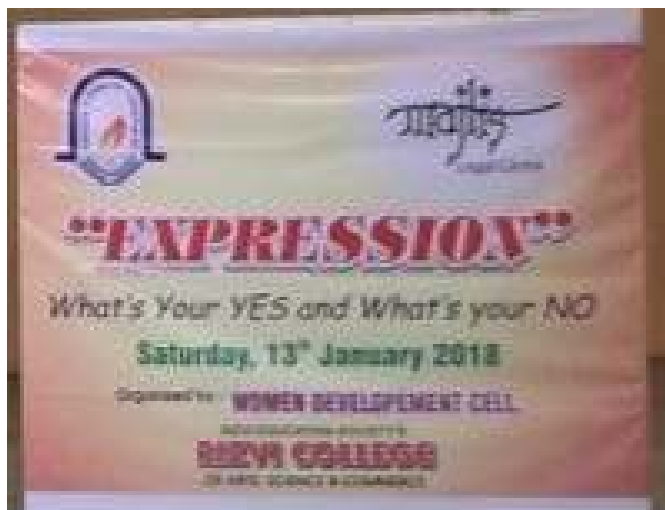
The Women Development Cell in collaboration with 'Young Concepts' organised a health awareness programme on PCOS for girl students of Junior college held on 14 September 2017 at the college Seminar Hall. Dr Mansi Medhekar, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist was the speaker to the program. The programme was attended by the female teaching and non-teaching staff and students.

The welcome speech was given by Mrs Sadeqa Jafry. Mr Paul Raj felicitated Dr Mrs Mansi Medhekar. Thereafter, she delivered a lecture among the students and made them aware on PCOS (polycystic ovaries syndrome) problems and also shared the concept, its objectives, causes, symptoms and cure through a power point presentation and showed some photographs of the nutritious food to eat to avoid such problems. After the lecture, students took part in an interaction and cleared their misconception. The queries were answered by the speaker. The concluding speech was given by Mrs Saima Shaikh.



A REPORT ON THE EVENT

WHAT'S YOUR YES ?
&
WHAT'S YOUR NO?





On 13th January 2018, **Women Development Cell** of **Rizvi College** of Arts, Science & Commerce in collaboration with Majlis organised an event titled, "What's your Yes & What's your No?" highlighting the importance of "**Consent**".

The Chief Guest at the event was **the University onvenor cMrs. Geeta Chaddha** & the **Principal of Rizvi ollege Mr. APaul Raj**. Judges **Dr. (Mrs.) Anjum Ara hmad** &

the various competitions held**Dr.(Mrs.) Shadab Syeed** impartially judged during the event.

The programme began with a short speech by the Principal Mr. Paul Raj followed by Mrs. Geeta Chaddha who shared her views on the topic which turned out to be highly influential & empowered each & every individual who witnessed the event.

Students were given a chance to express their opinions on "Consent" through Verbal & Non-Verbal means. Speech, Skits, Songs, Debates were performed & at the same time Slogans, Posters & vibrant Rangoli's grabbed attention of the audience. The programme was divided into the following two sets of expressions :

1. Verbal Expressions (Speech, Skits, Songs, Debate)

About 8 students asserted their views on the topic of consent in a declamatory manner. Winners **Ms.Neha Sinha (FYBSC)** & **Ms. Gayatri Patil (TYBMM)** spoke about the hardships faced by women & the discrimination faced by them.

Being a multi-lingual event, songs "**Mulichya Ayush yachi Gatha**" by **Master Rushikesh Shendge (FYBSC)** & "**Wo Pattey**" by **Ms. Husna Shaikh (SYBA)** created a thoughtful impact on the audience through their theme, language & expressions.

Students also expressed their hatred towards the inequalities faced by women in a dramatical manner through Skit competition. The groups "**Women Empowerers**" & "**Women Educationalists**" from **SYBA** & the group "**Free the Slaves**" (**FYBA**) grabbed massive attention of crowds by presenting their views on Human Trafficking, Importance of Girl Child & her Education. The jaw dropping performances of the students created a massive impact on the audience. **Master Farhaan Hajwane (SYBA)** & **Ms. Renu Soni (SYBAF)** surprised everyone with their blinder performances & were felicitated as Best Actors.

Students did not step back from arguing about the rights of the women by debating on various topics. Not only did they expressed their views & hatred towards the societal pressures & biased attitudes towards women due to existing patriarchy, but they also came up with suggestions for equal status of women.

Ms. Gayatri Patil (TYBMM), **Master Taha Rathlamwala (FYBA)** & **Ms. Qurrat Ain Abbasi (SYBCOM)** won the arguments by highlighting the importance of consent in all walks of lives, both for boys as well as for girls.



2. Non Verbal Expressions (Rangoli's, Slogans, Posters)

After Verbal Expressions, students did not fail to express their views non-verbally. Colourful & Vibrant rangoli depicting hardships of women's lives were mind-blowing. An expressive rangoli by **Ms. Shirin Ansari (SYBA)** bagged the first prize.



The posters presented by the students were vibrant with anger & depicted the hardships of every women because of their dressing style, interaction with the opposite sex, etc. **Ms. Shagufta Khan & Ms. Namra Khan** both from **SYBA** made attractive posters which were logical & expressive.

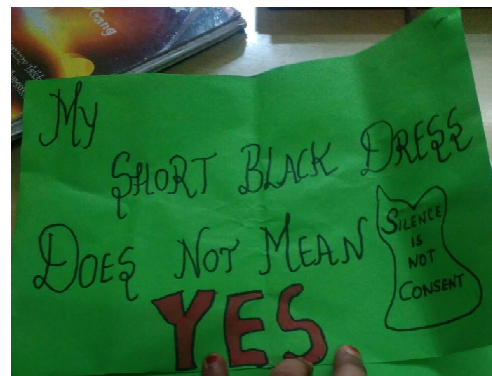


Students also gave effective slogans against **“Forced Abortion”** & **“Silence”** of a women. The most influential slogans were given by **Ms. Afreen Shaikh (FYBCOM), Ms. Saima Shaikh & Ms. Namra Khan** from **SYBA** grabbed everyones attention.

The event was a huge success ,which not only showcased the talents of the students but also their empathy toward women & hatred towards the treatment given to them.



The **Women's Development Cell Convenor Mrs. Mariyah Gaur** along with other members of WDC are looking forward for organising similar events in future which would serve as a platform for students to realise their potential & empower them to fight for the cause of the society.



CERVICAL CANCER & BREAST CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAMME

1ST February, 2018

The Women's Development Cell of Rizvi College of Arts, Science & Commerce along with the Management had organised a special seminar on 1st Feb, 2018. The topic of discussion was Awareness about Cervical & Breast Cancer, & the precautions for the same.

Cervical & Breast cancer, the most common & dreadful disease amongst women grabbed the attention of the director of Rizvi college Adv. Rubina Akhtar Hasan Rizvi & WDC Convenor Ms. Mariyah Ghori, who took the initiative of spreading awareness amongst the women, both in the staff as well as students. The programme was attended by almost every women associated with the College.

Along with the Director herself, the programme witnessed the presence of Dr. Anjali Talwalkar, a practising gynaecologist since 20 years & her associate, Dr. Mussarat, Programme executers Ms. Afrin & Ms. Sapna. Adv Meenal Shringarpure who has also completed 10 years practice in Law, now elected member of Bombay High Court & Secretary of Women's Lawyer Association, also gave her valuable time for the talk & shared her thoughts for the same. The topic of Cervical & Breast Cancer. She spoke about the causes & the vaccination HPV which Dr. Anjali Talwalkar enlightened the audience on it has been invented & does not have any side effects. She also cleared the doubts & myths regarding the same.

It was an enlightening experience for each & every women, both from the staff & students. The management & WDC is looking forward for similar opportunities which would help them to spread awareness regarding the issues of women which are common but never discussed.





**ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI,
21st March,2018**

