


Dhruba Chand Halder College

Gender Sensitization Cell


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Objectives:

- ❖ Making students aware that gender sensitivity means being considerate, open to perspective & feelings of the opposite gender. Making them understand that men & women think differently & have varying perspectives.
- ❖ Getting rid of wrong notions & perspectives. Normalizing interaction with the opposite gender or with each other as individuals & persons. Acknowledging the differences at the same time.
- ❖ Making students aware of their personal space, safe circle & to empower them to handle “not so positive events” in life in a safe way.
- ❖ Reiterating stereotypes about gender roles. Rethinking of social standardization of gender roles that we are made to internalize since early childhood.
- ❖ Sensitizing/educating on how to prevent & prohibit sexual harassment of any gender & promote gender equality.
- ❖ Educating on the importance of respecting women & how it plays a critical role in building up a nation at large.
- ❖ Developing an attitude to create gender sensitive & gender equitable society among the students as they are still at an age where their attitude is malleable.


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ANNUAL GENDER SENSITIZATION ACTION PLAN, 2020-21

Being a co-educational institute where thousands of women and men come everyday for teaching and learning, the need for maintaining safety and security and keeping the ambience free from all encumbrances is felt by the stake-holders at every step. Hence, utmost care is taken in the campus so that the College remains an abode of peace and discipline.

This year, because of the outbreak of COVID and the subsequent lock-down, and the uncertainty of re-opening of the institution, an organized plan cannot be laid down clearly. However, it has been decided that various programmes related to Gender Sensitization would be organized on the virtual platform that will enable, especially the students, to open up their minds and discuss issues related to their everyday life. Other than relevant talks by eminent personalities, students would be encouraged to participate in interactive sessions as well. Since human health is a matter of grave concern in today's world, the Gender Sensitization Committee has found it necessary to focus on preventive measures that could be adopted in the institution, once the college re-opened.

**GENDER CELL
MEETING**

Date: 28.06. 2021

Timing: 5:30pm-6:30pm

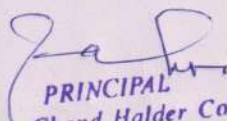
Google Meet Code: eoo-mage-wfs

Agenda:

1. Discussion regarding on-going and future programmes
2. Miscellaneous

Minutes

- It was decided on mutual consent that an interactive session with the girls currently studying in Semester 6 would be scheduled on 30th June, 2021. Prof Sudakshina Sengupta, Dr ManikaRakshit, Dr Subhasree Thakur, Dr Rupa Acharya (T.C.S) and Dr Tapashree Ghosh would patiently address the issues raised while Smt. SudeshnaMoitra would anchor the entire event. No resource person was invited from outside in order to ensure comfort and ease of communication during the entire event.
- Members also briefly discussed about the success of earlier events executed by the Gender cell.


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EVENT REPORT

Date: 30th June, 2021

Google Meet Code- rph-upjw-qfy

Name of the programme: Gender Awareness Programme

Title of the programme: '*Amader Kotha*' (Our Story)

- Resource Person(s):

Prof. Sudakshina Sengupta

Dr Manika Rakshit

Dr Subhasree Thakur

Dr Rupa Acharya

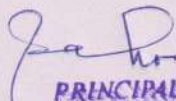
Dr Tapashree Ghosh acted as resource person for the occasion

Topic of Discussion: Gender issues faced by the girls since the beginning of this pandemic. The following sub-topics were covered in the ensuing discussion:

- a) Pandemic and Early marriage
- b) Financial Crisis
- c) Gender and Ambition of Higher Education
- d) Missing of Campus life during the pandemic

Participants- 100

Outcome- It was an extremely successful event. Students opened up and spoke about various issues troubling them since the outbreak of the pandemic. The Gender Sub-Committee would conduct similar programmes in future albeit on a wider scale. The challenge is to make them talk about taboo topics which remain unheard and undiscussed.


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GENDER CELL

MEETING

Date: 03.03. 2022

Timing: 2pm-3:20pm

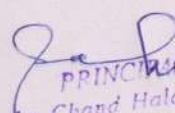
Venue: IQAC room, DCH College

Agenda:

- 1 Discussion regarding the celebration of **International Women's Day**
- 2 Discussion regarding future programmes of the Gender Sensitization Cell
- 3 Miscellaneous

Minutes

- It was decided on mutual consent that a poetry reading session by three contemporary women poets namely Dr Sharmila Roy, Associate Professor, Department of History, Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Smt Bula Somani and Smt Sushmeli Dutta would be held this year to celebrate womanhood. Prof Sudakshina Sengupta suggested that the programme should be held in blended mode. Dr Manika Rakshit requested teachers from the institution to participate in this poetry reading session. It was decided on mutual consent that Dr Subhasree Thakur, Prof Bula Rani Howlader, Nirza Moktan would read poems in three different languages namely Hindi, Bengali and Nepali along with external participants and students of this institution.
- It was further decided that Smt Sudeshna Moitra would anchor the entire event, Dr Tusi Bhattacharya would conclude the session with formal vote of thanks and Dr Kushal De would provide all technical support required to make this programme a successful one. The venue for the programme would be Room 5, Main Building, DCH College while external participants would join the aforementioned programme using Google Meet Platform. The programme would be of two hours duration and would be titled "*Celebration of Womanhood*".
- It was decided after elaborate discussion amongst the members that a poster competition would be organized in future to create awareness among students regarding gender issues. Women's health and hygiene remain an important area of concern in the modern world. It was decided that experts from the field of medicine would be invited in future to address these issues and interact with the students of the institution.
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EVENT REPORT

Date: 8 March, 2022

Programme held in blended mode- Venue- Room 5, Main Building, Dhruba Chand Halder College

Google Meet Link- ody-bcod-dxn

Name of the Programme: Celebration of International Women's Day

Title of the Programme: 'Celebration of Womanhood through Poetry'

Participants for the poetry reading session are as follows

External Invited Participants-

i) Dr Sharmila Roy, Associate Professor, Department of History, Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata

ii) Smt Bula Somani

iii) Smt Sushmeli Dutta

Teacher Participants from the institution-

i) Dr Subhasree Thakur, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology

ii) Prof. Bula Rani Howlader, Assistant Professor, Department of English

iii) Prof NirzaMoktan, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology

Student Participants from the institution-

i) Disha Nandi

ii) Pratyasha Parveen

iii) RiniPramanik

iv) Debosmita Mondal

v) Priya Naskar

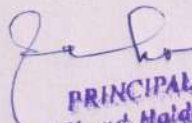
vi) Palash Sardar

vii) Rakesh Banerjee

Relevant poems were read out to celebrate the day

Participants- Offline-100, Online-37

Outcome- It was an extremely successful event. Students appreciated the poems that were read out to them. Attempts were also made to inspire the audience to write poems, creative literature in future.


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