

# Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi

## Women's Development Cell

### July – November 2017

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#### **WDC Orientation and Elections**

On 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017, aspirants willing to join Women's Development Cell were briefed about its functioning and activities, followed by the election process, in which the current student representative body was elected through a show of hands. The newly elected President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Media Manager were handed over the responsibility of the society's work.

#### **Workshop and Awareness Campaign on 'Power, Pleasure, Pyaar'**

A Workshop and Awareness Campaign on *Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)* was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The campaign highlighted why comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) is hugely important and extremely relevant to young people's lived experiences. The session was conducted by facilitators from the YP Foundation and the ideas of gender and their stereotypes, the dynamics of consent and the power politics involved in sexual interactions were discussed to break the stigma around issues related to sexual and reproductive health.



#### **Let's Talk Session**

An interactive Let's Talk Session on theme "Women in Literature" was organized on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Students from all disciplines actively engaged in the discussion which revolved around the women in the academia, their challenges, prejudices, portrayal of women in literature, various ways of subjugation etc. Themes of gender and sexuality vis-a-vis women in literature were discussed and debated upon.



## Inauguration of Sanitary Pad Vending Machine

A Sanitary Pad Vending Machine was inaugurated on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The machine has been installed under Mission AAA (awareness, availability and affordability) launched by CSR Research Foundation, an NGO, in collaboration with ONGC Ltd. The inauguration witnessed the screening of a short film "*The Crimson Taboo*" followed by a discussion on menstrual health and taboos. The NGO was represented by its Chairman, CA Deendayal Agrawal and the discussion was chaired by the Principal, Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf.



## Theatre Play "*A Woman Alone*" by Shilpi Marwaha

Revered Shilpi Marwaha from the Sukhmanch theatre group of Delhi arrived with her critically acclaimed play "*A Woman Alone*" on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 that discussed the trauma and tribulations of a woman trapped in her household by various agents of patriarchy. From abuse to denial of basic human rights, the play brought about a catharsis of its own through the realistic depiction of what goes on in Indian households. There was an audience of more than 600 people and the students found themselves relating to the events of the play thus helping them identify the patriarchal forces in their lives.





### **Sanitary Pad Donation Drive**

A Sanitary Pad Donation Drive was organized by Women's Development Cell, in collaboration with Diya India Foundation, a non-profit organization working for underprivileged girls in Delhi and NCR. The campaign "*Proud to Bleed*" was conducted from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017, and students and faculty of the College donated a total of 364 pads.



### **Workshop on the "*Role of Media in achieving Gender Equality*"**

Breakthrough India conducted a workshop on the "*Role of Media in achieving Gender and Equality*" on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Pavel Sagolsem, Consultant-Campus Youth Networking and Engagement-Delhi, Breakthrough India conducted the workshop. From the sexism operating behind the scenes to the cultural and socio-political stereotyping of genders in advertisements, the workshop explored the lack of gender sensitivity and encouraged students to come up with their own versions of informed gender-sensitive advertisements.

### **Campaign on "*Awareness of PC-PNDT Act and Save the Girl Child Initiative*"**

WDC, in collaboration with the Directorate of Family Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi organized a campaign to generate awareness about the PC-PNDT (Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques) Act and Save the Girl Child Initiative. A pre-event campaign drive

was organized jointly by WDC, Poetry and Elocution Club and Croydon on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Competitive events like poetry slam, poster making and photography were held on the themes of gender equality, equal sex ratio, and female foeticide. Winners from each competition were felicitated with prizes and certificates from the Directorate of Family Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi.



On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017, a documentary on Declining Child Sex Ratio in India was screened which was followed by a discussion on *“Role of all Stakeholders in Preventing Sex Determination and Sex-Selective Abortions”*. The event was chaired by the Principal, Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf and the panelists were Dr. J.P. Kapoor, Director, Directorate of Family Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi; Dr. Satyajit Kumar, Senior Programme Officer, PC-PNDT Act; and Dr. Bijayalakshmi Nanda, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Miranda House.



### Quiz Competition on *“Legal Awareness of Women’s Rights”*

An intra-college written quiz competition was organized jointly by WDC and Political Science Academic Society, in collaboration with National Commission for Women, Delhi. It was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and aimed at creating awareness among women about their legal rights. A total of 41 students actively participated in the written quiz. Prizes were awarded to students who secured the first three positions.

