## WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL

The Women's Development Cell (WDC) actively strives to cultivate a gender-aware and gender-just campus environment through diverse initiatives. In 2023-2024, WDC organized and participated in several impactful events aimed at promoting gender equality, innovation, and empowerment. On 9th August 2023, faculty members Dr. Jyoti Bansal, Ms. Astha Kanjlia, and Dr. Kiran Yadav, along with students Unnati and Anisha from B.Sc.(H) Electronics and Amrita from B.Sc.(H) Physics, attended the National Commission for Women (NCW) seminar on "Cyber Safety and Digital Empowerment" at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi. The seminar, commenced with an opening address by Hon'ble Chairperson Ms. Rekha Sharma Hon'ble Chairperson of NCW and the Chief Guest Mr. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, addressed on critical issues like cyber safety, privacy rights, attack on women in cyberspace and women's empowerment in the digital era. On 7th March 2024, WDC members and students joined a national seminar on "Transcending Indian Feminist Thought" at the University of Delhi, exploring feminist ideologies and practices. Celebrating International Women's Day on 8th March 2024, WDC collaborated with Udhmodya and the Viksat Bharat Ambassador Club under the aegis of IOAC organized a "Crazy Cricket Challenge" where participants competed for Puma gifts and IPL tickets, and co-organized an interactive session on "Nuances of Innovation and Entrepreneurship" with the EDP Cell and Gender Champions to inspire entrepreneurial endeavours. WDC, ICC and Gender Champions under the aegis of IQAC organized a Poster making and Logo designing competition on the topic "Gender Equality Empowers All" on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. On 6th November 2024, WDC hosted a speaker session titled "Women in the Indian Army: Navigating Careers and Overcoming Challenges" featuring Capt. Dr. Sunaina Singh, who shed light on the progress of gender inclusion and the challenges women face in the Armed Forces. This session focused on promoting awareness about the evolving role of women in the Indian Armed Forces.

Through a combination of academic, creative, and participatory events, WDC has successfully engaged students and faculty in meaningful conversations and actions toward gender equality and empowerment. These initiatives by WDC reflect its holistic approach to addressing gender issues, fostering inclusivity, and promoting empowerment through education, creativity, and active participation. Through such dynamic programs, WDC continues to establish itself as a pivotal force in creating a gender-just environment, inspiring both awareness and action among the academic community.











