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Women Development Cell

Colleges and universities are complex institutions engaged in the education of future generations, and as such they play a very important role in promoting the egalitarian commitments of Equality and Justice enshrined in our Constitution. The Women's Development Cell in the college aims to extend these scopes by highlighting Gender Discrimination as a systematic framework which treats individuals unfairly on the basis of their gender. The Women's Development cell which is a mandated body as per section 3.2(15) of UGC Guidelines (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women and Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015, aims to create a gender aware and gender just environment within the campus.

We endeavor to capacitate young minds with adequate perspectives and abilities to work towards creating gender just spaces. The Women's Development Cell finds its actual power in initiating conversations on a range of issues, ranging from pressing social concerns to intensely personal problems.

Prominent speakers like Ms. Susheela Kaushik, Prof. Indira Nath, Dr. Sumathi Rao Mehta and many more have visited our campus and have helped us further the outreach of the cell. A most informative webinar was held with architect Anjali Shukla who gave a brilliant talk on the spatial impact of architectural spaces on women in the webinar, '*Feminine lives in masculine spaces*' under the Lecture Series "Contours of Women Empowerment" initiated by The Women Development Cell. In continuation of the lecture series another talk was delivered by Doctor Mohit Gupta on '*7 Transformations that will change my life forever!*'. Furthermore, Seminars on '*Legal Literacy for Women*' conducted by Advocate Sapna Malik & Advocate Kiran Ashri and '*Menstrual Health and Hygiene*' conducted by Ms. Nitya were organized by the cell in its endeavour to empower women through actionable knowledge.

The Cell conducts outreach work for gender awareness by initiating debates on domestic violence, sexual harassment, and other issues faced by women in the society at large. We recognize that, whereas on the one hand, it is our social and moral obligation to reflect on the existing hierarchies and differences and to oppose the growing violence, on the other it is also imperative to view women as having agency and capability to be effective. As such it attempts to increase their participation and visibility in all realms of the academic and non-academic life of the college.