

Annual Report
on
Women Development Cell, CSWNN, Mumbai: 2019-20

As per Mumbai University guidelines, WDC has been functioning in the college with an aim of creating awareness and sensitizing students on issues related to Gender Disparity, Gender Gap and LGBTQIA Community.

WDC Convenor- Dr Prabha Tirmare

WDC Members & Student representative- Dr. Renu Shah , Dr. Smita Bammidi , Ms Sulbha Kulkarni , Mr Wilson Fernandes and Ms Nirmiti Bhor (MSW II)

Women Development Committee 2019 – 2020

Celebration of Friendship Week 2019

Preliminary Planning meetings

The Convener and members met in the month of June and July 2019, and in August shared via email of ideas for celebrating;

- Friendship day,
- Savithri bai Lecture series and
- Women's day.

Friendship day was to be planned for along with the student representative of WDC, once the Student elections were over. Resource person's names and themes for the lecture series and women's day event were brainstormed.

Meeting held on 14 Aug 2019 for Friendship day celebration

Present for the meeting: Convener and all members & student representative.

Few ideas were shared by the members present such as, to have a resource person to talk on 'values of friendship' or 'friendship relationship in current generation', to have event where students exchange friendship bands, or to have some activity and competition on theme of friendship. The convener and student representative came up with idea of friendship week (21-28 Aug 2019) with students expressing their unique experiences of friendship on a chart/wall, culminated by a inter class competition/ event with Role-plays on theme of 'Values of Friendship'.

**Poster published
for friendship Day**

Roles and responsibilities of members to prepare for the event were delegated by the convener so that we could fulfill individual roles as well as work together as a team.

- Program schedule was prepared so that there is clarity of activities. MC was scripted based on the program schedule.
- Posters were prepared and put up in all class rooms and notice board, a week ahead.

Instructions for Role play competitions:

One group entry from each class of 7-10 students

Title of Role play to

Language of role play is English, Hindi, Marathi

Duration- 5 to 10 mins

Deadline- 25 Aug 2019

- Announcements & reminders were made by Ms. Nirmiti and class teachers in the class room and to the CRs about the friendship wall and the Role plays event.
- Budget was prepared to allot money for planned expenses and keep a track of the same.
- Invitation letters were sent to the Judges. Finally Sr Raina, Ms Sulbha and Dr Smita were judges.
- Criterion for judging the role plays was prepared.
- Potted plants as tokens for judges and Prizes for winners were handmade boxes with a friendship day message.

Friendship Week and Interclass Role Play competitions

The week hopefully allowed students to reflect on their friendships and share about its uniqueness on the friendship wall. Students shared poems, pictures and some interesting thoughts.

The interclass Role-play competitions took place on 28 August 2019 at 2 pm in the College Hall. The student representative was the MC. She welcomed the Principal, Faculty, non teaching staff and students for the event and shared a few thoughts about meaning and importance of friendships in the life of students. She then called upon Dr Prabha, Convener of WDC to introduce the theme of the day's event and welcome the audience.



Glimpses from Role play competition (BSW1 performing their act)



Our judges of the role play competition.

Do and Don't (s) of Friendship: A Participatory Exercise:

Dr, Prabha shared details about WDC, its origin and the activities taken up every year under the banner of WDC such as friendship day, Savithri bai lecture series and Women's day. She called upon the students to recognize the values of friendship by giving Donts of friendship and asking students to guess its Dos, which students readily participated in. She hoped the audience would enjoy the performances on the theme 'Values of Friendship'. As part of welcoming the three judges to their table, the MC requested Mr Dattatreya, President of Student council to welcome Ms Raina with a token potted plant, Ms Janet, the Secretary to welcome Ms Sulbha and the CR of BSW II to welcome Dr Smita.

The MC placed chits of each of the 5 classes and asked one of the judges to pick up a chit and that group would perform first and so on. Each group would give the title of the role play, names of group members and the coordinator of the role play.

Role Play Titles

BSW I- Dosti Ka Dard

BSW II- Choose your friends wisely

BSW III- Frienship with Family

MSW I- Anokhi Dosti

MSW II- Language: No Barrier in Friendship

The groups presented their talent & emotions through role-plays and there were fillers of songs and poems after two role plays and after the four roles plays were presented. Student audience greatly enjoyed the performances.

Dr Prabha announced the winner in second place which was BSW III and winner in first place was MSW I. They were provided handmade tokens and congratulated on their success. BSW I were announced for consolation prize as they attempted a role play in the last minute.

Vote of thanks was given by Dr Renu who thanked the principal, convener & committee members, faculty, support staff, the judges, audience and the student's audience for making the program a great success.



Winners – MSW1

KRANTIYOTI SAVIYTRIBAI LECTURE SERIES AND CELEBRATION of WOMENS DAY.

This year's theme for **International Women's Day (8 March)** was, **"I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights"**. Women's rights and gender equality are taking center stage in 2020

Twenty-five years since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action—a progressive roadmap for gender equality—it's time to take stock of progress and bridge the gaps that remain through bold, decisive actions. The Generation Equality campaign is bringing together people of every gender, age, ethnicity, race, religion and country, to drive actions that will create the gender-equal world we all deserve.

Together, we want to mobilize to end gender-based violence; we are calling for economic justice and rights for all; bodily autonomy, sexual and reproductive health and rights; and feminist action for climate justice. We want technology and innovation for gender equality; and feminist leadership.

Small actions can have big impacts in making this vision a reality. On International Women's Day, join #GenerationEquality and become part of the movement

**Posters made for Women's Day
Celebration**

The Women Development cell had organized the celebration of Women's Day and Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule lecture series. The celebration was organized on 11th March 2020, at first floor hall, College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai. The WDC committee along with the Student's Council had organized many activities for the students during the Women's Day week.

The week started from 7th March 2020 and was concluded on 12th of March 2020. Following were the events organized-

- An activity of completing the sentences was taken with the help of women representatives of each classes. Combinations of statements like, if Cinderella had a different end, it would end with..... , Being a man means..... , I'm a women because..... , and Queer means..... , My identity is based on..... , were put in every classes and students were made to complete them. The activity gave a platform to express their views on the above statements and gather insights on the same.

Activity put in one of the classes.

- Internationally, purple is a color for symbolizing women. Historically the combination of purple, green and white to symbolize women's equality originated from the Women's Social and Political Union in the UK in 1908. **Purple signifies justice and dignity. Purple day was celebrated on 9th March 2020.**
- A **poster competition** was announced on 10th March 2020. The theme for the competition aligned with the International Women's Day theme, i.e. Generations for equality. Students from all the classes took active part in the competition. **International Womens Day Pledge was also conducted for the college by Dr. Smita Bammidi.**

**International
Women's Day
pledge in MSW-II**

- The Krantijyoti Savitribai lecture Series was organized on 11th March 2020 along with the celebration of International Women’s Day. A photo booth and a tattoo booth was organized for the students along with the lecture series. Dr. Manisha Gupte was invited as the Chief Guest Speaker for the lecture series. Manisha Gupte has been part of the women's movement since the mid-1970s. She has also been an activist in the health and civil rights movements in India. She co-founded MASUM, a rural women's organisation in 1987, after living in a drought prone rural area for five years and has been its co-convenor since then. She spent one year in the Dept. of International Health at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore as a visiting fellow. She is actively associated with pro-people and progressive organisations nationally, regionally and internationally as an advisor, trainer or board member. She has participated in and has promoted campaigns related to women's health, violence against women, sexuality and minority rights. She has also worked on policy issues with the state and central governments in India over the past two decades. She was the coordinator of the 10th International Women and Health meeting (IWHM), held in New Delhi in September 2005.

The lecture series highlighted many important points on gender equality, intersectionality and gender justice. The speaker, in her specialized way of conveying made students understand many concepts easily, she gave simple day-to-day examples of naming systems followed by the society and patriarchal basis behind them. The lecture series left the students with many insights and questions to further reflect on. She gave examples of a Bollywood film, Hum apke hai koun, and the related patriarchal insights on the film. The practice of renaming women after marriages and the base behind the practice was shared. The speaker too the students and staff through an enriching experience. She talked on many interlinked topics.

The lecture series was followed by Street Play performed by Students Placed in Sakhya. Ms. Jaini Gudhka coordinated and introduced the play.

Ms. Sharayu Ghorpade studying in MSW- I performed the mono-act, on “Vhay, mi Savitribai”. She performed the play from Savitribai’s perspective. The play took us through her journey and views of Savitribai on the contemporary times. The prizes of the poster completion taken were declared, the winners were –

- 1) Amanda Heally (MSW II)
- 2) Ashna Ghosh (BSW II)
- 3) Crissele Rodrigues (BSW II)

Dr. Renu Shah then formally concluded the event by giving the Vote of Thanks.

**Guest speaker, Dr.
Manisha Gupte and
our Principal, Dr.
Lidwin Dias.**

Photo Booth

Props of the Photo Booth.



Tattoos from the tattoo booth...

**Glimpse from the
Mono-act
performed by
Sharayu Ghorpade.**



**Glimpses from the
street play
performed by the
students.**

Feedback tree.

- A session on **Nutrition and Wellbeing of Girls and Women was organized on 12th March 2020.**

Thus, the Women Development Cell 19-20 had organized Friendship Day, Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Lecture Series and International Women's Day along with the above activities with the objective of creating awareness and sensitizing students on issues related to Gender Disparity, Gender Gap and LGBTQIA Community.