Women's Development Cell

The University of Mumbai set up the 'University Women Development Cell (UWDC)' in the year 2001 with the key purpose of making the University a gender-sensitive space. The University also directed all its affiliated colleges to set up a 'Women Development Cell' at the college level. In compliance with these directives of the University, the Women Development Cell of Sree Narayana Guru College Of Education (B.Ed) was established in the year 2018.

Objective of Women's Development Cell

- 1. To create awareness about health and hygiene among female students.
- 2. To promote the general well-being of female students and teaching and non-teaching women staff.
- 3. To create social awareness about the problems of women in general and gender discrimination in particular using programs like lectures, workshops, and seminars.
- 4. To create legal awareness among women by informing them about Women's Welfare Laws.
- 5. To develop skills among the female students through workshops and training programs for their overall personality development as well as for the encouragement of self-reliance among them.

The Women's Development Cell was instituted on 3rd February 2018 in Sree Narayana Guru College of Education (B.Ed)

The following are the members of the Women's Development Cell:

Dr. Anna Fernandes - Principal

Ms. Sabina Nunes – Faculty nominated by LMC

Ms. Roza Vasave – Faculty nominated by LMC

Shri M.I. Damodaran- Member of the LMC

Deepali Shinde – Non-Teaching Faculty

Nirmala Bhorade - Cleaning Staff

Megna Nair-Student Representative

Preeti Beda - Student Representative

The Committee members met for the first time to plan out a program to honour women. The Principal told the committee members about the existing situation in the classroom of the background of students of that batch. Since she shared the woes of these women, parents of present batch students, she put forth her view of appreciating them for their courage and valor, and thus a program to honour women on International Women's Day was decided upon.

Report

Women's Development Cell 3^{rd} February 2018 organized a program

The program was organized by the Women's Development Cell for women living in slum areas.

In this program, the Principal honoured widows and single mothers of B.Ed students from the vicinity by giving them roses and a small token of appreciation. The women were asked to speak about their experiences in society because of their misfortune. They also shared their struggles in various situations in life. The objective of this function was to sensitize students

both girls and boys about the realities of life and appreciate every individual in society irrespective of their stature and societal status. Their sharing compelled their kids to be proud of their mothers, at the same time it was an inspiration to many helpless women.

The experience of a female student studying at B.Ed College was also very inspiring for the students.

Married students who faced mental and physical harassment at home also presented their experiences.

The Women's Development Cell met on 6th August 2019 in Sree Narayana Guru College of Education (B.Ed)

The following members of the Women's Development Cell were present for the meeting

Dr. Anna Fernandes - Principal

Ms. Sabina Nunes – Faculty nominated by LMC

Ms. Roza Vasave – Faculty nominated by LMC

Shri M.I. Damodaran- Member of the LMC

Deepali Shinde – Non-Teaching Faculty

Nirmala Bhorade - Cleaning Staff

Megna Nair-Student Representative

Sandhya Jadhav – Student Representative

The committee members met with a plan that some subjects in the B.Ed curriculum like Gender School and Society, Childhood and Development, and Inclusive Education cover a lot of matters on Women's Safety, so a decision was taken to have projects and activities related to these topics and also these could be included as Assignments for Internal Assessment. They were also of the opinion that many programs like Women Awareness and Women Development are also organized by Co-Curricular Programs and Community Work. So awareness and literacy in the community is taken care of. A short program on teaching the 4 Grade workers who did

With the help of these programs, many women in our B.Ed college who did not even know how to sign were taught to sign.

But in 2019-20, this program was postponed for some time due to Corona.

The Women's Development Cell met on 5th December 2023 in Sree Narayana Guru College of Education (B.Ed)

The following members of the Women's Development Cell were present for the meeting

Dr. Anna Fernandes - Principal

Ms. Sabina Nunes – Faculty nominated by LMC

Ms. Roza Vasave – Faculty nominated by LMC

Shri M.I. Damodaran- Member of the LMC

Kalpana Talekar – Non-Teaching Faculty

Nirmala Bhorade - Cleaning Staff

Nilofar Abdul Kalam - Student Representative

Purva Apte – Student Representative

Women Empowerment Awareness Program Report

The Women's Development Committee organised a Women's Empowerment Awareness Program on 27th January 2024 with the following objective

- To inform the students the importance of being competent.
- To make students aware about gender equality through social movies.
- To encourage students to discuss gender discrimination issues
- Creating awareness among students of Women Empowerment

The Program Co-ordinator prepared the blueprint of the program

In the afternoon session on 27 January 2024, all the women faculty were honoured with rose flowers given by the students of F.Y and S.Y B.Ed.

F.Y B.Ed students explained the importance of women empowerment through PPT presentation.

Later an essay competition was organised on the following topics.

1. Today's Women Status in India.

- 2. Women Economic Empowerment.
- 3. Women in Difficult Circumstances.

f.Y and S.Y. B.Ed students wrote an essay.

Later Roza ma'am took the Women Empowerment Slogan Making Competition.

For that students were given chart papers.

Students were asked to write slogans using their creativity

Finally, the Gender Discrimination Visual Media Analysis program was taken.

Students were shown a short movie on gender equality and later Roza Ma'am had a group discussion with the students on that movie.

Students shared their experiences in this group discussion.

In this way, the Women Empowerment Awareness program was carried out through various programs. Students participated in it with great enthusiasm.

A vote of thanks was expressed at the end of the program

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