

JAGRITI : Women's Development Cell

Bharati College, University of Delhi

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

The List of Events, Workshops and Competitions organised by Jagriti: Women's Development Cell of Bharati College in the Academic-Session 2017-18 are as follows :

1. Seminar on Anti-Ragging by Delhi Legal Service Cell - **9th August, 2017**
2. Elections (2017-18) - **22nd August, 2017**
3. Open - House Discussion on "Gurmeet Ram Rahim Verdict": Justice Delayed But Justice Given - **29th August, 2017**
4. Student's Visit to NDTV Office – 1st September, 2018
5. Movie - Screening (Lipstick Under my Burkha) - **11th September, 2017**
6. Open - House Discussion on Movie - Screening (Lipstick under my Burkha) – **19th September, 2017**
7. ART-A-THON (Slogan Writing/ Poster Making Competition) – **26th September, 2017**
8. Student's Visit for Women Symposium – **23rd September, 2017**
9. Student's Visit to IIT Delhi for Film- Festival – **11th October, 2017**
10. UTSAV 2017 (Diwali Fiesta) – **16th October, 2017**
11. Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop in collaboration with Womenite – **30th October, 2017**
12. Comic Strip Making Competition – **30th January, 2018**
13. 50th Anniversary Celebrations of National Commission for Women – **31st January, 2018**
14. Events in collaboration with Abhivyakti 2018:
 - a) Rangoli Making Competition & Fireless Cooking Competition – **22nd February, 2018**
 - b) Tshirt Painting Competition & Face Painting Competition – **23rd February, 2018**
15. Awareness Camp by Delhi State Legal Services Authority – **8th March, 2018**
16. Movie-Screening "Before The Flood" in collaboration with Leaders For Tomorrow – **14th March, 2018**

17. Two Days National Conference in association with Indian Council of Historical Research – **22nd and 23rd March, 2018**

Report 1

Seminar on Anti-Ragging by Delhi Legal Service Cell

Jagriti, the Women Development Cell of Bharati College which aims at sensitizing students towards women status in society organised a seminar on Anti-Ragging by Delhi Legal Service Cell on 9th August, 2017 to create awareness among the students of the college about Ragging and its harmful effects. The workshop was conducted by Mr.Sunil kadian, an advocate. This seminar was an initiative of the Women's Development Cell - JAGRITI in collaboration with the Delhi Legal Service Cell. The main aim of the seminar was to discuss and understand the harmful effects of ragging and the trauma which the victims undergo so as to find solutions to it.

Ragging which has become a sociocultural problem not only affects the victim physically but it also takes a toll on the mental health. A person can be cured easily if he is affected physically but for a person who has undergone a devastating experience restoration of the mental health is very difficult as it leaves a malicious imprint forever.

The students were addressed by Mr. Sunil kadian about the ideology of Anti-ragging. The seminar then continued with a documentary and then the students had a very healthy discussion and came up with various measures to try and alleviate the evil of ragging from the society. Mr.kadian appreciated the fact and was happy to know that Bharati college's campus is free of ragging. The seminar concluded with the screening of a video of some students' perception on Anti-ragging. Different views and opinions were raised by the students showing their active participation. Overall, it was a successful and an interactive session.

REPORT 2

Elections of JAGRITI (Women's Development Cell) 2017-18

Jagriti - Women's Development Cell, Bharati College, University of Delhi organised the Society Elections for the Academic Session 2017-18 on 22nd August, 2017 under the Leadership of our Convener (Dr. Sutapa Das) and Co – Convener (Ms. Anavisha Bannerjee) respectively. All the registered members of the Society actively took part and made the Elections 2017 successful.

The Office Bearers elected for the academic session 2017-18 were.

President : Harshita Sareen

Vice - President : Pratima Jain

Secretary : Aditi Kumar

Treasurer : Amisha Vaidya

Media Coordinator : Shriti Singh

REPORT 3

Open - House Discussion on “Gurmeet Ram Rahim Verdict”: Justice Delayed But Justice Given

Jagriti, the Women Development Cell of Bharati College organized an Open House Discussion on Gurmeet Ram Rahim Verdict: Justice Delayed but Justice Given on 29th August, 2017. **Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Insan** (born 15 August 1967) is an Indian guru, music producer, singer-songwriter, actor, and filmmaker. He has been the head of the social group Dera Sacha Sauda (DSS) since 1990. Gurmeet

Ram Rahim Singh Insan (born 15 August 1967) is an Indian guru, music producer, singer-songwriter, actor, and filmmaker.^[1] He has been the head of the social group Dera Sacha Sauda (DSS) since 1990. Gurmeet ram rahim is one of the well known saints at present. Once again blind trust has proved to be dangerous, one more so called 'baba's trap' was found but still we were unaware about the wrong doings. Not only in the Hermitages, but these people are very well existed in our surroundings, it's just our alertness and our wisdom which would make a difference.

To reinforce the eye opening act of the society, JAGRITI- the women's development cell of Bharati College took an initiative for awareness. An open house discussion was organized on 29th August,2017 regarding the same issue in the college seminar room. All the students participated actively and expressed their views. This was a great platform to discuss, understand and try looking for solutions on our part towards the whole issue. Great scholars like Buddha and Vivekananda clearly state that human being is self sufficient and can create their own destiny and have No need to follow others blindly. So with this message the discussion was successfully concluded.

REPORT 4

Student's Visit to NDTV OFFICE

On, 1st September, 2017, some students of Bharati College, University of Delhi, members of Jagriti, Women's Development Cell went to NDTV'S Office to attend a show named NKOB (New Kids on the Block). It was an audience based interactive discussion show and was aired on NDTV 24x7.

The show aimed at discussing current affairs and issues of social relevance and was moderated by Anchor - person Ms. Sunetra Choudhary.

Students from Jamia Milia Islamia, SGGSCC and Bharati College were a part of it. We would like to thank Shriya Roy, Researcher at NDTV for inviting us for the same. Overall it was an enriching experience for all the students of the college as they got to experience the real world of media.

REPORT 5

Movie Screening (Lipstick Under My Burkha)

Jagriti – The Women’s Development Cell organised the screening of a women – centric movie –LIPSTICK UNDER MY BURKHA on 11TH September, 2017 from 1-4pm in the Seminar Room. The movie screening witnessed a huge gathering of the students. There was a jam packed Seminar room filled with students of all the courses who eagerly participated in the screening, expressed their opinions and raised questions on different perspectives of the film once it got over. The screening started with an introduction given by Co-Convener (Ms. Anavisha Banerjee) in which she gave a brief description about our society and the film. Then everyone got seated, the lights were dimmed and the movie was started.

“Lipstick under my Burkha” is a film that has the trappings of a thriller to keep the audience guessing about the outcome every minute, while simultaneously engaging them in a conversation about contemporary society. It is about the patriarchal mindset which looks at independent women capable of making the same choices as independent men.

The movie was so interesting and impactful that it kept us glued to our seats wondering what will happen next. Some of the points which came forward from the movie were that we all should have the courage to fight back if something wrong happens to us or anybody else. We all should have the will to break the old stereotypes and fight for the good. Overall it was a successful and a worth attending movie screening which gave a strong message of respecting every choice of women made by them and highlighted the fact that “Courage is often

taking that first step, daring to venture on an untrodden path. Once you set off, who knows, the road might turn out to be easy after all.”

REPORT 6

Open - House Discussion on Movie – Screening (Lipstick under my Burkha)

An Open House Discussion on the Movie Screening “Lipstick under my Burkha” was organized on 19th September, 2017 on seeing a very good response of the screening organized earlier. The Discussion witnessed a huge gathering of the students. The Discussion was very interactive as one by one all the students participated and very actively expressed their opinions on the movie.

Some of the points which came forward in the discussion were that we all should have the courage to fight back if something wrong happens to us or anybody else. We all should have the will to break the old stereotypes and fight for the good. Overall it left people with stirred thoughts about the society's influence on a women's life and gave a strong message of respecting every choice of women made by them.

REPORT 7

ART-A-THON (Slogan Writing/ Poster Making Competition)

Jagruti – The Women’s Development Cell of Bharati College organised an Intra- College Competition of the Academic - Session 2017-18 : [ART-A-THON - An Intra- College Slogan - Writing/ Poster Making Competition] on the theme - "Nari Shakti : Have Women overcome

the Demons/ Evils of the Society?" on 26th September, 2017 and got a very good response. A lot of students from all over the college participated and made the competition a great success.

In line with the sensitivity of the issues, the topic for the competition was women centric in which huge numbers of students participated thereby showcasing their talents and won great prizes for themselves. The competition gave everyone a new perspective of "NARI SHAKTI" and helped redetermine to match ahead in the future.

With the participants, WDC volunteers also did a great job and the faculty too guided the students throughout. The competition was judged by Ms Yatika Arya and Ms. Preeti (Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment). Overall, it was a successful event and was appreciated by all.

REPORT 8

Student's Visit for Women Symposium

On 23rd September, 2017 some students of JAGRITI: Women's Development Cell of Bharati College, University of Delhi visited Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College for a Symposium on Women in Industries-Tussles and Triumphs.

with 4 women speakers working in different sectors. The Speakers who graced the occasion were Ms Anika Verma, Ms Oshikka Lumb, Ms Rituparna Sengupta and Ms Aishwarya Sharma. The main aim of the symposium was to spread awareness about the success stories of the women who are nailing in the industries which are unconventional and unique. It witnessed a huge gathering of the students from different colleges of University of Delhi. There was a jam packed Auditorium filled with students of all the courses who eagerly participated in the seminar expressed their opinions and raised questions on different perspectives of the symposium once it got over. Overall, it proved to be really

helpful for the students as they got to learn a lot of things from it and got inspired.

REPORT 9

UTSAV 2017 (Diwali Fiesta)

If 'Diwali' had a synonym, it would be 'celebration!' The gleaming diyas, the ambrosial sweets & the jaunty atmosphere - Diwali doesn't require any fancy description.

To rejoice this festival, **JAGRITI- The Women Development Cell** of Bharati College which aims at sensitizing students towards women status in society organised and hosted a one day "**DIWALI FIESTA**" – **UTSAV : Celebration of Colours and Creativity** on **16th October, 2017** in the premises of Bharati College with great zeal and enthusiasm. The much awaited Diwali Mela was inaugurated by our honourable teachers Dr. Sutapa Das (Convener & Head of Department- History), Dr. Mukti Sanyal (Principal), MS. Anavisha Banerjee (Co-Convener) and the office bearers Harshita Sareen (President – Women's Development Cell) & Pratima Jain (Vice-President). Our respected teachers and students inaugurated the fiesta with Deep Daan ceremony which was being attended by the students of the college. There were several competitions being organised for the students like 'Rangoli Making Competition', 'Candle/ Diya decoration Competition', etc so that they can showcase their talents in an effective way. The competitions saw a huge and active participation from the students. All of them actively participated and showed their brilliance through these competitions. The event started with Street Style Fashion Workshop and Rangoli Making Competition in which 10 teams in the pair of 2 participated. In this competition, we saw different kinds of beautiful and colourful rangolis carrying some beautiful messages made by the students. Then, after the Rangoli making competition, Candle/ Diya decoration competition took place which again saw large involvement from the students. The highlight of the

mela was the decorations done by the students. The decor and the hangings set the right mood and the strikingly beautiful handicrafts and palatable culinary extravaganza brought to the people an element of amazement and no doubt, loads of fun.

There were also different stalls put up of different things like chocolates, jewellery, food, stationary, pottery, tattoo making, mehendi- designing, accessories by the students. There was also a Game counter being put up in which various games like ' fastest saree draping competition', etc were put up which was a huge crowd puller. Overall, the engrossing games, the diverse stalls offering multitude of varieties for multitude of choices along with the musical beats added a lot more charisma to the atmosphere.

Among the highlights of the mela were the cultural performances being done by the students of our college. The response which got from the students was overwhelming as everyone widely appreciated the efforts of the team, actively participated, attended the fiesta in large numbers and made it a great success. Staying true to the spirit everyone worked hard and contributed a lot in the events. The fiesta ended with the prize distribution ceremony and was a grand success in bringing wide smiles to all faces.

REPORT 10

Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop in collaboration with Womenite

Jagriti – The Women's Development Cell of Bharati College organised a Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop in collaboration with Womenite ("A Social Initiative Working for Women Empowerment") on 30th October, 2017.

The workshop was followed by an Interactive Session with Mrs. Rekha Chandra Gulabani [Secretary and Vice - President Cancer Sahyog, An Active Volunteer in Cancer Awareness and Coordinator at AIIMS] to discuss the early - signs, self diagnosis and complexities of Breast Cancer (both malignant and benign). The event started with an introduction about breast cancer by Dr. Mahima Kaushik, the project mentor of the Innovation Project. She threw some light on the growing numbers of the monstrous disease in India and around the world. She explained factors responsible for this type of cancer and said that, “unhealthy lifestyle is one of the major factors behind occurrence of cancer”. She ended her presentation by saying that there is still a lot of hope in the field and early detection can be a game changer.

This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Ratna Chopra, the HOD of Surgery, Hindu Rao Hospital. She explained about various stages of breast cancer through several images. She discussed about some of her case studies and also showed a video about how early detection of breast cancer can help in proper treatment of the disease. She ended her presentation by asking everyone to be breast aware.

This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Ashok Arora, CEO of NUTAS. He introduced the new technology of NUTAS which helps to treat Breast Cancer without any surgery or chemotherapy. He explained how this new technology works. He ended his presentation by saying that this technology has a great potential in the field of breast cancer treatment in India.

REPORT 11

Comic Strip Making Competition

PADMAVAT CONTROVERSY

The recently released Sanjay Leela Bhansali's film "PADMAAVAT (formerly titled Padmavati)" prompted months of protests across India. The raging Debate about

the content of the movie, violent protests and the clash of inflated egos indeed made the movie "Controversial". But was it really needed?

Considering the same, JAGRITI: Women's Development Cell of Bharati College organised a COMIC STRIP MAKING COMPETITION on the Theme "PADMAAVAT CONTROVERSY" for the students of the college on 30th January, 2018.

The students participated very actively and presented different comic strips thereby questioning on various perspectives like History VS Fiction/Film, Women in Reality, Damage to Public Property, Question of Honour, etc. Overall, it was a successful event culminating both thinking and creativity together.

REPORT 12

50th Anniversary Celebrations of National Commission for Women (NCW)

On 31st January, 2018 some student members of Jagriti, Women's Development Cell, Bharati College along with teachers visited Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi to attend the 25th Anniversary Celebrations of National Commission for Women.

The Programme proved to be very informative for the students as it incorporated various Breakaway sessions on topics such as Preventing Domestic Violence, Sexual Harassment at Workplace, Issues in NRI Marriages and Acid Attacks & Rape [Survival Issues].

The Chief Guests (Dr. Virendra Kumar, Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi), Guest of Honour (Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar) and various speakers from diverse backgrounds also graced the occasion and inspired the people present for the Celebrations. Overall, it was a memorable experience for all the members of JAGRITI: Women's Development Cell of Bharati College.

REPORT 13

Events in collaboration with Abhivyakti 2018

JAGRITI: Women's Development Cell of Bharati College, University of Delhi collaborated with Abhivyakti 2018 (Annual Cultural Festival of Bharati College) and organised two competitions with full zeal and enthusiasm. The competitions were (Rangoli Making Competition & Fireless Cooking Competition) on 22nd February, 2018 and (Tshirt Painting Competition & Face Painting Competition) on 23rd February, 2018. The competitions witnessed a huge gathering of the students. Students across different universities participated in the competitions and made it a great success.

REPORT 14

Awareness Camp by Delhi State Legal Services Authority

On account of International Women's Day on 8th March, 2018, an informative and interactive Awareness Camp was being put up in Bharati College by Delhi State Legal Services Authority in association with Jagriti : Women's Development Cell to create awareness on LEGAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN ISSUES.

It was a very informative workshop in which Mr. Rahul Budhiraja, advocate from Delhi Legal Services Authority interacted with the students and made them aware of various rights of women. All the students as well as the teachers of the Administrative Department eagerly participated in the workshop, expressed their opinions and raised questions on different perspectives of the rights of women. Overall it was a successful and an informative workshop.

REPORT 15

Movie-Screening “Before The Flood” in collaboration with Leaders For Tomorrow

“Climate Change is no longer some far-off problem; it is happening here, it is happening now.” - Former President Barack Obama

JAGRITI: Women’s Development Cell of Bharati College, University of Delhi organised the screening of the movie “Before The Flood” starring Leonardo Decaprio in collaboration with Leaders For Tomorrow on 14th March, 2018 from 1-4pm in the Seminar Room as part of Leaders For Tomorrow's Development Festival 2K18 to promote youth engagement in development activities.

The movie screening witnessed a huge gathering of the students. There was a jam packed Seminar room filled with students of all the courses who eagerly participated in the screening, expressed their opinions and raised questions on different perspectives of the film once it got over. “Before the Flood” is a film that has the trappings of a thriller to keep the audience guessing about the outcome every minute, while simultaneously engaging them in a conversation about contemporary climatic conditions. The movie was so interesting and impactful that it kept us glued to our seats wondering what will happen next. Overall it was a successful and a worth attending movie screening which gave a strong message.

REPORT 16

Two Days National Conference

“Historical Perspectives on Predicaments and Rights of Women”

Two Days National Conference on ‘Historical Perspectives on Predicaments and Rights of Women in India’ sponsored by Indian Council of Historical Research was organised by Jagriti, women’s development cell of Bharati College , Delhi University on 22nd and 23rd March, 2018.

The first day of the conference was held in three sessions. The event started with welcome address by Dr. Sutupa Das , Convener of JAGRITI: Women's Development Cell, Bharati College, University of Delhi which was then followed by the lightening of the lamp by the Principal, Dr. Mukti Sanyal and all the other guest speakers after which, the principal addressed the gathering and felicitated all the guest speakers. The guest of honour Ms. Meenakshi Leekhi, MP, couldn't make it to the event due to parliamentary session but sent a video message in which she gave references of women who created indelible marks in history.

The session was then resumed after the tea break and scholars commenced with their paper presentation. Prof. Monika Das , economics feminist and academician was keynote speaker and shared her paper focussed on various gender centric issues specially- Apartheid of gender from an economic point of view. The second paper presentation was by Dr. Manmoyee Basu who elaborated about the property rights of women in India. After which Dr. Nandini Bhattacharya spoke about women in colonial age. Then Prof. Jyoti Atwal highlighted the process of law making and rights of widows. It was then followed by Prof. Syed Tanveer Nasreen, who shed the light on issues related to Muslim women in India through examples.

After that, a very crucial yet unnoticeable issue of Marital Rape was discussed after Advocate Rahul Buddhiraja presented his study. Then, Prof. Chanda Chatterjee presented a paper on women and partition. The second session was then concluded with lunch break. Two sessions were carried out parallelly.

The next session enlightened everyone with Shailza Singh, Ratnapriya, Arti Daivya, Dr. Shivani Jha , Dr. Bhavna Kale presented their paper about sexual harassment at work place , challenges faced , loopholes of the act.

The first day concluded with cultural performance and the event left everyone with a new perspective about women's right and fresh determination to march ahead in future. Session two was chaired by Priyanka Mishra , assistant prof. Vidya Sagar University, West Bengal, started with the speaker Prof. Asha Verma , Amity Institute of Advance Legal Study, she highlighted on protection of working women in India: International and National Legal Framework.

A researcher Siddhant Mishra highlighted on education of Gond Women, another researcher Poonam Tripathi specifically talked about property rights of Gond Women of Uttar Pradesh . PhD scholar Mamta discussed about the agony and rights of women in medieval period. Dr. Ajeet Kumar Rai presented an interesting

paper about problems of Indian women during migration to Mauritius in the colonial period. Another research scholar Antu Singh and Dhiraj Kumar Nirbhay emphasized on health and hygiene and gender equality respectively.

The second day of national conference started with the first speaker Prof. Sharmishtha Panja who presented her paper on domestic violence. She also talked about issues such as female foeticide, dowry tradition and while talking about the negligence of elderly women by their own children she said, "Passive neglect is even worse than physical abuse." Next speaker was Advocate Kumar Datta who defined what sexual harassment is and blamed it upon patriarchal roots. These were followed by Monika Majithia, our third speaker, she titled sexual harassment as 'elephant in the room' about which no one likes to talk. She emphasises on the need of training all employees and IC members so that they can efficiently handle these issues. Prof. Sunita Zaid quoted many different literary works of medieval period to depict how women started reacting to submissive acts towards them, but then were brought down by means like character assassination as in case of Razia Sultan.

Next session was chaired by Dr. Jaspal Singh. The first speaker of the session Jyoti Dunvedi read her paper and called history as 'men's history' because the society has always been male dominated. She highlighted female submission in Buddhism. Then Ms. Priyanka Mishra spoke about roles of poets and writers in Hindi literature and highlighted the struggle women have to undergo in rural areas. Ms. Nidhi Mishra's paper depicted some harsh reality of ancient India which included the practice of even cutting thumbs of few cotton textile workers which were women.

In the third session of the day which began with Professor Sunita Zaidi in chair. Dr. Jaya Keral talked about the need of women representatives in parliament and made some facts available to us which were very thought provoking like, '90% of questions in zero hour are raised by male MP's. Ms. Shilpi Sahi came with a very well organised presentation and observation with case studies of recent women entrepreneurs like Ritu Kumar and Shahnaz Hussain. She made us aware of women entrepreneurs and driving force and major challenges faced them.

Moving forward, Ms. Sumedha Pal highlighted that 73% newsrooms are male-dominated. Ms. Ishleen Kaur's paper talked about manual scavenging and its hazardous impact on women involved. Dr. Madhuri Sharma talked about the reproduction health of women and displayed a compilation of ads which were

very tactfully objectified women in writings. Ms. Shweta Singh talked about cyber security of women where she specifically elaborated on secondary victimization. Dr. Venus Jain glorified the strength of women.

In the end, Dr. Sutapa Das, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Bharati College, University of Delhi, New Delhi presented her paper titled "Women's Education and Leadership in the Pre- Colonial and Colonial Period : A Critical Observation. It was a very informative and knowledgeable session which enlightened us about the leadership and education of women. She then gave a thank you note. At the end, members of Jagriti WDC performed some songs and the conference ended on a happy note.

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