



GIRL UP AGNI BHARATI COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI



ABOUT US

Girl up Agni is an initiative taken by the students of Bharati college. We aim to work for equality. We work on two pillars, sustainable development goals, and intersectionality. We have successfully conducted pad donation drives, parades against period poverty, seminars on relevant topics, open mics, etc.



ABOUT FOUNDER

“However, one must not think that simple juxtaposition of the right to vote and a job amounts to total liberation; work today is not freedom.” *Second Sex* by Simone De Beauvoir.

From school I have always felt the difference of treatment between a male and female student. The boys were asked to shift chairs and benches, whereas females were asked to decorate classes on certain occasions. The difference somewhat bridged itself when I enrolled myself into an all girls’ college. A space filled where everyone was like me, the scope of discrimination became lesser. The college allowed me to pursue my idea to work for gender equality outside the college space and work on the contradiction of society. I

wanted to extend the same space for all. The idea was to construct this into a student body where we all women build the capacity to be critical towards society biases. We successfully donated 5000+ pads, educated young girl children about menstruation, conducted seminars for intellectual building, conducted workshops against gender based violence, organized parades, recited manifestos for empowerment and the journey shall never stop.

— Soumya Varma, founder Girl Up Agni

AIM

Girl Up Agni is an organization which is affiliated with the United Nations and situated at Bharati College. We work on two pillars, intersectionality and Sustainable Development Goal 5, gender equality and 10, reducing inequalities. The aim is to create a space for feminist leadership to grow and conduct workshops for capacity building.

MISSION

1st stage- We pick up one problem that affects society, then the issue will be the theme of the month.

2nd stage - Under the theme we conduct activities weekly to create awareness and find solutions as a whole.

3rd stage- After the awareness, we focus on the ground-level impact through donation drives.

IMPORTANT EVENTS



OPEN MIC EVENT

Girl Up Agni in the view of celebration of International Women's Day organized an Open Mic. The intent of this event was to give women/ identified women a space to express themselves through narratives. This was also a fundraiser for future events. The event witnessed a huge participation and all the

participants of the event performed wonderfully. Some performances even left the audience teary-eyed. The event was a great success.



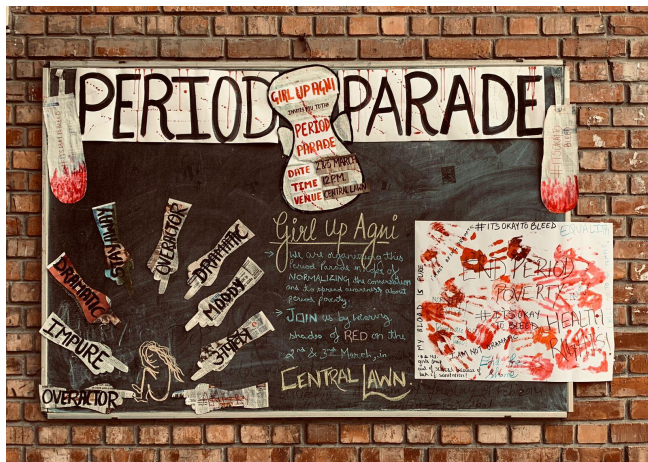
LECTURE ON WOMEN'S DAY

Girl Up Agni society organized a lecture by Renowned Historian Professor Mridula Mukherjee on the occasion of International Women's Day. The aim of this lecture was to educate young women about the struggle of women throughout history. The lecture told the students about the phases and struggles that women have gone through and how it has shaped the feminist movement of today.



SEMINAR ON HOW TO DEAL WITH SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Concerning with this Sexual Assault Awareness Month, GirlUpAgni organised a seminar on Sexual Harassment with Shilpy Singh as the Speaker of the event who is the part of Breakthrough, under L'oreal, India. In the session, Speaker shared many different incidents and examples related with the session's topic on how to deal with different type of sexual harassment as a bystander and a survivor.



ITS OKAY TO BLEED- PERIOD PARADE

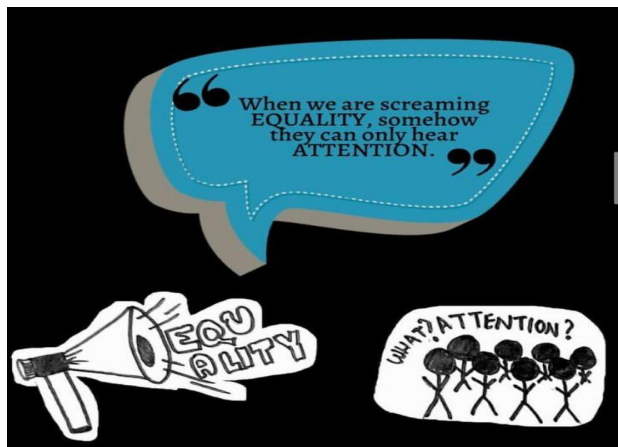
Girlup Agni organized a Period Parade with the aim of normalizing the conversation and to spread awareness about period poverty. In the parade, banners were made by recycling and following the pillar of sustainability, slogans like "End period poverty" and "equal access" expressed the theme of the parade. In order to express the collective concerns and rightful demands we pulled out a 'Wall of Strength'.



WOMEN IN INDIAN HISTORY

The team of GirlUp Agni, on the occasion of Women's History Month organized a seminar titled, "Women in Indian History". The seminar was presided over by two very prominent historians Dr. Firdoz Azmat Siddiqui and Dr. Madhuri Sharma. Dr. Siddiqui's topic was "Barometer of Social Change: Growing consciousness for education among women in colonial India." Dr. Madhuri spoke on "Women's History and history of women in India: why and why?"

INITIATIVES



HEARING THE UNHEARD

Hearing the Unheard is a campaign initiated by Girl Up Agni. This campaign intends to bring forth the varying impacts of the issues faced due to patriarchy. Through this we used our potential to mainstream or at least echo the issues which blur out due to the outcries of privilege at various levels.



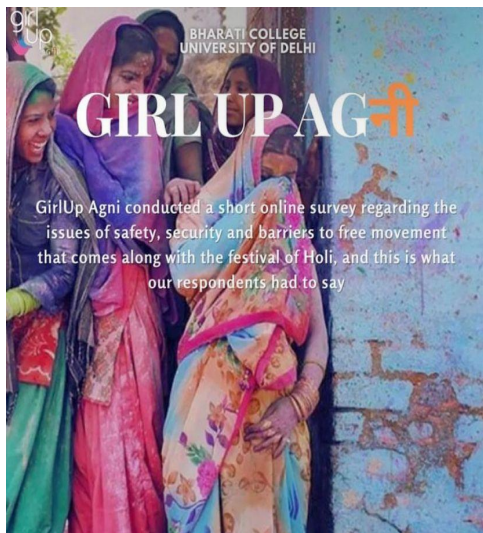
IT'S OKAY TO BLEED

To promote conversation around periods and to make girls between the age of 10 to 20 more aware of the stigma around periods and other related myths, Girl Up Agni in collaboration with the Society for the promotion of women & child welfare conducted an awareness drive and distributed 7000 pads to these girls.



MENSTRUAL HEALTH AWARENESS

A seminar was organized by the team of Girl Up Agni in collaboration with the WUS committee, on the topic of 'Menstrual Health Awareness'. The event was concluded by distribution of sanitary kits to the staff and students of the college provided by the Nine Foundation. On the same theme Girl Up Agni did a pad donation drive in collaboration to the Niine foundation. The pads were distributed among 2000 girls.



SURVEY

The festival of Holi comes with its own set of challenges, especially for women. The survey conducted by Girl Up Agni reveals some such trends regarding the safety, security, and barriers to the free movement of women during festivals, especially Holi.

