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From the Editor...

It is my great pleasure to see the release of the ninth edition of HCC Women's Studies Centre (WSC) Newsletter. The new initiative of this year was one of our long dream, a Certificate Course in Women and Law. We are thankful to National Commission for Women, New Delhi for sanctioning fund for 'Legal Awareness Competition' in the second year/time. Through the Gender and Development Certificate course, Students passed a maximum number of prizes in 'Gender Fest' competition conducted by the Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. WSC representatives from each department were the continuous supporters during big events. I am happy to see justice received by economically weaker section people through our Legal Aid Clinic in maximum number through our Clinic. My sincere thanks is due to the Management, Principal, Heads of all the departments, Task force committee members and well-wishers. My heartiest thanks to the student supporters namely WSC representatives and Gender Champion Club members.

Teaching

a) Gender Studies Course

The Centre has been offering Gender Studies Foundation Course to II UG students except the students of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology of our College as per the norms of the Bharathidasan University. Since 2011 in the Odd semester the University provided syllabus and text books which are in English and Tamil. Students can choose to write their exams either in Tamil or English. They write two internal tests for 50 marks and an exam for 50 marks in the external. A total of

1751 students benefited from the course in this academic year.

b) Certificate Course in Gender and Development

Bharathidasan University approved Certificate course in Gender and Development is being offered to the students of Shift - II in the even semester for last six year.



Ms.R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre and Dr. K. Dhanalakshimi, Assistant Professor of Mathematics (S - II) handled the classes. Teaching methods used in the course were case study discussions, movies and displaying of cookies, interactive sessions, class room teaching with the support of chalk and talk method and power point presentations. The students completed seminar, assignment and quiz as part of the Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) for 25 marks and the external examination for 75 marks. A total of 30 students from the departments of Chemistry,

Computer Science, English and Mathematics studied this course. As part of CIA component, Students had interaction with women to record their achievement and sufferings and recorded in video for seminar, did posters on women welfare agencies and some women related international initiative. A video was done on woman who had achieved in their lives over coming the obstacles.

c) Certificate Course in Women and Law

This course was newly introduced in the present academic year (2018 - 2019) with an aim to create legal awareness about women specific laws as well as to capacitate them to face legal procedures for



day to day needs. Ms. R. Saraswathi, Coordinator, Women's Studies Centre and Mr. Chinnamani, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli handled the classes. The duration of the course is 30 hours. Students attend a minimum of 26 hours to acquire a certificate as well as do field work and submit the assignments. Entry level and exit level evaluations were conducted to assess students learning ability. 60 students from Shift I & Shift II studied this course.



As part of field work component, they visited Shanthi Villa Home for the Aged, Puthur, Tiruchirappalli on 30th March 2019. They created awareness about Senior Citizen's Act and made them happy by listening to their stories and living condition. Elderly persons requested the students to come atleast once in a year to have a conversation with them.

Training

❖ Training Programme Participated/Attended by the Co-ordinator

❖ Participated in the one day Training Workshop on "Sexual Harassment at Workplace – (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013" organized by Department of Women's Studies and the Internal Complaints Committee on Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) at the Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 18th September 2018.

Research

▪ Interviews

The Certificate Course students conducted qualitative study i.e. interviews with 31 women as part of practical work. They have recorded the sorrows, achievements and motivation of women. These videos help to motivate many other women to get encouragement.

▪ Research on Legal Awareness

The Centre conducted a research on students who have not attended any legal awareness programme. Many were encouraged to study certificate course in Women and Law organized by the Centre. After they attended the course, the students gave a feedback that they was had

been made aware of so many laws and procedures related to their life. It was found from post evaluation test that majority of the students got basic legal awareness pertaining to women related laws, basic rights and government department in promoting legal justice

Field Action

❖ National Nutrition Week Celebration

Women’s Studies Centre of Holy Cross College conducts various events to observe National Nutrition Week with the theme ‘Go further with food for a healthier life’ from 1st to 7th September 2018 at Holy Cross College. On 1st September 2018, Nutrition Hunt competition was conducted for Holy Cross College Hostellers at Shanthi’s hall. Ms. S. Mohana Priya, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli judged the event with selected the winners from 32 participants.



On the second day (04.09.2018) of celebration there were four events. An event called “Know your Health”- a free health check-up – Body Mass Index, Haemoglobin, Blood Pressure and Sugar test was done for 57 administrative staff in the college in collaboration with DMLT. Just A Minute ‘(JAM)’ was conducted for the students of Shift – II at Women’s Studies Centre. The judge Dr. B.Chitra, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Srimad Andavan Arts and Science College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli elected three winners.



Brain Booster competition was conducted for the students of shift I at Mother Sophys’s Block where 115 students participated in the competition. Dr. A. Sangeetha, Assistant Professor, PG Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli was the judge as the event.

'Color Splash' (Rangoli) competition was conducted for male students and staff in Ground floor, Mother Sophy's block. Mr.R. Antony Louis, Teacher & Scout Master, R.C. Higher Secondary School, Tiruchirappalli judged the event and selected three winners from seven students.



'Nutri Find' competition was conducted for the teaching staff of Shift I & II at Women's Studies Centre where 21 staff participated in the competition. Mr.Beno Susai Vijayakumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, St.Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli judged the event and selected three winners.



Poster making competition was conducted for the students (Sisters) of shift I & II at Open hall, Mother Sophy's Block. Mrs.C.Nisha Rachel, Assistant Professor, SRM, Tiruchirappalli judged the event and selected the winners.



The valedictory Programme on Women and Nutrition and Prize Distribution was conducted by Women's Studies Centre of Holy Cross College on 6th September 2018. After invoking God's presence, the audience was welcomed by Ms. Katheeja Begum of III BCA. Prizes were distributed to all the winners of various competitions by Dr. Parveen Begam, Rahath Nursing Home, Tiruchirappalli and Dr.Nagalakshmi, Vice Principal, Holy Cross College. Dr. Parveen Begam, gave an insight into the ill-effects of junk foods and its impact in our life style. She gave a few tips on how to replace the junk foods with healthier ones. She suggested to use brown rice instead of the rice which we are using at present and to use jaggery instead of sugar. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms.Abirami of III B.B.A.

❖ International Women's Day Celebration



International Women's Day 2019 started with a prayer on 8th March 2019 at 11.30 a.m. in the college ground, Holy Cross College. Mr. Kulandai Francis, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee and Founder – President, Integrated Village Development Project, Krishnagiri was the chief guest. Sr. Niranjana Anthonisamy, Secretary, Holy Cross College honored the chief guest with a shawl. Dr.(Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College presented a memento to the chief guest. Mr.Kulandai Francis emphasized the importance of women in the society and mentioned various aspects of women empowerment. To commemorate the achievement of women, the College honored three women achievers Ms. S. Rajeswari, Mrs. C. Indirani and Mrs. M. Selvam with shield and cash prize. The programme arrangements were made by the Departments of Economics, Social Work and Women's Studies Centre.

❖ Programme on Know Yourself



Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) organised a Programme on Know Yourself on 12th March 2019 at Computer Science Seminar Hall, Holy Cross College at 2 p.m. for the students. The programme was Presided over by Dr.(Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College. The chief guest Thirumigu.P. Mohana Nayak, Director, All India Aravanigal Rights and Rehabilitation Centre, Tiruchirappalli stated that after they realized their femininity, a man wants to wear women's dresses. Transgender is like motherhood relationship. She requested the participants to give respect and help them to utilize their rights in the society. Thirumigu.K.Aruna, Secretary. Southern Transgender Federation interacted with the students regarding students' view on transgender and she emphasized that the society should allow transgender to wear dresses as they wish during teenage and the support of the family is also very essential. Lack of family support leads to alienation.

Information Dissemination

As part of dissemination of information, the Centre has adopted the following activities.

❖ Library

The Women's Studies Centre has been maintaining a library, issuing books to scholars and staff. Gender and women related books are very useful to the scholars.

❖ Documentation of Newspaper Clippings

The Centre is continuously documenting newspaper clippings pertaining to women achievers, women's issues and challenges at the global level.

❖ Documentation of articles

The Centre also documented different articles which are related to women and gender from various journals.

❖ Notice Board

Newspaper clippings regarding the condition of women are put up on the notice board.

❖ Website

The Centre's vision, mission, objectives and recent activities are displayed on the college website www.hcctrichy.ac.in.

❖ Newsletter

The activities of the WSC are disseminated through its newsletter every year. The current year (2018 – 2019) activities are available in the newsletter Volume - IX.

❖ Newspapers Report of WSC's Activities

Women's Studies Centre has documented all reports from newspapers on the Centre's activities

❖ College Magazine

Activities of the Women's Studies Centre for the academic year 2018 – 19 is printed in the College magazine called Holy Rood every year. A copy of the magazine is available in WSC.

Advocacy

Functioning of Legal Aid Clinic (LAC)





Basic Legal Awareness Programme (LAC)

On 13th February 2019, Ms.R. Jothilakshmi, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli motivated the students to learn basic details related to protection of women. Many women face problems due to less knowledge and less financial freedom. Even though the law treats both men and women as equal, the women are less empowered to avail their rights. She explained about dowry prohibition act, sexual harassment of women at work place and prevention of prenatal diagnostic technique act. Students asked clarification regarding their personal problems. The programme was conducted for the students of I.B.A Economics from 12.45 p.m.-1.30p.m. 45 students participated in this programme.

Basic Legal Awareness Programme (LAC)

Basic Legal Awareness Programme was conducted on 20th February 2019 from 12.45 p.m.-2 p.m. for the students of I.M.Sc. Psychology. Ms.R. Jothilakshmi, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli shared that Article 14 states that all the persons are equal before the law. Anti-ragging act 323 gives punishment for hurting purposely, causes and consequences of bribery, dowry, child marriage and laws for injuring people were discussed. Students asked many questions related to their personal problems. 9 female and 3 male students who participated in this programme.

Basic Legal Awareness Programme (LAC)

On 20th February 2019, Basic Legal Awareness Programme was conducted for the students of I.B.Sc. Mathematics 'A' (S-II) from 2.15 p.m.-3.10 p.m. Ms.R. Jothilakshmi, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli spoke about divorce cases and its impact on human life, rights to property and dowry prohibition cases. Question session was very useful to many students. There were 37 students who participated

❖ Competition on Laws related to Women Sponsored by National Commission for Women



The Legal Aid Clinic is functioning in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Tiruchirappalli since January 2013 without any fee from beneficiaries on all Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Advocate has been assisted by a Para Legal Volunteer (Ms.R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, WSC). The para-legal volunteers engaged in the Legal Aid Clinic provided initial advice to the persons seeking legal service to help such people, in drafting petitions and also helped them in filing First Information Report (FIR) at the Police Station.

Basic Legal Awareness Programme (LAC)

Basic Legal Awareness Programme was conducted on 25th July 2018 for the I.B.Sc. Computer Science students. Ms.N.Sathya, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli explained the rules and regulations to be followed in getting consultation for various cases. Various topics such as child marriage, crime cases, First Information Report (FIR), issues of birth certificate and ways to handle harassment situations.

Basic Legal Awareness Programme for Administrative Staff (LAC)

On 24th October 2018, Ms.N.Sathya, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli gave a brief explanation about the functioning of District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli and the role of Legal Aid Clinic at Holy Cross College. She differentiated self-secured properties and ancestral properties. Injunction suit can be filed if the properties are misused by non-owners. Many staff got guidance to solve their personal problems. There were 31 Administrative staff (29 female + 2 male) participated.



Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli conducted a "Competition on Laws related to Women" as per the guidelines and sponsored an amount of ₹ 18,500/- by National Commission for Women, Government of India on 3rd December 2018 in Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. 404 students (female and male) from various departments of shift I and shift II participated in the competition.

Distribution programme of prizes was held on 10th December 2018. Rev.(Sr.) Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli gave the presidential address. The Chief Guest

Dr.S. Amirthalingam, Associate Professor of Law and Faculty In-charge of Examinations, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, appreciated the initiative taken by the college through the Centre under the leadership of the Principal. He shared some real life situations where women are vulnerable due to lack of awareness about cybercrime. He congratulated all the winners. He motivated the participants that their determination for participation will help them in future. The winners of the competition received the cash prizes. The following were the winners I Prize (2000/-) : Ms.H. Afifa Sherin, III B.A. History, II

Prize (1500/-) : Ms.S. Selvamani, and III B.Sc. Physics, III Prize (1000/- each for 5 students:) Ms.G. Grace Ruth, I B.A English, Ms.A. Meharumisha, II BCA 'A', Mr.Alwin Skaria Philip, I MSW, Ms.S. Caroline Mary, III B.Sc. Physics and Mr.Amjad Hussain, I M.Sc. Rehabilitation Science,

Law College Students' Observation Visit / Internship Programme Visit :



As part of summer internship programme, the Law students of Tamil Nadu National Law School, Tiruchirappalli and Government Law College, Tiruchirappalli attended various training programmes at District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli and its branches. There were 11 students who visited the Legal Aid Clinic on 20th June 2018 at Legal Aid Clinic at Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. Ms.R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, HCC & Para Legal Volunteer, District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli explained the functioning of the Clinic with its achievements. They also observed the records in the clinic and clarified their doubts also. At last the students had an interaction with the Principal and shared that the functioning of the Clinic is very useful and satisfactory also. The same is also written in the feedback register.

WSC Representative



The meeting of WSC representatives was held on 2nd July 2018 at Legal Aid Clinic. The Co-ordinator shared the background of the Centre, milestones, wings and the purpose of having the WSC Representatives from each department. The members were requested to collect the names of students who need legal assistance in their respective department and submit the list on or before the following Monday. They need not involve in the activities of Gender Champion Club activities since it has separate leaders to carry out the activities. Like wise many meetings were conducted at WSC to collect names for participating in competitions, film shows, Gender Fest, and so on.

Success Stories

- ✧ One widow was unable to get her **widow certificate** for the past 23 years due to her illiteracy. The Para Legal Volunteer accompanied her to Taluk office and guided her and helped her to get widow certificate.
- ✧ An educated woman who has less salary was unable to pay the fee to the advocate. Hence her **matrimonial dispute case** was in struggle. The Volunteer arranged an advocate through District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli and the case is in progress now
- ✧ The name of lady belonging to economically weaker section was left out in the Slum Clearance Board's **house allotment name list**. She was helped by the volunteer through Mediation Centre at District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli and her name has been included in the house allotment list.
- ✧ A person was unable to change her name in the mother's housing property after her death. The issue is in the process of Mediation Centre at Tiruchirappalli

Professional Support

- ❖ The Centre guided one staff and one student to register and study for the UGC – NET June 2019
- ❖ A woman's husband died in 2010 in a whirlpool in the border of Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore district. She did not know where to get death certificate. She also told that a copy of death certificate was submitted at Court for her

husband's property partition case. The Para Legal Volunteer (PLV) guided her under the guidance of an advocate to obtain a copy from a court judgment file by applying for Copy of Application (CA).

- ❖ A person died in road accident eight years ago. His sister did not know how to identify the killer. The PLV advised her that police department file all the crime details of their jurisdiction. So she can contact the local police station to check CCTV footage
- ❖ One woman waited for her Ph.D Viva Voce for nearly two years. She wanted to know the real status of her Ph.D thesis evaluation through Right to Information (RTI) Act. The PLV sent all the details of RTI Act and contact details of Public Relations officer for RTI by e-mail.
- ❖ Advocate. Seethalakshmi, High Court, Chennai requested the details of Ahamathunisha at an educational institution since she worked there for loan repayment. As per the request of office staff, the PLV enquired about her in the office and came to know that she is working in another college. The details were updated to the Advocate and removed the previous agency name from the case.
- ❖ One widow gave Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) due amount to an LIC agent. But she was unaware whether he paid or not. So the PLV advised her to check the policy payment details at LIC office and get the contact details of the agent also. She found that he paid the amount in the office
- ❖ A student's father got married second time after her mother's death. He wanted to give his first wife property to his second wife's children. Since the student and her brother belonged to first wife they faced lot of problems. The PLV informed that second wife's children are not eligible to claim first wife's ancestral property. First they can approach DLSA for compromise. If not solved they can file a complaint at police station for safety.
- ❖ A transgender was facing harassment while passing the Bheema nagar bridge sub way most of the days. The PLV advised her to that she would file a complaint in the police station if harassed and showed the police officer's contact

number. Since the transgender raised her voice, many passers by also supported her on the spot. The problem is no more prevalent now.

- ❖ A senior citizen shared that one tenant did not vacate the house even after the agreement was over. The PLV guided her to handle the tenant stating that since the legal deed was not active and the tenant had no right to continue staying in the house and warned to deal the issue legally. Then the tenant left the house without creating any problem.

STRATEGIES

Partnership

The Centre organized programmes in collaboration with the following other networking agencies such as

a) With Other Departments of the College

- All the Departments

b) Outside the College

- District Legal Service Authority, Tiruchirappalli
- Centre for Women's Studies, Cauvery College for Women, Tiruchirappalli

c) With Universities

- Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli
- Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi

Organization

Gender Champion Club The information regarding the activities of Gender Champion Club was displayed on the WSC's notice board from 18th June 2018 for the benefit of students to get to know about the activities.

Dr.Sujatha Ilangovan, Dean of Extension conducted a meeting for all I UG Arts students on 4th July 2018 for the enrollment of members for Part VI wings. All the wings' Co-ordinators presented their wings activities with its importance. Ms.R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre presented the importance of Gender Champion Club and the benefits of membership. The same procedure was followed for Science students on 5th July 2018. The filled in enrollment forms was

collected by Dean of Extension and forwarded to the respected Extension wing Co-ordinators.

SHIFT - I

Mr.Johnson Francis.A., Assistant professor, Research Department of English (Shift II) , St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli gave a talk on 'The Restoration of the Dignity of Women' on 28th August 2018 at Shanthi hall, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. He stated that Women's respect is based on the mind and knowledge and not on the basis of dress.



Unless women accept their body and it's function they can't achieve. Women achievers give more importance to their contribution than to the beauty of body. Women have been blessed with healthy body, strong Mind, and longevity of life. 74 students attended the programme.

❖ Programme on Challenges of Women

Gender Champion Club of Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College along with ATHMA-The Mind Centre and Inner Wheel Club of Trichy Malaikottai conducted a Programme on Challenges of Women on 25th September 2018 The resource person Mrs.Meera Ramesh, Counselor, ATHMA - The Mind Centre, Tiruchirappalli stated that the psychologist created a great awareness among the students, regarding the challenges prevailing in the teenage world.



She brought out the need for a psychologist, because the demand for psychologist and her help has increased. She enlightened the students to be brave, and also taught how to tackle the difficult situations. There were 66 students who participated.

❖ **Programme on Women Writers' Freedom - a Historical Perspective**



On 5th October 2018 at a Programme on Women writers' freedom - a historical perspective Mr.Kumar Kandasamy, Poet and Writer, was the resource person. He spoke about the power of women and enumerated the works of various women writers in the world. A total of 66 of I UG students attended the programme.

❖ **Programme on Gender Equity**



Gender Champion Club of Women's Studies Centre conducted a 'Programme on Gender Equity' on 28th January 2019 for all boy students in the college with the aim of promoting gender equity. The resource person Mr.N. Prasanna, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, stated that gender equality in our country is the need of concern in the present time and it is related to health, education, political and economic equality between men and women. He provided information regarding the patriarchal system and difference between sex and gender. Impressive thoughts from great brains were also revealed. The programme came to an end with the knowhow of how to behave, how to get

involved in a situation where females are frequently harassed

❖ **Programme on Mental, Personal & Social Health**



Programme on Mental, Personal & Social Health was organised for the first year undergraduate students of the Gender Champion club on 23rd January 2019 in the room number 115 by Ms. Soundarya. N, Staff In-charge, Department of D.M.L.T, Holy Cross College. She increased their knowledge by making them understand the need for stress busters and the techniques to overcome it. She gave some useful tips to maintain health and hygiene.

❖ **Programme on Gender Equity**



Programme on Gender Equity for the first year undergraduate students of the Gender Champion club was arranged on 29th January 2019 at Room Number. 115, Mrs. Elizabeth Rani. G, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli emphasized the need for gender equality in the present time. She gave insight about few case studies. She also stated that there are 32 different types of Genders and she explained it in brief.



The valedictory was held on 4th March 2018, Mrs.Uma Rani.R, Assistant Professor of Economics, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli was the resource person. She shared some ideas to lead a satisfying life and she highlighted her views to find some time for stress relief and take up responsibility in action.

❖ Field Visit

As part of learning the importance of life and struggles faced by women, members of the Gender Champion Club visited Annal Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital, Tiruchirappalli and District Court of Tiruchirappalli on 3rd March 2019



SHIFT - II

Ms. Deerkalakshmi.V.S., Assistant Professor of English(S-II) and Ms.Francisca Vincy.A., Assistant Professor of Mathematics (S-II) enrolled the members for Gender Champion Club (Shift - II) on 4th July 2018 at Our Lady's Hall, HCC. The activities of the Gender Champion Club of Shift II, Holy Cross College started its activities for the year 2018-2019 with the Inauguration of the Club. The election of the president and secretary and office bearers were conducted. Ms. Elakiya and Ms. Alfie Janet of II B.Sc Mathematics were selected as the President and Secretary respectively. Nearly 38 students registered in the Club from the five

disciplines of Shift II along with the existing II year students.

❖ Fitness of Women



A Programme was conducted on 10th January 2019 by the Gender Champion Club. Dr. Vasantha Kokilam, Physical Directress, Holy Cross College, Trichy spoke on the topic "Fitness of Women" in which she mentioned the role of women in sports. In her speech she suggested different types of healthy food items that would help the young girls to maintain their physical fitness. Her speech focused on practising yoga and following certain simple exercises daily at least for 15 to 30 minutes. She insisted that it is essential to be physically healthy for competing in the world and also spoke on the goodness of meditation in daily life.

❖ Heading towards Excellence



A programme was conducted on 20th January 2019. Mr. M. Dennis Edward Fernando, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph's College, Trichy spoke on the topic "Heading towards Excellence" and focused on the lives of successful personalities in contemporary era. He spoke on the effects of hard work and determination. The speech highlighted the success that every individual would attain after continuous vigorous efforts and torments.

❖ Speech on Laws and the Rights of Women



On 20th February 2019, a meeting was conducted to provide legal awareness on the laws which are amended in favour of Womenfolk of India. Ms. Sathya, Advocate, District Court, Trichy spoke on the topic “Laws and the Rights of Women”. She highlighted how Indian Constitution is concerned in providing safety and security to the daughters of the nation. She explained about the nuances of “Pocso Act” and “Property Right Act”.

❖ Talk on Penniam



Dr. D. Latha, Assistant Professor of Tamil, Holy Cross College, Trichy gave a talk on “Penniam” to the first year (S-II) students on 22nd February 2019. In her speech she mentioned about the brave acts of women like Velu Nachiyar, Rani Lakshmi Bai and insisted on the students to be brave enough like the ancestors. She informed how the history has no evidences of famous women who excelled in their own fields.

Details of Student Participation

❖ Human Chain Rally cum Signature Campaign on Importance of Girls’ Education

District Social Welfare Office and WE-TRUST, Tiruchirappalli jointly conducted a human chain rally to disseminate the importance of girls’ education, on 23rd November 2018 from Marakkadai to Chathiram bus stand from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.. The following Gender Champion Club members participated in the rally and signature campaign. 16 students participated

❖ Gender Fest Competition Participation and Prizes



‘Gender Fest’ competitions were conducted on 6th March 2019 by Department of Women’s Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. The students received prizes from Dr. P Manisankar Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University Tiruchirappalli for the following competitions. Group Dance –I Prize, Skit – I Prize, Drama – II Prize, Story Telling– I Prize, Painting/Drawing– I Prize ,Documentary/ Videography– I Prize, Short Film– I Prize, Elocution (Tamil) – I Prize and Essay (English) –II Prize.

Accomplishments:

- ❖ Offered Certificate Course in Gender and Development
- ❖ Offered Certificate Course in Women and Law
- ❖ Conducted a Legal Awareness Competition funded by National Commission for Women
- ❖ Legal Aid Clinic functioned in association with District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Offered a course on Gender studies for II UG students
- ❖ Observed National Nutrition Week
- ❖ Conducted legal awareness programmes
- ❖ Conducted various awareness programmes on gender in Gender Champion Club
- ❖ Library and documentation
- ❖ Information displayed on the notice board
- ❖ International Women’s Day celebration
- ❖ Participated in the programme organized by phase II Centres
- ❖ Certificate course and Gender Champion Club students got maximum number of prizes in ‘Gender Fest Competitions’