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From the Editor.....

“If you are stronger, you have to help the weaker boy or girl both in play and in the work”

- Sarojini Naidu

Freedom Fighter and
First Woman Governor of
Independence India

Women's Studies Centre of Holy Cross College is glad to bring out its 7th Newsletter edition. The Centre's activities are benefited by students, scholars, professors, and the public. The unique activity of this year is the observation visit made by the National Law College Student to our Legal Aid Clinic and 14 alumnae of Certificate Course in Gender and Development along with a staff attended sponsored Training Programme on Gender Mainstreaming at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD). It is our privilege to consolidate and report the numerous activities. We would like to convey our deepest gratitude to the UGC, the Management, Principal, Advisor, Task Force Committee members and volunteers for their active help and encouragement.

Vision

We are committed to build a gender-just humane society and make a difference in the lives of women.

Mission

Our mission consists of knowledge creation and dissemination, capacity building and women leadership development, policy development, networking and coordination.

Objectives

i. Knowledge Creation and Dissemination: Through research and collaborative learning we analyze the socio-economic, cultural, political, ideological and environmental factors that affect the lives and well-being of women. We create new pedagogical methods and alternative systems of knowledge that will enhance the place of women in all social Institutions.

- ii. Capacity Building and Women Leadership Development:** With a view to increase the confidence level of women, to create a climate of solidarity and to foster women leaders at all levels, various awareness and capacity building programmes such as conferences, workshops, seminars, and training programmes are organized.
- iii. Policy Advocacy:** We work towards a sustainable development of women through active public campaigns and policy change at local and national levels.
- iv. Networking and Coordination:** We network with government agencies, national and international NGOs, women movements and academic institutions to further the cause of women empowerment.

Teaching

Gender Studies Course

The Centre has been offering Gender Studies Foundation Course as per the norms of the Bharathidasan University since 2011. The second year undergraduates (Except students of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology) of the College studied this course in the Odd Semester. The University provided syllabus and text books which were available in both English and Tamil. Students write an internal test for 50 marks and external for 50 marks. A total of 1633 students benefited from the course in the academic year.

Certificate Course in Gender and Development

Bharathidasan University approved Certificate Course in Gender and Development was offered to the students of Shift - II during the even semester for the fifth year. Ms.R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre and Ms.K. Dhanalakshimi, Assistant Professor of Mathematics (S - II) handled the classes. Teaching methods used for the course include case study discussions, movies and cookies display, interactive sessions, class room teaching with both chalk and talk method and power point



Training Programmes Participated/Attended

- ☆ Ms.R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, WSC participated in the 'Two days Southern Regional Workshop to “Develop Inclusive Development Oriented Curriculum in Women's Studies” organized by UGC Centre for Women's Studies, Bangalore University and University Grants Commission on 21st and 22nd March 2017
- ☆ A sponsored Training Programme on Gender Mainstreaming was participated on 14th and 15th March 2017 by 14 students who studied Certificate Course in Gender and Development last year along with the Co-ordinator of the course organized by Department of Gender Studies, RGNIYD, Chennai.



presentations. The students completed seminar, assignment and quiz as part of the Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA). The CIA is for 25 marks and the external examination is for 75 marks. A total of 37 students from the departments of Business Administration, Chemistry, Computer Science, English and Mathematics studied this course. As part of the CIA component, students interacted with women. This was to record the women's achievement and sufferings and present the video for seminar. They also presented posters on women achievers, women welfare agencies and some women related international initiatives.



Training

Training Programme on Life Skill Education

The training programme was conducted on 5th December 2016 at Shanthi hall. The aim is to make the students aware of the importance of life skill education and its need for creating a better society. Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre started the session with an ice breaking session followed by 5 life skill activities. The training programme was conducted for three hours.

Research

Our certificate course students conducted qualitative study i.e. interview with 31 women as part of their practical work. It was an analysis of women's challenges and achievements. These videos would help many other women.

Field Action

National Nutrition Week Celebration

Women's Studies Centre and National Service Scheme, Holy Cross College jointly conducted National Nutrition Week Celebration from 1st



September to 6th September 2016 with different groups. On 1st September 2016, Vegetable Carving Competition was conducted for the benefit of the students of Shift – II at Shanthi hall from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. 3 teams were selected as winners.

Dr.(Sr.) Jeusin Francis, Principal, Holy Cross College presented badges to Gender Champion Club, NSS leaders and the Organizers. The badges had quotes such as 'Men and women have equal rights in nutrition' and 'All are equal in giving and receiving the



nutrition'. The organizers also presented badges to the administrative and teaching staff, the students presented the badges to the public with the request that women's health should be considered as important. On the same day, Treasure hunt competition was conducted for the teaching faculty.



Ms.I. Infancy Thilaga, Teacher, St.Mary's Toppe Middle School, Tiruchirappalli judged the above 2 competitions and selected the top 3 teams.

Poster presentation on Essential Nutritional Food for Women was conducted on 3rd September 2016 to educate the importance of nutrition and eradicate



anemia. This was organized by NSS and Gender Champion Club members for the rural people in six villages such as Thiruvasi, Ayikudi, Kuruvampatt, Azhagiyamanavalam, No.94, Kariyamanikam and Veerani.

On 6th September 2016, three activities were conducted. The first activity was Fruit – it up Competition for Female UG and PG students of Shift – I. Dr.A. Kanmani Joan of Arch, Assistant Professor of Commerce, KN Government Arts College for Women (Autonomous), Thanjavur. There were 13





teams in which each team consisted of 8 to 10 participants. The first and second best performers were selected. In the second activity, Ms.N. Vasantha Priya, Assistant Engineer, TNEB, Substation,



Thatchankurichy, Tiruchirappalli was the judge for the competition Matching the Vitamin for male administrative staff and male students of Social Work and Visual Communication at Economics Library. 3 participants were selected for the prize. A



competition called Connection was conducted as the last activity for female administrative staff at Shanthi hall. Dr.P. Sahaya Amutha, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Government Art College, Thiruverumbur, Tiruchirappalli, judged the competition and selected the top 3 teams for prize.

On the fourth and final day of the celebration, “Lecture on Nutrition” was conducted. Dr.(Sr.) Jeusin Francis, Principal, Holy Cross College presided over the programme. The first resource person Mr.J. Srinivasan, Deputy Mayor, Tiruchirappalli Corporation stated the quotes in Tamil which emphasized the importance of education. He appreciated the College for its excellent performance in women's development for the past nine decades. He insisted the participants must have nutritional food as



well as need for 50% reservation for women. The next resource person Dr.A.Sathya, Department of Cardiology, SRM Medical College, Tiruchirappalli spoke about the major nutritional problems, current statistics on anemia (50%), malnutrition (35%), obesity (22%). Hemoglobin for women should be from 12 – 15 gms%. The causes for anemia are worm infestations, menstrual losses, other medical problems and symptoms and signs. To treat anemia women should eat Iron rich food, do deworming, take Iron supplements, and treat other causes. Girls need more iron than boys to replace menstrual losses. Good sources of iron are meat (especially red meat), liver, green leafy vegetables, pulses (beans, lentils), dried fruit, nuts and seeds, bread and fortified breakfast cereals. Iron from meat sources (haem iron) is readily absorbed by the body. Physical activity is important for maintaining energy balance and overall health. Then the prizes were distributed to all the winners of various competitions. The programme came to an end at 4 p.m.

International Women's Day Celebration

The International Women's day celebration started with a prayer service in the form of a skit and dance by the Department of Visual Communication. Miss. Kamalaveni of III B.Sc Botany welcomed the chief guest of the day Dr. Rajeswari, Vice-Principal and HoD of Tamil, M.I.E.T College of Arts and



Science, Tiruchirappalli, the Secretary Dr.(Sr.) Lilly, the Principal Dr.(Sr.) Jeusin Francis and the gathering. Dr. Rajeswari has been awarded as “Senthamizh Gnaiyiru”, and “Tamizh Magal”. A skit combined with dance was staged by the department of Botany, which stressed the atrocities faced by the women in our society and the warrior women who fought against them and won the world with their distinguishing characters. The department of Visual Communication staged a mime focusing on Gender Equality. The Chief Guest Dr. Rajeswari addressed the gathering with her thought provoking speech about women power. She spoke about the women like Kannagi in Silapathigaram and Seethai in Ramayanam where discrimination against women rooted its way. She also quoted that if Swamy Vivekananda were present he would have felt proud regarding the non-violent Jallikattu protest organized by the youth of Tamilnadu. She told that molding clay into a statue is in women's hands. The winners of Ma kolam conducted on 'Mann Vasana Day' were awarded prizes by the Chief Guest, the Secretary, and the Principal. Miss. Sharon of II B.Sc. Visual Communication delivered the vote of thanks. The departments of Visual Communication, Botany and Women's Studies Centre co-ordinated the day's program. The program came to an end with the College Anthem.

Information Dissemination

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

* Samyukta Journal

The Centre has purchased a journal called 'Samyukta' which is a journal of Women's Studies. *The journal* is a bi-annual publication of Women's Initiatives.

* Library

The Women's Studies Centre has been functioning a library by 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 women's condition are putting 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 (2016 – 2017) activities are available in the newsletter Volume - VII.

* 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 2016 – 17 is printed in the College magazine called Holy Rood every year. A copy of the magazine is available in WSC.

* Other Activities

Government of NCT of Delhi and Department of Women and Child Development for Child Care Homes/Institutions registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000

❖ Child Protection Module

❖ Care givers module on Child protection (child Abuse)

★ Poster on Basic Legal Awareness

WSC created a pamphlet on Basic legal awareness for the benefit of public. It was placed in many common places at Panchayat office, Schools, Temple, SHG building, bus stops, community halls important persons' house in the village

As part of dissemination the brochure on legal aid clinic camp dates and services of other Taluk level legal services authorities such as Thuraiyur, Manapalai, Lalgudi and Musiri with contact details were distributed and educated to people.

★ Student Project

As part of UG semester project Ms. Anisha of III BCA did a project on module /software creation on Certificate Course in Gender and Development track sheet and few data feeding options for the Centre

★ TNPSC Registration

An administrative staff struggled a lot to register for TNPSC Group IV examination. Many computer centers rejected to apply due to heavy rush in network since many tried to apply. WSC registered her application through a well known centre through constant follow-up. The staff profusely thanked the WSC.

Advocacy

Legal Aid Clinic (LAC)

The free Clinic is being run in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) of India since January 2013 without any fee from beneficiaries on all Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. They gave legal awareness on various issues. They also spoke to



many staff and students to clarify their doubts in person. 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, help such people, in drafting petitions, She distributed pamphlets and other materials in aid of legal education and literacy to the persons seeking legal services in the legal aid clinic as well as in the village. She also conducted legal awareness camps and created awareness through Campaigns at Villages. The beneficiaries of the current year is 506 students attended legal awareness sessions and 85 clarifications were made to address their personal problems either individually or during discussion in classrooms.

Success Stories

Story - I

One scholar sought help from the advocate last year regarding a whole lot of misunderstanding with her husband. There were no allegation between them. But their in-laws created a lot of problems between them. After nearly 2 hours of discussion, the scholar had accepted to refer to the District Legal Service Authority for discussion with her husband and family members. After 3 sittings in Lok Athalat the couple have decided to reunite with courage and strength.

Story - II

Ms.S.Alagammai who is a student of Law at Tamil Nadu National Law College, Tiruchirappalli did internship at District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli in the month of December 2016. She visited courts and jail. She also visited our legal aid clinic on 21 December 2016 to observe the working of the clinic. It was noted that Holy Cross College is the only college which she visited for observation.



Professional Support

The centre guided 2 candidates to register and study for the UGC – NET December 2016

Guided one teaching staff to study a paper on 'Women's Studies' in M.Ed.

Supplied material on “Feminism” to a staff's relative to write exam in M.Phil History

Strategies

Partnership

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

✧ With Other Departments of the College

- ❖ All the Departments
- ❖ National Service Scheme (NSS)

✧ Outside the College

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

✧ With Universities

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

Organization

Gender Champion Club

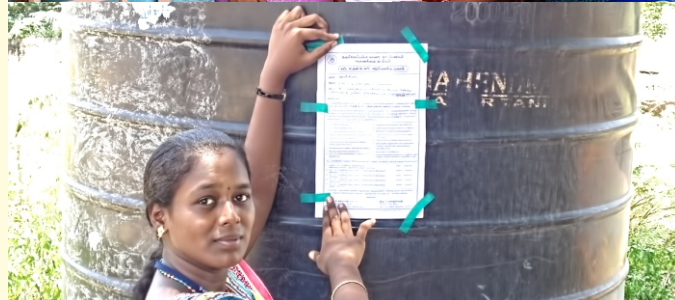
The University Grants Commission have given guidelines to implement Gender Champion Club at educational institutions. It is the joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Human Resource Development. Hence, the Gender Club which has been functioned in the College under Women's Studies Centre since 2011 was renamed as Gender Champion Club from June 2016.

As per the UGC norms, the Head of the Institution placed the guidelines/eligibility criteria in the general notice board as well as in the students' notice board of each department. Application forms were distributed to the interested students of I UG and PG since the II UG and III UG students were already the members who enrolled themselves in their I UG period. One month time was given to the members to complete the application process. The filled – in applications were received by the WSC. A screening committee consists

of GCC presidents and Secretary of Shift I & II and Co-ordinator of WSC selected candidates with the interaction with them under the guidance of the Head of the Institution. It was decided that students who scored less than 50% should be rejected and all the other can be selected since they showed much interest. The selected members were intimated.

Legal Awareness Campaign

The GCC member of II UG students of shift -I created awareness on the role of District Legal Services Authority to obtain free legal aid for the poor and needy people at Thirupanjili, Devimangalam,



Salakkadu (South), Sengudi, Paalayur, Thaluthalappatti, Ramagiripatti, Paachur, Thiruvasi, Ayikudi and Kuruvampatty during their visit on 6th August 2016, 20th August 2017 and 3rd September 2016. They guided the people about the procedure to obtain Legal Aid Clinic of Women's Studies Centre for legal assistance as well as from nearby or well-known courts such as Thuraiyur, Lalgudi, Manaparai, Musiri and District legal services Authority,

Tiruchirappalli. The students also distributed the pamphlets and stacked the basic legal Information brochure at the common places such as Panchayat office, Schools, Temple, SHG building, bus stops, community halls important persons' house in the village. Many village people actively participated in the programme and assured that they will pass on the information to others for their betterment.

Shift – I

Programme on Psychological Challenges faced by Women in the Modern Era

Gender Champion Club conducted an awareness Programme on Psychological Challenges faced by Women in the Modern Era on 14th October 2016 at



Shanthy hall, HCC. The programme was presided over by Dr.(Sr.) Jeusin Francis, Principal, HCC. Mr.A. Johnson Francis, Assistant Professor, Department of English, St.Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli was the chief guest who his speech explained about equality among people, with reference to Dr.Thomas A. Harris' book 'I'm OK – You're OK'. He advised them to use the four categories in their life and accept whether good or bad. Accept the things which they could not change. He also gave few tips about the ways to choose good friendship. He explained the four stages in life.

Programme on Gender Sensitization



The programme was conducted on 10th January 2017 at Shanthy's hall, HCC. Dr.S.Vasanthi, Advisor, Women's Studies Centre, presided over the meeting. The Chief Guest Dr. M. Angkayarkan Vinayaka Selvi, Assistant Professor of English, Bharathidasan University stated that Feminism is a lifelong practice and explained the evolution of Feminism. She explained the difference between sex and gender, four waves of feminism, essence of Simone de Beauvoir's book called "The Second Sex". As women we have to raise questions in favor of feminist. She also taught the students about the ways to analyze the depiction of women as objects of sexual pleasure in movies. She concluded that as women we should join together to end violence on women.

Programme on Feminism

A programme on Feminism was conducted on 15th February 2017 at Shanthy hall, HCC. Dr.S.Vasanthi, Advisor, Women's Studies Centre,



presided over the meeting. The resource person was Dr.A.Rajathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, St. Joseph's College, Trichy said Feminism is not against men, starting with the French Revolution until March 8 of this year, about the actions of the women, and Feminism, liberal feminism, radical feminism and socialist feminism. She stressed the need for women's involvement in politics. In public places, women are reluctant to speak out against injustices. As a remedy, a lot of women should develop reading books and give importance to the



Gender Champion Club (Shift – II) of Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli and District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli jointly conducted a legal awareness camp on 21st September 2016 at Community hall, Thirupanjali from 11.30 a.m. to 11.15 p.m. The Gender Champion Club members namely Hameem,M., Illakiya Vendhani, R., Dhanalakshmi, M. and Fathima of II B.A Eng 'A' (Shift - II) identified that there was a great need for legal awareness camp at Thirupanjali village on 20th August 2016 while they did legal awareness campaign. The need was reported addressed by conducting this programme.

development of women in the family structure.

Portrayal of Women in Media

Programme was conducted on the 'Portrayal of Women in Media' on 21st February 2017 at Shanthi's hall, HCC. Dr.S.Vasanthi, Advisor, Women's Studies Centre presided the programme. The Chief guest Ms.E.Lakshmi Devi, Assistant Professor of English, St.Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli shared her views on portrayal of women in which she said women are demoralized, objectified and used as visual probes on media. She further defined the three phases of women- feminine, feminist and female. At the end she concluded that you are not just girls. You mean a lot to your family. Don't lower yourself for anybody.

Shift – II



Legal Awareness Camp

Representing the village, Mr.Kannan presided the meeting. The chief guest Mr.Kumaresan, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli explained the importance of registering the birth certificate and to obtain the birth certificate within 30 days or atleast one year. If children deny to take care of their parents during their old age the parents have right to file case against children for maintenance. Children of second wife also have equal rights as first wife's children. Procuring death certificate is always good to solve problems. 3 years of prison sentence is applicable for eve teasing. Many women got clarification regarding inheritance, getting heir certificate and death certificate, problem in retrieving pawning and harassment. One matrimonial case was referred to Lok Adalat of District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli. The participants thanked the organizers for the useful programme.

Programme on Are Women Mud Sculptures?

An awareness Programme was conducted on 18th October 2016 at Shanthi hall, HCC. The programme was presided over by Dr.(Sr.) Jeusin Francis, Principal, HCC. Dr.S.Vasanthi, Advisor, Women's Studies Centre honored the chief guest Dr.K.Mythili, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, Periyar



EVR College, Tiruchirappalli with a memento. The resource person stressed on the importance of the women's knowledge, nature of the modern world and explained the ways to live our life in a peaceful manner. She mentioned some stories about the disadvantages of the social networks such as Facebook and whatsapp and advised students to use it for productive purposes and to avoid putting up personal photos. She also helped them realize the parents' love and their care. She also insisted that they should keep a little distance from the opposite sex. At last she demonstrated some exercises to get relief from pain.



Programme on Gender Equality

Programme on Gender Equality was conducted on 24th November 2016 at Sophie Hall, HCC. The resource person Ms.A.Mary Anbarasi, Senior Manager, Grama Vidiyal Micro Finance, Tiruchirappalli explained the difference between sex and gender, gender stereotyping. Birth of a male child is celebrated than that of a female baby. She stated various areas of gender inequality that exist in the society and ways to prevent them including politics. She advised that the women must be economically independent. As Periyar said we have to trust ourselves first only then we can achieve anything in the world. The programme came to an end at 1 p.m.

Programme on Impact of Economic Liberalization on Women

Programme on Impact of Economic Liberalization on Women was conducted on 23rd February 2017 at Shanthi hall, HCC. The resource person Dr.M.Bhvaneshwari, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Priyar E.V.R College, Tiruchirappalli enriched the participants' mind about the day-to-day life of human beings in modern world. She quoted many poems of Bharathiyar on



empowerment. Economic development of each family is being stressed upon by women. She said that the beauty of women lies her heart and not just her physical appearance. She insisted that all women should come out of their fear. She said that we must think positively and give respect to parents. Finally she influenced the participants through valuable stories. The real economic development of our country lies in the hands of the youth by being good citizens who can help others.

Study Circle

Theme: Role of Women and Men in the Society with Gender perspectives



Study Circle was conducted for the Gender Club members of Shift – II on 6th March 2017 at Shanthi hall, HCC. Five videos related to Gender Inequality and one video on Purchasing Attitude were screened for 17 students. Students discussed the role of a homemaker. It was agreed that women's household work should be recognized and importance of men's contribution in household work also stressed.

Members agreed to be change agents to create a gender-just society in the future by educating and practising equality in the society and among family members.

Women's Cell (Shift I)

Programme on “Woman – The Unstoppable Power”

Women's Cell of Women's Studies Centre conducted a programme on “Woman – The



Unstoppable Power” on 18th July 2016 at Shanthi hall, HCC. The meeting was presided by Dr.S.Vasanthi, Advisor, Women's Studies Centre. The resource person Dr. S. Ally Sornam, Associate Professor and Head, PG and Research Department of Library and Information Science & Dean of Staff & Student Welfare, Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. She started her speech with God related quotes. She made the students understand that time is the biggest resource and if spent fully cannot be taken back. So women should utilize each and every day to improve their knowledge and development level. Women should have at least 10 years of goal which will help them to lead their life well positively. She also advised that women should handle their problems as the trainer of lion controls and handled it.

Programme on Women Empowerment



Programme on women empowerment was conducted on 11th February 2017 at Shanthi hall, HCC. Dr.(Sr.) Jeusin Francis, Principal, HCC presided the programme. Dr.K.Kavitha Maheswari, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Shrimathi Indira Gandhi College, Tiruchirappalli, the chief guest stated that women should develop basic knowledge about Economic, political and social aspect. In order to develop themselves women's awareness should be based on Women's freedom, identity, independence, problem solving, and decision-making.

Legal Awareness Programme



Ms.Shanawaz, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli interacted with students on 22nd February 2017 by providing various legal information. Due to lack of legal awareness the women become the victim of cheating by the in-laws and society. As per the Indian constitution all are equal before the law. Even the educated women have the fear to approach court or police station due to less knowledge about legal proceedings. The women should be more cautious of how to use her signature for anything. Since we have lot of laws for women's protection, women need not fear about the legal procedure. She stated that knowledge and experience make women better citizens. Women have full right to get share from their parents' property. She also clarified students' doubts.

Southern Regional Workshop for UGC Women's



Studies Centres to Develop Inclusive, Development Oriented Curriculum in Women's Studies

Center for Women's Studies, Bangalore University in collaboration with University Grants Commission, New Delhi conducted a Two days Southern Regional Workshop to Develop Inclusive, Development Oriented Curriculum in Women's Studies for UGC Women's Studies Centres on 21st & 22nd March, 2017 at Senate Hall, Jnanabharathi Campus, Bangalore University. The target group of the workshop was Directors/Co-ordinators. Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre participated in the meeting. During the inaugural session, the Chief Guest of the workshop was Ms. Archana Thakur, Joint Director, University Grants Commission, New Delhi who stated the core aim of workshop in line with Women's Studies Centre. Hon'ble Justice Dr.M.Rama Jois, Former Governor of Bihar & Jharkhand and Former Chief Justice, Former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) delivered the keynote address. The guests of honour were Dr.Meena Chandawarkar, Chairperson, Women's Studies Centre, UGC and Prof.K.N. Ninge Gowda, Registrar, Bangalore University. Prof. Jagadeesh Prakash, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University presided the meeting. During the discussion session, the Joint Director answered the doubts of Certain Centres regarding fund release and fund utilization. Regarding unreleased 3 or 4 years grant she advised to have her or the Chief accountant contact number for clarification. With regard to the smooth functioning of clarification with regard to fund release she advised to create google groups or whatsapp group. Dr.Meena Chandawarkar, Chairperson, Women's Studies Centre, UGC also accepted to take steps to create groups in Whatsapp and Google. Various resource persons spoke on the topics such as needs and challenges of Women's

Studies as an academic discipline. There was an open session on Reflection from women's Studies Centre and Cells of southern region and drafting agenda for action, Panel discussion on 'Role of Women's Studies in addressing women's issues Karnataka and seven strategic papers on key areas of focus by UGC. The Directors and other staff who participated in the workshop prepared a documents with the subject 'Representation of Issues and Concerns of UGC Women's Studies Centres – request for Immediate action' and was addressed to Prof. Meena Chandawarkar, Chairperson, Women's Studies Centre, UGC to address the grievances. The file was handed over to her at the meeting.

Accomplishment :

- ❖ Offered Certificate Course in Gender and Development
- ❖ Discussion on gender in Study Circle
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Women development based activities conducted under Women's Cell
- ❖ Library and documentation
- ❖ Information displayed in notice board

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