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From the Editor.....

Women's Studies Centre

It is with great delight that the eight edition of HCC Women's Studies Centre (WSC) Newsletter is released. I am really encouraged by the feedback received from various sources. We are seeing more multi-partner practices with an increasing amount of work being undertaken in the Centre. The major hallmark of this year's activity was the National Commission for Women, New Delhi funded 'Legal Awareness Competition'. The certificate course students received many prizes in 'Gender Fest' competition conducted by the Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. WSC Representatives from each department were the strong pillars of major activities of the Centre. Rally on Gender Walk was well appreciated by many, including press personnel. I realize that we are going from strength to strength, helping more people, improving our Centre and taking up unique activities for the betterment of the society. Our 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, Women's Cell and Gender Champion Club members.

Teaching

Foundation Course on Gender Studies

A course on Gender Studies is offered to all the II UG students except II BASLP Audiology and Speech Language Pathology as per the guidelines of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. A total of 1426 students benefited from the course in this 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 in the even semester for the sixth year. A total of 30 students from the departments of Chemistry, Computer Science, English and Mathematics registered and benefited from this course.



Training

Training Programme on Life Skills Education

The training programme on Life Skills Education on children was conducted for the IUG students of Gender Champion Club of both Shift I and Shift II on



22nd October 2017 and 24th October 2017 to educate the children between 9 years to 12 years of age who are living in slums in Tiruchirappalli. Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre trained the students on the activities. Ten students attended the training programme.

Social Work Trainees

Mr. R. Vigneshwaran and Ms. S. Mangaiyarkarasi, I MSW students of Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Tiruchirappalli underwent a field work training as part of their curriculum at the Centre during the even Semester. The trainee was given orientation on gender sensitization, social work methods and assisted in the work at the Centre for experience.

Research

Interviews

Our Certificate Course students conducted a qualitative study which included interviews with 31 women as part of the practical work. They have recorded the motivation, achievements and challenges of the interviewed women. These videos help to motivate many other women to get encouragement.

Quantitative Research

Research on Pregnant Women's Attitude towards Child Sex Preference and menstrual hygiene was conducted

Seed Money Research

Ms.R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, HCC has got seed money from the College to conduct a research on Life Skills Education for Adolescent Girls in the Slums of Tiruchirappalli

Proposals Applied

Preliminary Application form for International Community Access to Child Health Grant Program (ICATCH) on the topic 'Health care education promotion project for the betterment of rural school children' was applied.

The Centre conducted Legal Awareness Competition funded (Rs. 28,500/-) by National Commission for Women, New Delhi.

Field Action

- **National Nutrition Week Celebration**

Women's Studies Centre of Holy Cross College started its first day of National Nutrition Week Celebration with Matching the Vitamins competition

for male students on 1st September 2017 at Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. Dr.(Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli inaugurated the event. Ms. P. Shuganya., Social Worker, PRATHAM, Tiruchirappalli was the judge of the event.



A Nutritional Quiz competition was conducted on 2nd September 2017. The judge of the event was Ms. N. Jayalakshmi, Teacher, New Bharath Nursery and Primary School, Thanjavur. On 4th September 2017, 'Poster Presentation on Nutrition for Adolescents' was conducted at Sophie's hall for UG students of Shift - II.



Speech Competition on Nutrition for Adolescents was conducted at Sophie's hall for UG Students of Shift - I. There were 8 and 14 students who participated in the competition respectively.

On 6th September 2017, Oral Quiz on 'Nutrition for Adults' was conducted for nuns who are students.



Dr.(Sr.) Rajakumari, Head, Department of History and Vice Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli judged the event and selected 3 winners. The second activity was 'Princess Parade on Nutrition' for administrative staff on 6th September 2017. Dr. M. Isai, Assistant Professor of Zoology, Seethalakshmi Ramaswami College(Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli was the judge.

The valedictory function of National Nutrition Week Celebration was held on 7th September 2017. Dr. P. Nagalakshmi, Vice Principal and Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College presided over the valediction.

Dr.J. Prabha., Gynecologist, Wellcare Hospital, Tiruchirappalli was the chief guest and she emphasized that hygiene is more important than nutrition. All the winners of the various competitions of the National Nutrition Week celebration were given prizes.

- **Seminar on Women Laws and Cyber Crime**

District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli and Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli jointly conducted a 'Seminar on Women Laws and Cyber Crime' on 22nd September 2017 at Holy Cross College with the aim of creating awareness on women's laws. Dr.(Sr.) Isabella Rajakumari, Vice Principal, presided and spoke on the importance of legal awareness to women. Following her, Advocate Gowsalya talked about the present problems and structure and services of District Legal Services Authority. Mrs.Geetha, Sub-judge and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli talked



about rules and regulations to be followed by the College students and the importance of license while driving. Ms.Jothilakshmi, Advocate addressed the students on Ragging issues and laws related to curling it. Ms.Sridevi, Advocate spoke about the social media and its role in women empowerment. The II B.Com and III B.A History students benefited from this programme. The National Service Scheme (NSS) programme officers namely Dr.P. Shanthi, Assistant Professor of Botany, Dr,P. Maria Sophia, Assistant Professor Economics, Ms.M.L. Eileen Brisha and Ms.S.Mariena Kamala Brinda Noel, Assistant Professor of English, and Ms.G. Elizabeth Rani, Assistant Professor of Tamil attended the seminar.

- **Legal Awareness Programme**

The legal awareness programme was conducted on 5th October 2017. The programme was presided over by Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, HCC.





The resource person Mr. M.Chinamani, Advocate delivered a talk on rights and responsibilities of Indian citizens, procedure to obtain birth certificate, community certificate, marriage registration, women's property rights and domestic violence against women act. There were 61 participants in the training programme.

Life Skills Education Programme

WSC conducted an programme on Life Skills Education for the 13 female children on 28th December 2018



at Kudi street, Sembattu Tiruchirappalli. Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli along with the members of Gender Champion Club and Social Work trainees. The activities such as knowing yourself, importance of education, women empowerment concepts, self-defense and social awareness

were conducted. The students were actively participated. Male children requested to conduct activities for them also.

• Legal Awareness Creation at Holy Cross College Community Radio

One of our active volunteers Ms. Mahalakshmi.V, of II B.Sc. Botany did a programme on various laws pertaining to women such as registration of birth, death registration, obtaining community certificate, domestic violence, dowry prohibition act, Marriage registration act, Prevention of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 and Sexual harassment of Women at Work Place Act.

• Programme on Health and Hygiene

A Programme on Health and Hygiene was held on 23rd January 2013 for the people of Kudi Street, Sembattu, Tiruchirappalli. Dr.P. Nagalakshmi, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science & Vice Principal, HCC presided over the programme and thanked the village leaders for their support for the conduct of the programme. The resource persons were



Mr. K. Devi Padmanaban, Field Publicity Officer and Mr. K. Ravindran, Assistant Field Publicity Officer, Directorate of Field Publicity, Tiruchirappalli. They requested the participants to use toilets and educated the children to be aware of the causes for each disease. Government of India's schemes related to cleanliness and programmes were distributed to the people.

• National Voters' Day Celebration

The NSS unit and Women Studies Centre of Holy Cross College(Autonomous), Trichy, jointly celebrated

National Voters' Day on 25th January 2018. The chief guests of the programme were Mr. K. Devi Padmanaban, Field Publicity Officer, Trichy and Mr. K. Ravindran, Assistant Field Publicity Officer,

College, Tiruchirappalli along with Ms.Monisha and Ms.Debo of I.B.A English conducted the activities from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

• Programme on Gender Sensitization through Life Skills Education

Programme on Gender Sensitization through Life Skills Education for boys was conducted on 8th February 2018 at Saveriyarkovil street, Puthur, Tiruchirappalli from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli along with Ms.S.Merlin, Ms.S.Santina and Ms.Monisha of I.B.A English and Gender Champion Club members.



Directorate of Field Publicity, Tiruchirappalli spoke about the role and responsibility of voters and the importance of Election Commission.

• Programme on Life Skills Education

WSC in collaboration with Child Line, SOC SEAD, Tiruchirappalli conducted an awareness programme on Life Skills Education for the female children on 6th February 2018 at Koothur,



Manachanellur block, Trichirappalli. Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross



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• **Basic Legal Awareness Programmes**

A basic legal awareness programme was conducted to all the Shift I Part VI wings in the College during their Part VI contact hours such as ROTARACT, EXNORA, Red Ribbon Club, AICUF, Come Alive and

Youth Red Cross on different dates such as 5th October 2017, 21st November 2017 , 29th November 2017, 10th January 2018 and 20th February 2018.

International Women's Day Celebration

International Women's Day 2018 was started with a prayer on 8th March 2018 at 11.30 a.m.. Mr.Seeman, Chief-Coordinator, Naam Tamilar Katchi was the chief guest of the programme. Dr.(Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College and Dr.(Sr.) Lilly, Secretary, Holy Cross College honored the chief guest



with a shawl and memento. The Chief Guest gave an elaborative speech on the current situation of women and need for their empowerment. On the eve of Women's Day, the College conducted various competitions for shift-I students namely What is in your bag?, Balls with Chopsticks, Tossing the Coin, Time Management game, Sculpting, Essay writing and debate. For shift II students competitions such as Essay writing in Tamil and English, Elocution in Tamil and English, Group singing, Rangoli, Mime and Tableau were conducted. Winners of various competitions received their prizes. More than 4500 students participated in the programme. The programme arrangements were made by Departments of Computer Science, Department of Social Work and Women's Studies Centre.

Information Dissemination

As a part of dissemination of information, the Centre has been documenting newspaper clippings on various issues and success achieved by women. Articles on gender are also documented in the Centre.

The Centre's notice board acts as a resource for students and staff to learn present condition of women.

The Centre also disseminates the programme reports which were published in newspaper for the benefit of all the students.

The pamphlets containing the functioning of legal aid clinic and persons eligible for the free legal service (Advocate for case) is pasted in all most all the class rooms.

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

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.

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

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

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

The activities of the WSC are disseminated through its newsletter every year. The current year (2017 – 2018) activities are available in the newsletter Volume - VIII.

Activities of the Women's Studies Centre for the academic year 2017 – 18 is printed in the College magazine called Holy Rood every year. A copy of the magazine is available in WSC.

The Centre has been a member in the WhatsApp group called 'Women – South Connect'. It has been created by Centre for Women's Studies, Periyar University, Salem

The Centre has created a WhatsApp group called 'Queen' to disseminate the activities of the Centre to teaching staff within the College which has 115 staff

Advocacy

Awareness Campaign on Legal Aid Clinic Activities

Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, HCC created awareness on the activities of Legal Aid Clinic



during association meetings and class room visits. The advocates visit the Clinic on all Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. They have to get appointment from the WSC before the visit.



They can clarify their doubts with the advocate in the Clinic with much privacy. The personal problems of the clients are kept confidential. If time permits the advocate will talk to III UG students on women specific laws in the class rooms. If any person/family wants to file a case and find it difficult due to lack of money, the Clinic will get the request petition from them and forward to the District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli for free legal aid. The Co-ordinator has disseminated the above information to majority of the departments.

Legal Aid Clinic (LAC)

The free Legal Aid Clinic in collaboration with and funded by District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli has been functioning in the college.



They function on all Wednesdays and the legal aid advocate gives advice to individuals in need. Totally 494 persons benefited from the legal awareness and 86 persons got guidance to solve their personal problems. The Centre also forwarded a petition to District Legal Services Authority to reunite a family.

Legal Awareness Competition on Legal Rights of Women

As per the guidelines of National Commission for Women, the Centre conducted “Legal Awareness competition on Legal Rights of Women” on 24th November 2017. There were 219 students from various department of shift I & II participated.



Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli presided over the function. The Chief Guest was Dr.G. John, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, St.Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli who appreciated the initiative taken by the college through the Centre and distributed the prizes on 30th November 2017 .



Wings of Women’s Studies Centre

Meeting with Active Volunteers / Department wise Representatives

The active volunteers concept is a new initiative suggested by Dr.M.Mary Jayanthi, Assistant Professor of English and Dean of Students. A member representative selected from II UG from all the departments disseminated Centre’s activities to their respective department. The members attended meetings at WSC and supported in possible ways.

Gender Champion Club (Shift - I)

As per the guidelines of University Grants Commission and Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Centre has been functioning as Gender Champion Club in the College. The information regarding enrollment and club activities had been



placed in different places in the campus. As per the meeting the club has been added under Part-VI which is mandatory for all the members for degree completion and the marks will be included in the mark sheet. The details regarding Gender Champion Club were placed in the Students' notice board and at the entrance to the college ground. The Part – VI meeting for enrollment of Students for various clubs was held on VI day last hour in the odd semester and first day order in the even semester.

• **Seminar on Legal Rights of Women**

Gender Champion Club of Women's Studies Centre and District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli jointly conducted a Seminar on Legal Rights for Women on 12th July 2017 at Sophie's hall, HCC. Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College presided over the Seminar. Mrs.Geetha, Secretary and Sub-Judge, District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli explained the ways in which Mobile



Gender Champion Club Meeting

On 9th August 2017, the Club meeting was held at Room No.115. The details regarding Certificate course on Women and Law was shared with students. The 51st International Literacy Day (ILD) was observed which was celebrated on 8th September, 2017 The theme announced by UNESCO is 'Literacy in a digital world'. Group activities were also done to disseminate the importance of women's education as well as development.

• **Speech on 'Gender and Media'**

Dr.William John Bosco, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of English, Periyar EVR College, Tiruchirappalli delivered a speech on 'Gender and Media' on 23rd January 2018 at Shanthi hall, HCC for



the students of Gender Champion Club. He screened the videos related to male domination stating women's sub ordinate position and psychology behind patriarchal



phone, Two wheeler driving and internet help women's safety and if they fail to use properly they face lot of problems. Advocate. Sridevi advised to acquire voter identity card at the correct time and should exercise the voting power. At last, Mr.Gowthaman, Magistrate, District Court, Tiruchirappalli mentioned the importance of various laws for women's protection and advised to use the laws properly.

• **Programme on Women's Condition**

The Programme on Women's Condition was conducted on 3rd August 2017 at Sophie's hall, HCC. The resource person Ms.Sasirekha, Assistant Professor of Tamil, Cauvery College for Women, Tiruchirappalli spoke on women's condition, women achievers, importance of women's education and quoted some courageous words from Tamil sangam.

society. He also sensitized the students to become aware of gender equality

• **Study Circle on Gender Stereo Typing for Boys**

WSC in collaboration with Child Line, SOC SEAD, Tiruchirappalli conducted a Study Circle on Gender Stereo typing for Boys on 6th February 2018 at Koothur, Manachanellur block, Trichirappalli.



Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women’s Studies Centre, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli along with Ms.Monisha and Ms. Debo of I B.A English conducted the activities from 6.15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Women’s Cell & Gender Champion Club (Shift-II)

The Gender Champion Club of Shift II, Holy Cross College started its activities for the year 2017-18 with the Inauguration of the Club. Ms.V.S. Deerkalakshmi, Assistant Professor, Department of English (Shift-II) and Ms.A. Francisca Vincy, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics (Shift - II) have taken the responsibility of conducting activities under the banner of Gender Champion Club (Shift - II).

Programme on Women Development

Gender Champion Club and Women’s Cell students of shift-II were the participants for the programme conducted on 29th November 2017. The resources person was Dr.S. Karuthan, Assistant Professor of Tamil, National College, Trichy, who addressed the students on the topic “Bravery of historical Tamil Women”



Programme on Gender Sensitization

In order to create Gender sensitization among the students, a programme was conducted on 4th December 2017. Ms.P. Sathya , Assistant Professor, St. Joseph’s Institute of Management, Trichy spoke on the “Need



for Gender Sensitization” and focused on the fact that both men and women are equal. She stressed on the importance of freedom that should be given and taken with care and use it with an eye of concise.

A Healthy Woman is a Happy Woman

On 10th January 2018, a programme was conducted for I UG Shift II Gender Champion Club students to insist on the necessity of maintaining good health especially for adolescent girls, Ms.A. Priya, Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College, Trichy spoke

on the topic , “A healthy woman is a happy woman” and advised the students to have their food at regular intervals. She also advised the students to follow a healthy food habit to avoid serious problems.



Speech on Nutraceuticals

Dr.S. Catherin Sara, Assistant Professor of Botany, Holy Cross College, Trichy gave a talk on “Women and Nutraceuticals” to the first year shift -II students on 23rd January 2018. In her speech, she educated the students about the term ‘Nutraceuticals’ which is a



combination of “nutrient” (a nourishing food component) and “pharmaceutical” (a medical drug) which was coined in 1989 by Stephen De Felice. She highlighted the nutritional values of foods which are forgotten in the present modernized.

Feminism in Arts

The club conducted a meeting on 7th February 2018, Dr. Prema Joshua, Assistant Professor of English, Cauvery College, Trichy was the chief guest and she spoke on the topic “Feminism in Tamil movies”. She screened the scenes from famous Tamil movies and insisted on how a woman should be bold enough to face the problems.



Rally on Gender Walk

Around 200 members of both shift-I and Shift-II members of the Gender Champion Club and Women’s Cell organized a ‘Rally on Gender Walk’ on 22nd



February 2018. It was inaugurated by Mr. A.K. Kamal Kishore, IAS, Sub Collector, Trichy in the presence of Dr. Sr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross



College. The theme of the Rally was “Women and Men are equal” and gender roles of Women could be shared by men and vice versa.

Women's Cell

Awareness Programme on Women's Greatness

Women's Cell conducted an awareness programme on Women's Greatness on 11th July 2017. Dr.(Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College



presided over the meeting. Rev.Fr.Paneer Selvam spoke on the values and greatness of being women. The next chief guest Sr.Lillian Mary motivated women to tackle cheater

Programme on Data Mining for Women

A programme on Data Mining was conducted on 10th January 2018. Ms.Chitra,K, Assistant Professor of



Computer Science, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli explained the basic usage of data mining in our day-to-day life

Programme on Women Empowerment

The programme on 'Women Empowerment' started at 12.45 p.m. with prayer. The resource person of the programme was Ms.V. Daisy Rani, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli in which she stated she stated the current issues faced by women and remedies to overcome the situation with women's empowerment and men's good support.



Programme on Self-Motivation

A programme on Self-Motivation was conducted on 20th February 2018 at Shanthi's hall, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. Mr. S.Santosh, Board Member



of Lions Club Tiruchirappalli delivered the speech where he motivated the participants to do good things with courage and good planning.

Details of Participation:

Co-ordinator's Participation

Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, WSC attended the following Programmes

- Symposium on "Breaking the Ceiling for Women Empowerment: Cynicism Vs Trust" conducted by Centre for Women's Studies, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore on 1st November 2017
- Two days seminar on 'Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Women and Youth' conducted by Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli and Women Entrepreneurs Association of Tamilnadu (WEAT) on 28th and 29th June 2017.
- National Seminar on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place" hosted by the All India Institute for Human Values & Resource Development, a unit of All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE), New Delhi on 25th and 26th August 2017 at AIACHE Centre, New Delhi
- One Day Regional Convention on 'UGC Women's Studies Centres – Current Status and Way Forward' conducted by Regional Association for Women's

Studies (RAWS) and Women's Studies Centre, Justice Basheer Ahamed College, Chennai on 4th August 2017

- National Workshop on Psychological First Aid conducted by Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 25th September 2017

Students' Participation

Training Programme Participated/Attended

A total of eight students of II B.A Economics as well as Women's Cell members namely Ms.S. Gomathi, Ms.R. Chitrangi, Ms.P.Nasreen Banu, Ms.S. Sakira Banu, Ms.T. Elavarasi, Ms.Humaira Jameel, Ms.S. Uma and Ms.S. Sawmiya participated in the Two Day Seminar on "Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Women and Youth" conducted by Women Entrepreneurs Association of Tamilnadu (WEAT) and Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 28th and 29th June 2017 at St.Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli.

Four Gender Champion Club members namely Ms.K. Lavanya, III B.Sc Botany, Ms.A. Mubeen Sulthana, II B.A English, Ms.S. Rulakshana, II B.A English and Ms.X. Rachel Arputha, II B.A English participated in a Two Day Legal Awareness Camp for College Students conducted by District Social Welfare Board, Tiruchirappalli and National Commission for Women, New Delhi on 19th and 20th July 2017 at TMSSS Campus, Tiruchirappalli.

The students namely Ms.Afifa Sherin.H, II B.A History, Catherine Sujatha. J, II BBA, Jacintha Carolin.J, II Physics, Lavanya. K, III B.Sc Botany, Sharly.V, II B.A Economics, and Humaira Jameel, II B.A Economics participated in the legal



Awareness competition conducted by the Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli and sponsored by National Commission on Women, Government of India on 27th October 2017. Ms.Afifa Sherin.H, II B.A History received II prize and Humaira Jameel, II B.A Economics secured III prize

The Women's Cell and Gender Champion Club students of Shift – I (12 students) and Shift –II 32 students participated in the 'New Model Legal

University, Tiruchirappalli on 6th March 2018. The students have got the following prizes.



Services Camp' on Rights and Welfare Schemes for Women and Children on 30th January 2018 organized by District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli

Department of Gender Studies, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development organized a *Poster Making competition* for College Students as part of *International Women's Day Celebrations* on March 8, 2018 at their Campus on the themes such as 1. "Empowering Men Towards Gender Equality", 2. "Changing Women's Lives Through Gender Equality" 3. "Women Empowerment Issues and Challenges". The students namely Glory.P, II B.Sc., Computer Science (Shift - II), Jeyalakshmi.A, II-B.Sc. Computer Science (Shift - II), Kiruthigadevi.S, I-B.Sc. Mathematics 'A'(Shift - II), Nandhini.N, II-B.Sc. Mathematics (Shift - II), Sarmila Devi.S, II-B.Sc. Computer Science(Shift - II), Sathiya Devi. K, II B.Sc. Computer Science(Shift - II), Shanmugi.T, I B.Sc. Mathematics 'B'(Shift - II), Suruthi.BL, I B.Sc. Mathematics 'A' (Shift - II),

Gender Fest Competition Participation and Prizes

'Gender Fest' competitions on the theme "Towards Gender Equality: Promoting the Agency" conducted by Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan



- Ms. N.Jasmine Indra, Ms. S.Kowsalya, Ms.A.Siva Shanthi, Ms. A.Muthu Thaiyal Nayaki, Ms. M.Vinitha and Ms.J.Deepika of II B.Sc. Visual Communication received I prize in drama.
- S.Kiruthiga Devi, I Mathematics 'A' (S-II) won the III prize in Essay Writing (English)
- Ms. S. Kowsalya, II B.Sc. Visual Communication won the II prize in Storytelling
- Ms. S. Kowsalya, II B.Sc. Visual Communication won the II prize in Documentary films and video production
- Ms.BL.Suruti, I B.Sc. Mathematics 'A' (S-II) Poetry writing – Tamil won the III prize in Poetry writing – Tamil
- Ms.N. Nandhini, II B.Sc. Mathematics 'A' (S-II) won the III prize in Poetry writing – English

Others

UGC's Autonomous Review Team Visit

The UGC Autonomous review committee visited the various departments of the College on 10th and 11th August 2017. The members of the review committee, who visited the Campus were Prof.S. Niranjali Devi, Head, Department of Biochemistry, University of Madras, Chennai, Sr.Juanita, Former Principal, Holy Spirit Convent, Kushalnagar, N.Coorg, Karnataka, Prof.S. Valsala Kumary, Principal, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, Cochin, and Dr.Ramu R.Rao, Principal, RBVRR College for Women (Autonomous), Narayanguda, Hyderabad. Nominee of State Government was Dr.M.M. Senthamil Selvi, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Tiruchirappalli and the nominees of affiliating University were Dr.L.Uma, Professor, Department of Marine Biotechnology,



Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli and Dr.S. Salil, Education Officer, University Grants Commission, South-Western Regional Office, Bangalore. Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, HCC presented the activities with its milestones to UGC team on 11th August 2017 at Sophie's hall, HCC. While they asked about the outcome of the activities, the Co-ordinator stated the success stories of stopping the domestic violence, reunion of two couples and people's request to conduct conference to publish articles in books. The Co-ordinator also requested the panel members to help the Centre to receive the pending funds from UGC. As part of follow-up an official e-mail sent to Dr.Salil, UGC Team Member on Autonomous Review sent on 16th August

2017. Dr.Salil sent a reply to inform the undersigned of the letter on 17th August 2017. The reply also was sent on 14th September 2017.

Signing in National Convention on Women's Studies Centre

The Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, HCC and Ms.S. Senthamari, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, HCC were unable to participate in the National Convention on Women's Studies Centre on 23rd August 2017 at New Delhi since they booked the ticket to participate in the Seminar conducted by AICHE on 25th and 26th August 2017 at New Delhi. So both signed in the convention on 24th August 2017 at Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS) office, New Delhi.

Recognition of Services

The President and Secretary of Gender Champion Club Shift I, Shift II and Women's Cell were appreciated with shield and certificate at the valedictory



function held on 14th March 2018 at Our Lady's hall, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli.

Other Activities

Model CV was given to a non-teaching staff for her nephew (Sister's daughter) on 3 July 2017.

The Co-ordinator guided one Ph.D scholar regarding procedures in submitting her Ph.D synopsis at Bharathidasan University

Guided two Ph.D scholars to submit their Ph.D Thesis in terms of Bharathidasan University's procedure

The Centre guides students to register for UGC – NET and supply material to prepare for Paper I. If any person find difficult to get their online NET qualified certificate, the Centre gave guidance.

Partnership

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

a) With Other Departments of the College

- All the teaching Departments
- All Part IV wings such as National Cadet Corp, National Service Scheme, AICUF, Rotaract, Come Alive, Disaster Management Club, Financial Literacy Club, Consumer Club, Red Ribbon Club and Youth Red Cross

b) Outside the College

- District Legal Service Authority, Tiruchirappalli
- Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumpudur
- Centre for Women's Studies, Cauvery College for Women, Tiruchirappalli
- Centre for Women's Studies, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- Centre for Women's Studies, Periyar University, Salem
- All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE), New Delhi
- District Collectorate, Tiruchirappalli
- Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli
- Department of Social Work, Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Tiruchirappalli

c) With Universities

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

d) Funding Agency

- National Commission for Women, Government of India, New Delhi

Success Story

The Centre guided a College to start a Gender Champion Club as per the guidelines of Ministry of Women and Child Development. The staff were supported and directed through e-mail and phone call regarding club initiation.

Accomplishment :

Offered Certificate Course in Gender and Development

Conducted a Legal Awareness Competition funded by National Commission for Women

Discussion on gender in Study Circle at communities

Legal Aid Clinic functioned in association with District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli

Offered a course on Gender studies for II UG students

Celebrated National Nutrition Week

Conducted legal awareness programmes for Part VI wings

Conducted various awareness programmes on gender in Gender Champion Club

Conducted a rally on Gender Walk

Women development based activities conducted under Women's Cell

Library and documentation

Information displayed in notice board

International women's day celebration

Research work

Participated in the programme organized by phase II Centre

Certificate course students got prizes in 'Gender Fest Competitions'

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