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From the Editor.....

It is my great honor to pen the tenth edition of HCC Women's Studies Centre (WSC) Newsletter. With the Almighty's Grace the Centre along with Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) sponsored a National Seminar and National Commission for Women, New Delhi, sponsored a Legal Awareness Programme. A Certificate Course in Women and Law was offered twice this year and received good response from students. Students' participated in various programmes and brought laurels to the centre by winning many prizes in Gender Fest competition which made the Centre more visible to the public. WSC Student Representatives played a pivotal role in conducting various activities. I extend my Sincere thanks to the Management, Principal, Heads of all the departments, Task Force Committee Members, Gender Champion Club members, students volunteers and public for the successful functioning of the WSC this year.

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 as per the norms of the Bharathidasan University. Since 2011 in the Odd semester the Centre follows the University provided syllabus and text books which are available in English and Tamil. Students can choose to write their exams either in Tamil or English since the language should not be a barrier to express their views. Two internal tests for 50 marks are conducted and an exam for 50 marks in the external examination as a part of evaluation. 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 the eighth year. Ms. R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre and Dr.K. Dhanalakshimi, Assistant Professor of Mathematics are in-charge of



handling the classes. Teaching methods used in the course were case studies, Group discussions, screening of movies and videos, class- room teaching with the support of chalk and talk method and power point presentations. 26 students have enrolled for the course. Due to COVID 19 issue, students were unable to write semester/final exam.

c) Certificate Course in Women and Law

This course has been offered from the academic year (2019 - 2020) with an aim to create legal awareness about women specific laws as well as to capacitate them to face challenges in the legal



procedures for day to day needs. The duration of the course is 30 hours. Students must attend a minimum of 26 hours to acquire a certificate as well as do field work and submit assignments.

Training

Training Programme Participated/Attended by Students

❖ Training of Trainers Workshop for Gender Champion Club Volunteers

Gender Champion Club members of III B.Sc. Mathematics (Shift-II) A.Nila, R.Sowndharya, S.Ilakkiya, S.Kaviya, A.Suruthi Ananthi, J.Vimala, P.Sangeetha Priya, T.Prithika, S.Revathi, S.Anusri, S.Kiruthiga Devi, M.Ramajeyam, G.Karpagavalli, X.Maria Jenifer, S.Gowri, M.Preethi, BL. Suruthi participated in A One Day "Training of Trainers (ToT) for Gender Champions - 2019" on 29 August 2019 organized by the Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.

❖ Explore Expose 2019 Contest

The following students of our college participated in the 'Explore Expose 2019 contest' (Residential) organize by Auxi-Bosco, Nagamangalam, Thuvarankurichy, Trichy from 12th to 14th September 2019. Ms. Celsia, Ms.Femina, Ms.Senakla, Ms.Sandhiya, Ms.Nivetha, Ms.Merline, Ms.Doona of II B.A History, Ms.Parkavai, I B.Sc. Chemistry 'B', Ms.Kishalini, Ms.RajRajeshwari of I B.A. History, Ms. Nivedhitha M, Ms. Roshini Mariyam Sutlhana, Ms. Nandhini Abirami V, Ms. Preethi R, Ms. Vishnu Priya T, Ms. Fazila Rose, Ms. Gayathri S, Ms. Akshaya R, Ms. Jhansi Rani G, Ms. Auxala Rani A of II B.Sc. Visual Communication and won prizes in all the competitions such as Essay writing, poster making, drawing and documentary film making

❖ Participation in International Women's Day

On the eve of International Women's Day, a special event "Each for Equal" was organized on 6th March 2020 organised by Sanitation Water Ecology Air and Restoration (SWEAR) and Tamil Nadu Urban Sanitation Support Programme (TNUSSP), Tiruchirappalli in Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli,. Nearly 15 members of the Gender Champion Club Shift II participated in the event and exhibited their talents in singing. The organizers appreciated the involvement of the students.

❖ A Two Day Industrial Motivation Campaign (Youth)

MSME Development Initiative, Chennai sponsored "Two Day Industrial Motivation Campaign (Youth)" in association with Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University and Women Entrepreneurs Association of Tamil Nadu (WEAT), Tiruchirappalli on 12th and 13th March 2020. The participants were P.Ramya, K.Maheswari, L.Mariya



Certificate Course in Women and Law offered in the odd semester under Human Resource Development Centre's 30 hours schedule on 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th of September 2019. Classes were handled by Mr.M. Chinna Mani, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli, Ms. S. Gomathi, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli, Ms. N. Sathya, Advocate, Tiruchirappalli and Ms. R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. There were 26 students of Shift II who attended the course in the first batch and 65 students from Shift I & Shift II in the second batch studied this course. Entry level and exit level evaluations were conducted to assess students learning.

Varshini, II B.Sc. Mathematics, T.Merlin Shopiya, M.Deena Seles, II B.Sc. Chemistry, Sathiyasri, J.Marina Joy, E.Tina Eveline, S.Sam Sonika, M.Prahaya, II B.A English

Co-ordinator's Participation

❖ Dr. S. Senthamarai, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, HCC, and Ms. R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, HCC participated in the “Golden Jubilee National Seminar on Indian Higher Education: Current Status and Leadership Challenges” on 11 to 13 June 2019 organized by Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC), CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore at Seminar Hall, IV Floor Christ Junior College, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore

❖ Ms.R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli participated in 'Women Summit' organised by EDII and TiE Coimbatore on 29th August 2019 at Hotel Taj Vivanta, Coimbatore

Research

IMPRESS-ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on 'The Role of Media and Culture on Indian Family System in the Process of Nation Building'



IMPRESS-ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on 'The Role of Media and Culture on Indian Family System in the Process of Nation Building' was conducted by Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli on 13th December 2019.

The National Seminar commenced at 9.00 a.m with the inauguration by invoking the blessings of God. Dr. S. Josephinol, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Bio Chemistry, HCC, welcomed the gathering. The felicitations was given by Dr.(Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, HCC. The keynote address was delivered by Rev. **Dr. Maher Spurgeon**,



Senior Consultant, South Asia Programs, United Board who spoke on the permanence of relationship, acceptance of diversity and also the importance of Indian culture. **Dr. Zenetta Rosaline**, Director and Head, Department of Women's Studies, Bharathiar



University, Coimbatore, presented the special address on understanding the value of womanhood and importance of togetherness and requested everyone to be filled with positive energy to explore thoughts and ideas in the stream of nation building.



There were four technical sessions filled with resourceful speeches by the moderators, followed by paper presentations by academicians, practitioners and research scholars. The first session was chaired by **Dr. Sunitha Don Bosco**, Assistant Professor, Department of Media Sciences, Anna University, Chennai, who spoke on the topic Media & Women. Opportunities, Challenges & Threats, where she stated the difference between traditional and conventional media and ended her speech based on how to use social media and how to verify the facts through various software which will enable the mass not to receive fake and false news.

In the second session **Dr. S. Kalyani**, Vice Chairperson, Department of Communication, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore chaired the session and delivered a speech on the topic 'Is it a Man's World? Social Media and Gender 'dis'connect.

She spoke on the importance of breaking barriers and stereotypes in the lives of women.

Dr. **Sudeshna Mukherjee**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Women's Studies, Bangalore University,



Bangalore chaired the third session and delivered a speech on the topic “Impact of Social Media on Family”. She stated that the gadgets disconnect the people from their family and friends. She imposed that everyone should register the opinions online when any opinion polls are conducted and advised not to miss the chance to raise voice against ill deeds against women.

The last session was chaired by **Dr.P. Veeramani**, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. She spoke on the topic “A Tool for Empowerment of Women” at Shanthi Hall, Holy Cross College. The speech



focused on how the common man should be aware of the role of media in the society. It is advised to take up the positive notions from social media and stated that Media is part and parcel of everyday's life without which social and economic empowerment could not have been achieved in the Era of technology.

At the valediction. Ms. R. Saraswathi, Organizing Secretary read the Minutes of the Seminar and thanked the ICSSR for sponsoring the programme. **Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi**, Principal, New Alipore College, Kolkata was the chief guest for the Valediction and he spoke on the topic “Moving Images – Media in Nation Building”. He stated that progress of the self is the need of the hour and also explained eight basic consumer rights. He also glorified the



importance of unity in diversity which is the uniqueness of Indian culture. He appreciated the Women's Studies Centre for selecting a useful and important topic for the seminar.

Papers were presented and certificates of participation were distributed to all the participants. Dr. Leena, H. M, Assistant Professor and Head of the department of Computer Science, Holy Cross College proposed the Vote of thanks and the National seminar came to an end at 5.45p.m. with the National Anthem.

▪ Proposals Applied

- ❖ Legal Awareness Programme to National Commission for Women, New Delhi
- ❖ National Conference on Gender and Women's Physical and Mental Health in India-An Interdisciplinary Relevance to National Commission for Women, New Delhi
- ❖ Research proposal on 'SWOT analysis of School Teachers in Tiruchirappalli City Corporation with Gender perspective' to Co-ordinator, PMMMNMTT/MHRD / GOI, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
- ❖ Role of Self-Defense in Women's Protection: Consensus and Contributions of Educational Institutions in Tamil Nadu to National Commission for Women, New Delhi

Field Action

- ❖ Professional Ethics and Skills Week Celebration

Human Resource Development and Women's Studies Centre jointly organized Professional Ethics and Skills Week from 17th to 19th July 2019 with the aim of promoting strong commitment to ethics which



is more respected by the society. On 17th July 2019, Essay writing and slogan writing competitions were organized for the students of both Shift I and Shift II in Tamil and English. Ms. Maria Camilla, Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli was the judge for the Essay writing and slogan writing competition in English. Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli was the judge for the Tamil Essay writing and slogan writing competition.

On the second day 18th July 2019, a written quiz competition which consisted of 20 questions was conducted for the students of shift I and Shift II. There



were five winners selected from 289 participants by a team of teachers namely Ms. J. Carmelet Silviya, Co-ordinator and Ms. Absara, Assistant Co-ordinator, Human Resource Development, Ms. G. E. Mary Elizabeth Shayamala, Assistant Professor of Commerce, Ms. J. Irudaya Monica Catherine, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Ms. R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, HCC. Elocution competition was conducted for shift II students in the morning. The competition was judged by Dr. I. Ruby Merlin, Assistant Professor of English and Dean of International Affairs. Two winners from 6 students of Shift II and 2 winners from 10 students of shift I were selected.



On the last day of celebration, 19th July 2019, to improve the thinking power of students debate was conducted for Shift I and Shift II separately. Ms. N. Jayalakshmi, Assistant Professor of Physics (S-II), Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli selected 2 winners from both the shifts. The winners were honored with prizes and certificates.

❖ World Breast Feeding Week – Poster Display and Radio Programme

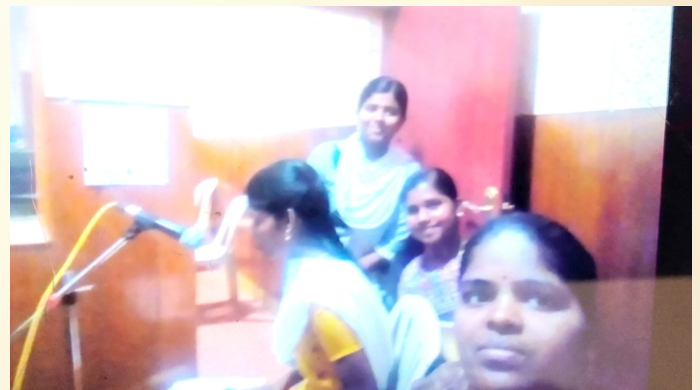
Breast Feeding Week was observed on 7th August 2019 by displaying 11 important posters displayed near Students' notice board by 11 volunteers during the lunch break time. An awareness creation also



organized by giving 20 minutes talk on importance of breast feeding and nutritious food for lactating women through Holy Cross Community Radio, HCC on the same day by Ms. Dharani, II BCA student and WSC representative. The content was relayed on the same day at 4 p.m. for the community.

❖ Senior Citizen Day – Radio Programme

Ms. R. Reetha Juliet, B.Com 'C', Ms. C. Gayathri, B.Com 'C' and Ms. Dharani, II BCA student and



WSC representative under the guidance of Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, an awareness was created on the importance of Senior Citizens Day through a program broadcasted at Holy Cross Community Radio, HCC. The programme was recorded on 19th August 2019 and the same content was relayed on 21st August 2019 at 4 p.m.

❖ National Nutrition Month 2019

To emphasize the importance of nutritious food for a healthy and happy life, Women's Studies Centre of Holy Cross College observed National Nutrition Month by conducting various competitions for different groups of people in the college. They were Nutri Colour (Rangoli) for Students (Shift-II), Hint Gaze for Nuns (Students), Quiz – Oral for Students



(Shift - I), Drawing Competition for Men Staff and Students, Vitamin Puzzle for Teaching Staff (Shift I & II) and Nutri Formation for Administrative Staff.

The Prize Distribution of National Nutrition Month was held on 27th September 2019 at Regina's Hall, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli from 3 p.m. to 4p.m. Welcome address was given by Miss. Marina Joy, WSC Representative. Dr. S. Helen Cresildanys,



AYUSH Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre, Kulumani, Tiruchirappalli was the chief guest. She addressed the students about the lifestyle management using healthy foods, health remedies and some useful information of using Indian medicine. Prizes were distributed for the winners of various competitions held on the Nutrition month in the presence of our Rev. (Sr.) Dr. Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College. Vote of thanks was proposed by Miss. Fiona Arockia Aboorva.

❖ Constitution Day

To create awareness about Indian constitution, the Constitution day was observed on 26th November 2019. The resource person Ms.Gomathi, advocate emphasized to know our laws, responsibilities and



obey our constitution, respect our freedom fighters and respect our Nation. “We have learn our rights and be united”, She said “ In 1949 we have got our Indian constitution .We are equal in rights, religion, war and financial crisis will end when the governor rules the country, but this doesn't arise in our country because we are democate. Women can save her from kidnappers and rapists and defend her by fatally assaulting the enemy for her safety. So there is no punishment for women. Police must arrest the women only within 06:00 am -06:00 pm especially by a women police”.

International Women's Day Celebration

International Women's Day 2020 held on 10th March 2020 started with a prayer at 11.30 a.m. in the college ground. Ms. Olga.B.Aaron, Founder Trustee and Motivator, Bringing Adequate Values of Humanity (BRAVOH), Chennai was the chief guest. Dr. (Sr.) Niranjana Anthonisamy, Secretary, Holy Cross College honored the chief guest with a bouquet. Dr. (Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College presented a memento to the chief guest. Ms. Olga. B.Aaron spoke about gearing towards legal and policy recognition of Transwomen in India and mentioned various aspects of women empowerment. She asked women to be more courageous and act as equals in all spheres. Men should be educated to respect women and acknowledge their remarkable contribution to the family as well as society. To commemorate the achievement of women, the College honored three women achievers Mrs.M. Swetha, Tamil Nadu's First Woman Engineer from Narikuravar Community, Tiruchirappalli, Mrs.R. Petricia Mary, barber, New Webley Saloon, Tiruchirappalli, and Mrs.A.Arockia Mary, Grave Digger for more than 35 years in Tiruchirappalli, were honored with shield and cash prize. They shared their views and experiences to the students.



Earlier Mrs. Hind Begam, Assistant Professor of Psychology welcomed the gathering. After the cultural events, Ms. Hepsipa, Student Council Member delivered the vote of thanks. More than 5000 students participated in the programme, which came to an end at 1.00 p.m. The programme arrangements were made by the Departments of Rehabilitation Science, Psychology and Women's Studies Centre.

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.

❖ Documentation and Dissemination of Documentary films

The Centre host sexual harassment and sanitation related videos as part of awareness creation

❖ Notice Board

Newspaper clippings regarding women's condition, gender, Centre's activity details are put up on the notice board

❖ Website

The Centre's vision, mission, objectives, wings 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 (2019 – 2020) activities are available in the newsletter.

❖ 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 2019 – 20 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)

Legal Aid Clinic has been functioning on Wednesdays. Each month one woman advocate guide students to solve their personal problems at the clinic and create legal awareness on women related laws and accident related procedures by visiting their classrooms. Ms. R. Saraswathi, (Co-ordinator, WSC) the Para-Legal Volunteer 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 to meet their legal needs. Totally 317 persons benefited from the legal awareness and 53 persons got guidance to solve their personal problems.

❖ Legal Awareness Programme Funded by National Commission for Women, Government of India

Women's Studies Centre of Holy Cross College(Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organized a 'Legal Awareness Programme' on 13th February 2020 at Shanthi Hall, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. Dr.(Sr.) Christina Bridget, Principal, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli presided over the programme and motivated the students to know about laws pertaining to women and congratulated Women's Studies Centre for conducting the programme.

Mr. R. Srikanth, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Fort Range, Tiruchirappalli City talked about the role of parents in a student's life and ways to utilize each and every opportunity and effects of making wrong decision in life. When family relationships are strong cyber-crime chances are very less.



Sr. Arokia Mary Selvi, Directress, Auxilium Synergy Source for Integrated Social transformation



(ASSIST), Manikandam, Tiruchirappalli spoke about the importance of legal awareness in life.

Laws are created for equality. In other countries not only the law saves the women. In order to touch a woman a man needs her consent. Showing pornography to children through mobiles and other gadgets is also a form of sexual assault. Sex Education is necessary for secondary grade classes.

Mrs. R. Nanthini, Sub-Judge and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli spoke about



“Supremacy of law and independent judiciary”. Rule of law must not be used for any other purpose. Defamation of National flag is an offence. She explained about two types of constitution such as rigid and flexible. 104 changes have been made in the Indian constitution since 1950. She also insisted that whoever supports child marriage will be punished.



Dr. S. Amirthalingam, Associate Professor of Law and Faculty-in-Charge (Examinations) , Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli spoke about women's health rights, Legislative approach, public interest litigation (local standi, PRO BONO PUBLICO), Human Rights Commission, powers of the commissions and remedies.

During the valediction, a student got clarification on community based reservation system. The programme came to an end at 2.40p.m.

❖ Law College Students' Observation Visit

As part of summer internship programme, the Law students of District Law College Tiruchirappalli attended various training programmes at District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli and its branches. They made an observation visit to Legal Aid Clinic on 3rd January 2020. Ms.R.Saraswathi, Co-



ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, HCC & Para Legal Volunteer, District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli explained the function and success stories to 27 students. They also saw the records maintained in the Clinic. They met the Principal and shared that the visit was useful and thanked for granting the permission.

Others

❖ International Student's Voluntary Service

Mr. Sam Cruse, an England citizen did voluntary service at Women's Studies Centre and Legal Aid Clinic by name and posters sticking, wrapper coverage work, participation in group discussion and activities



related to Gender equity with the students of Certificate Course in Gender and Development. He shared an opinion that the Centre is a vital part of college and feel more satisfied by doing voluntary service at the Centre.

❖ WSC Representatives

The meeting of WSC representatives was held on the basis of need. The Co-ordinator explained the background of the Centre, milestones, wings and the purpose of having the WSC Representatives from each department. The members collected the names of students who need legal assistance in their respective department and submit the list to WSC. Like wise many meetings were conducted at WSC to collect names for participating in competitions, film shows, Gender Fest, and so on.

❖ Professional Support

- The Centre guided one staff and one student to register and study for the UGC – NET June 2020
- The Co-ordinator helped the Internal Complaints Committee member to find UGC's guidelines to form International Complaints Committee and guidance files for reference

❖ NAAC Peer Team Visit

NAAC Peer team visit for onsite assessment for IV cycle of Accreditation was held on 11th and 12th February 2020. They visited WSC on 11th February 2020. The members were Chairperson: Dr.Shukla Mohanty, Vice Chancellor, Kolhan University, Chaibasa, Jharkhand, Member Co-ordinator : Dr.Vinitha Hooda, Professor, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana and Member: Dr.Ajims P Mohammed, Principal, M.E.S. Asmabi College,



Kodungallur, Kerala. Ms. R.Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies Centre, HCC explained the activities of WSC in brief. The NAAC Committee Chairperson asked about the publication details, funding details, details of the Director and were satisfied about the activities of the Centre. Holy Cross College received A⁺⁺ Grade with 3.75/4, the highest score so far in IV cycle among higher education institutions nationwide.

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 (Shift - I)

• Ms. Lubna Suraiya, Research Scholar, PG & Research Department of Commerce, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli shared her ideas on **Gender Sensitization** with Gender Champion Club members on 19th August 2019. She



emphasized that Gender encompasses socially constructed and culturally based roles of men and women with a view to understand how unequal power relations between them are shaped and operated.

- Ms. Kajol, President, SAPE Transgender association, Tiruchirappalli gave insight about **Gender Awareness** on 28th August 2019. She said a Transgender faces discrimination in employment, housing and within government settings. But still,



amidst all these adversities, there are some brave Transgenders who make their way to the mainstream, achieve their goals and prove that they are capable and deserving.

- Mr. Divakar Director, Annai Theresa Trust, Tiruchirappalli gave awareness about **Self-Help Groups** on 30th September 2019. Mr.Divagar said that Economic empowerment through SHGs, provides women the confidence for participation in decision



making affairs at the household-level as well as at the community-level. SHGs help in accessing credit to the poor and thus, play a critical role in poverty alleviation.

- Mrs. Seethalakshmi, Director, Women Development Planning Society, Tiruchirappalli spoke about **Women's role in Equity Promotion** on 12th October



2019. She said girls should live independently. They must do part time business to earn more income as well as for dignity. Girls and boys are equal. So there is no separate work for girls and boys. Men should treat women with all the equal rights. Women should also give equal rights to other who are travelling with her. Equality should be given to all the people living.

• Ms. J. Carmelete Silviya, HRD Co-ordinator, Holy Cross College offered **Career Guidance** on 8th January 2020. She told that the hidden talents and potential of the students should be brought to light.



She emphasized the importance of learning new languages and some in-depth knowledge in any particular field to shine in today's competitive world.

• Ms. S.I Rosy Lidia, Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College offered a talk on **Feminism** on 21st January 2020. She stated that many people fear that feminism will overturn time-honored traditions,



religious beliefs and established gender roles, and feel skeptical which is totally wrong.

Shift – II

• The Gender Champion Club of Shift II, Holy Cross College was inaugurated to carry out the activities for the year academic year 2019-20. On 5th August 2019, Ms.R. Saraswathi, Co-ordinator, Women's Studies

Centre, Ms. Deerkalakshmi, Assistant Professor of English and Ms. Irudaya Monica Catherin, Assistant Professor of Maths and Coordinators, Gender Champion Club (S-II) selected Ms. Priyatharshini, II B.Sc. Computer Science, and Ms. Arockia Jeba, II B.Sc. Mathematics as the President and Secretary of the club.

• The students initiated an awareness programme by presenting the laws and amendments passed by the law makers in favour of Indian women down the ages. The details of the laws were written in the charts and the students of Gender Champion Club explained them.



This awareness campaign was conducted for two days on 16th and 23rd September 2019 in the college campus and provided clear description of the laws to all the students of Shift II.

• As per the guidelines of MHRD, on 4th and 12th December 2019 for the Shift II Gender Champion Club members a few award winning short films on the concepts of women's rights, gender equality, domestic violence which portray the vulnerable condition of



women in Indian Society were screened. This was an eye opener to the students that not always men are the reasons behind the suffering of women.

• On 8th January 2020, a meeting was conducted to provide **Legal Awareness** to the members of Gender Champion Club. Ms. Kowsalya, Advocate, District Court, Trichy clarified the legal doubts raised by the

students. A student asked how to solve the family dispute in respect to partition of the asset. She was provided the legal guidance for solving the problem.



Another student asked how to get birth certificate for her father as the proof of age. She was also given guidelines to receive the same.

❖ Gender Fest Competition

A group of 37 students participated in the 'Gender Fest' competitions conducted by Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Khajamalai, Tiruchirappalli on 6th March 2020. They received prizes in the following competitions on 10th March 2020 at Bharathidasan University, Palkalaiperur, Tiruchirappalli



S.No.	Name of the Event	Prize
1.	Group Dance	II
2.	Skit	III
3.	Solo Song	II
4.	Group Song	I
5.	Mime	II
6.	Essay (English)	II
7.	Poetry (Tamil)	I
8.	Poetry (English)	III
9.	Elocution (English)	III

Accomplishments:

- ❖ Offered Bharathidasan University approved Certificate Course in Gender and Development
- ❖ Offered Certificate Course in Women and Law
- ❖ Conducted a Legal Awareness Programme funded by National Commission for Women
- ❖ IMPRESS – ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Role of Media and Culture on Indian Family System in the process of Nation Building
- ❖ Legal Aid Clinic functioned in association with District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Observation visit by Law College students to Legal Aid Clinic
- ❖ Voluntary service by a student from England
- ❖ Offered a course on Gender studies for II UG students
- ❖ Observed National Nutrition Month
- ❖ Observed Professional Ethics and Skills Week
- ❖ Celebrated Indian Constitution day
- ❖ Observed World Breast Feeding Week
- ❖ Conducted legal awareness programmes
- ❖ Conducted various awareness programmes on gender in Gender Champion Club
- ❖ Library and documentation
- ❖ Information displayed in notice board
- ❖ International Women's Day celebration
- ❖ Participated in the programme organized by phase II Centres
- ❖ Certificate course and Gender Champion Club students got many prizes in 'Gender Fest Competitions'

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