

Gender Sensitizing Programmes

Fergusson College is committed to gender equality which is evident by the programmes it has undertaken in the past few years.

Campaigns and Significant Days

International Fortnight of Stop Violence against Women (Dec. 8, 2009), Nov.25 to Dec.10 is observed as the International Fortnight of Stop Violence against women. In collaboration with NGOs Aalochana and Zubaan, CYDA & NCAS a poster exhibition & street play were organized.

Independence Day (August 16, 2012): Theme “Women Hold Half the Sky”. Growing violence against women has been a matter of serious concern. Sameeksha – the Sociology Club held a poster exhibition depicting different forms of discrimination against women, gender stereotypes and dimensions of violence against women. Film screening of “Bol” on domestic violence, street play – *ansuni awaaz* on issue of female foeticide was performed.

Participation in “One Billion Rising” (February 14, 2013): This was a global event organized to protest against the growing violence against women. In Pune the theme was ‘*saat nantar ghara baher*’ - making public spaces safer for women. Our students participated in this.

World Human Rights Day – Women’s Human Rights (December 10, 2011): Sameeksha – the Sociology Club celebrated this day by having a quiz on women’s human rights, poster exhibition, group discussion on ‘right to the city’.

Campaign Combating Sex Selective Abortion/ Female Foeticide (July 13, 2012): The Student Welfare Board of University of Pune had directed all the colleges to take steps in sensitizing the students about the issue of female foeticide. Sameeksha- the sociology club organized events like essay writing, poetry, collages and posters making, group discussions.

Women’s Safety Audit on College Campus: (December 2012) This was undertaken to make the campus safer for women as a part of Jagar Janeevancha Campaign

Campaign Men Against Gender Violence: An awareness rally, distribution of pamphlets and posters on prominent places were put up as a part of Jagar Janeevancha Campaign. (3 & 4 Jan.2013)

Street Plays:

1. *Ansuni Awaaz* on issue of sex selective abortions (July 13, 2012) in Fergusson College
2. *Chedkhani Band* on sexual harassment ((August 29, 2011) in Fergusson College
3. *Nirbhaya* on violence against women (January 2, 2013) in Fergusson College
4. *Azadi* on breaking free from the shackles of patriarchy (December 11, 2013) in FC
5. *Bas Ab Aur Nahin* on dimensions of gender discrimination and way towards equality (Feb.28,2014 & March 8, 2014 at S.M. Joshi Hall)

Poster Exhibitions on Issues of Gender Discrimination:

1. Understanding & Combating Sexual Harassment (August 29, 2011)
2. Women’s Human Rights (December 10, 2011)
3. Women Hold Half the Sky (August 16, 2012)
4. Combating Female Foeticide (July 13, 2012)
5. Dimensions of Gender Discrimination (25 December 2012 – 4 Jan. 2013)
6. Dealing with Sexual Harassment (12.12.13 to 3.1.14)

7. Poster Exhibition taken to Wadia College (25.1.14) & Agriculture College (6.2.14)

Workshops/Seminars/Guest Lectures:

1. Gender, Peace and Justice by Prof. Nivedita Menon (Feb. 25, 2011)
2. Engendering Urban Governance by Dr. Medha Kotwal (Feb,9,2012)
3. Gender and Space by Shilpa Phadke and Sameera Khan of TISS (August 13, 2011)
4. Violence against Women by Medha and Pradnya of Tathapi (July 26, 27 & Aug. 1, 2012)
5. Women's Issues – A Human Right's & Legal Perspective by Rama Sarode (Jan.3, 2013)
6. Legal provisions for women, lacunae and changes needed by Dr. Nitish Navsagare (3.1.13)
7. Dealing with sexual harassment by Sunita Gupta (January 4, 2013)
8. Resisting sexual harassment by Rajni Ranpise (January 6, 2013)
9. Panel discussion Crime against women and reforms (January 8, 2013). Panelists were ad. Ujwal Nikam, Ex Police Commissioner of Pune, Jaya Sagade, vice principal, ILS Law College and activist Mukta Manohar.
10. Gender and Urban Spaces by Shilpa Phadke and Sameera Khan of TISS(January 17, 2013)
11. Demystifying Gender by Anand Pawar (January 19, 2013)
12. Invisible work at home and reproduction of class (*analysis of domestic labour using Bourdieu's concept of capital*) by research scholar from JNU Gunjan Yadav (Jan, 6, 2014)
13. "Towards Androgyny" by Aditi Rao a peace educator from New Delhi (Jan 7, 2014)
14. "Understanding Masculinity" by Anand Pawar of NGO Samyak (Jan. 24, 2014)

Student Research Projects:

1. *Capacity Building for Women in Water Users Association* in collaboration with SOPPECOM (Society for promoting participative ecosystem management)
2. *Rural Deserted Women in Bahe* in collaboration with SOPPECOM
3. *Mapping child care in the area of Kalakhadak slum/PCMC:* in collaboration with TATHAPI to identify the need for crèche in the slum.
4. *Resource base on 'gender':* This is a catalogue of a select stories, poems, films and biographies on women's issues.
5. *The working of CASH (Committee against sexual harassment) in Pune Colleges:* This study was undertaken to assess the functioning of CASH in twenty Pune colleges.
6. *Waste, waste-pickers and their lives: Case studies of waste collectors:* This is a documentation of five different aspects of waste pickers' lives.
7. *Survey on Sexual Harassment (26.12.13 – 3.1.14)* A study of 200 respondents.

Paper presentation by students on "Studying Gender: Experiences and Reflections" at a National Seminar on: Interrogating Gender Studies: teaching, research & practices in sociology and other disciplines organized by Department of Sociology, University of Pune. (Sept. 27 & 28, 2013)

Certificate Course in Women and Development: This is a certificate course conducted by Women's Studies Centre, University of Pune which we are running for the past 8 years.

Association with Women's Groups/ NGOs: Aalochana, Tathapi, SWaCH

Forum for Gender Equality



This is an active students' forum and its activities include weekly discussions, film screenings, awareness campaigns, conducting surveys, poster exhibition and street plays to spread the message of gender equality. This year it conducted a survey on sexual harassment and a campaign on menstrual hygiene.

Activities : 2014 – 2015

S.N.	Date	Activities
1	July 7	Meeting to chalk out the activities for the year
2	July 18	Film screening and discussion of “ Miss Representation”
3	July 21	Discussion on ‘ experiences of patriarchy’
4	July 24	Workshop by I soch – talking sexuality for a safer Pune (slogans and photo shoot)
5	Aug. 5	Screening of film ‘Komal’ and discussion on Child Sex Abuse
6	Aug. 8	Discussion on Sex Education
7	Aug. 20	Group discussion ‘Can men make good mothers?’
8.	Aug 28	Workshop on ‘body literacy’ for blind girl students
9.	Sept. 4	Workshop on ‘ Breaking gender stereotypes’
10	Sept 19	Screening and discussion of Czech film ‘ Boy’
11.	Sept. 21	Workshop for blind girl students on ‘Body Literacy’ by Tathapi (part 2)
12.	Dec. 3	International fortnight for Violence against women Event (street play, poster exhibition and photo shoot)
13.	Jan. 31	Group discussion on ‘Bounded Love’
14.	Feb. 5	The Delhi Gang Rape Case – A Bourdiean Analysis talk by Gunjan Yadav
15	Feb. 11	Queer Love – a talk and discussion by Shruti Vaidya
16.	Feb 25	Group discussion on ‘ rent a womb’

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Some Pictures

Street Plays



Campaigns & Drives

