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 ghar 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 Janevancha 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 Janevancha Campaign. (3 & 4 Jan. 2013)

Street Plays:
1. Ansuni Awaz 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)
6. Dealing with Sexual Harassment (12.12.13 to 3.1.14)

Poster Exhibitions on Issues of Gender Discrimination:
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)
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)
8. Resisting sexual harassment by Rajni Ranpise (January 6, 2013)
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)

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.

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

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