



WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL

“A girl should be two things who and what she wants”.

- Coco chanel

Women Development Cell has a prime focus and vision of maintaining and strengthening the status of Women. We are moving closer towards our mission of creating awareness of feminine potential. As per the guidelines of the Vice-Chancellor of University of Mumbai, the College has introduced a Women's Development Cell in the academic year 2002-2003. The main objective of the cell is to delve into the grievances of women, both staff members, teachers as well as students, providing guidance and help.

The Prime Role of Women Development Cell (WDC) of the College is to deal with cases of sexual harassment and implementation of the Women policy in general to promote the well-being of female students, staff and teachers of the college.

Aims of WDC:

- To deal with problems like sexual harassment and to promote methods of general well-being of female students and staff of the college.
- To create awareness about the problems of women and in particular regarding gender discrimination.
- To create awareness on specific prejudices concerning women.
- To provide career counseling.

Objectives of WDC:

- Promotion, development and dissemination of knowledge regarding the role of female students and women in the present social scenario.
- To organize various types of training programmes and to create awareness about self-employment schemes for the encouragement of self-reliance among female students and women.
- To encourage NGOs, working in the area, to partake in the women's development activities of the Cell.
- To create social awareness about the problems of women and in particular regarding gender discrimination.
- To promote the importance of self-esteem among women.
- To guide about Women Welfare Laws.
- To assert the importance of spiritual, economic, social, racial and gender equality.
- To highlight the importance of health and hygiene.
- To showcase Women's role in today's society.
- To develop a holistic approach for overall personality development.
- To organize seminars, workshops relating to women development and empowerment.
- To prevent sexual harassment and to promote general well-being of female students, teaching and non-teaching women staff of the College.

Activities:

- Women Development Cell donated sanitary pads to the needy, (**GIVE PADS, GIVE HYGIENE**), where WDC requested all the students of the college (Degree & SFC) to donate pads as per their affordability and most of the students actively participated and donated pads for the academic year 2020-2021.
- On 9th January, 2021, WDC had organized a session on “Relevance of Savitri Bai Phule for Today's Urban women” on 190th Jayanti of Savitri Bai Phule. Session was delivered by Adv. Varsha Deshpande as our Guest Speaker.
- On 8th March, 2021 WDC had organized an event “PLEDGE WALL”, on account of International Women's Day for the staff including teachers in the college.



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