

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL (EOC)**

### **JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE**

#### **EOC REPORT: 2018-19**

The Equal Opportunity Cell stands as a Pillar to the social justice in the institution. The society works towards its commitment of creating avenues for students with disability to fulfil their potential and create an awareness among the members of the institution to the needs of students with disability and under-represented sections of the society. Its scope lies in creating an atmosphere of equality with special privileges to least advantaged group of the educational institution. The society also focuses on the academic discourses to sensitize the college community. Extra-curricular activities are conducted to bring knowledge and awareness among the student community.

EOC organized various events throughout the year and brought a mélange of differently abled students from across all colleges and created ample opportunities for students with disability to actively participate in various activities and be a part of various interactions.

The enrolment for EOC took place in the month of August 2018 and the volunteers started working towards fulfilling the objectives of the Cell since then. The office bearers for this academic session were Ms. *Stuti Bazari and Ms. Harshita Kalra (Presidents), and Ms. Rita James (Vice President)*. The faculty members associated with EOC were Ms. Rashi Mukhopadhyay (Convenor), Ms. Khushbu Tyagi, Ms. Vishakha Kumar and Dr. Prabhjyot Kaur.

The first task which EOC undertook was that of **audio recording several readings for student with visual impairment**. The process was carried out in consultation with the student. After identifying the needs of the student, various readings/ articles/books were collected and the necessary steps were taken to record the readings. The recordings were done in a systematic manner with each recording mentioning the recording number and necessary details of the reading. This process was carried out throughout the academic year.

In the annual cultural festival of our college-Montage'19, EOC organised '**Prayas 2019**'. Prayas is an annual inter-college competition for students with disability. This year three competitions were organised: Painting, Vocal and Instrument playing competitions. The participation of students with disability from various colleges and universities was overwhelming. The event concluded with distribution of certificates and cash prizes to the winners.



EOC organised its annual meet ‘**Unnati 2019**’ on March 27, 2019. Mr. Gulfam Ahmed was the keynote speaker for the event. He is a National Para Athlete who has won 26 medals and also holds the title of *Mr. Wheelchair India, 2015*. Mr. Ahmed inspired the audience by his motivational speech and an enriching biographical account. Our special guest for the occasion was Ms. Kajal Mishra, an alumna of Jesus and Mary College and former President of EOC. Our Principal, Sr. (Dr.) Rosily T.L. r.j.m. alongwith R. Gulfam Ahmed gave the certificates to all the office bearers and members of EOC. The welcome song was sung by EOC Vice President, Ms. Rita James. The event concluded with a performance by Asmita theatre: ‘**Naina ki Kahani**’, depicting the life journey of Arunima Sinha, the first female amputee to scale Mount Everest.

