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### **INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS: The Women's Study Centre (WSC) and Its Specialized Role in the Institution**

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## Women's Study Centre (WSC) REPORT 2015-16

### Report : Women's Study Centre (2015-16)

The Women's Study Centre of Jesus and Mary College has been working for many years for the physical, psychological and emotional development of all its members. The WSC has been actively involved in various activities with the aim to make women aware of their rights in order to empower them to face the world and make them better human beings. In the year 2015-2016, the WSC organized a multitude of activities.

#### Annual General Body Meeting

The centre welcomed its members with an Annual General Body Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015. Demonstrating the spirit that the centre wishes to disseminate, students interested in being part of the WSC were informed of the history and past activities of the centre as well as the new opportunities that will be made available to the members from this semester onward.

The elections were held through process of application, interviewing and voting. Sanyu Nagpal as President and Aakanksha Ahuja and Mansha Sharma as Vice Presidents were selected along with 19 core team members. Currently the centre has more than 300 members who work with dedication and enthusiasm.

WSC also selected its Editorial Board team, Fatma Matin Khan and Shivangi Singh who worked to put together articles and poems for WSC newsletter and magazine.

#### Orientation

New members were officially welcomed with great aplomb on 16 September 2015 at the Orientation Ceremony. The event kick-started with a welcome note that was delivered by the President and Vice President of the centre. Dr. Alka Pande, Art Advisor at the Visual Arts Gallery of Indian Habitat Centre, graced the event as the chief-guest and lit the ceremonial lamp along with the teacher coordinators of WSC. A short skit illustrating the gist of WSC, a Power Point presentation detailing past WSC events, a Bharatanatyam performance and a delightful dance performance by the core team members kept the audience enthralled. The ceremony marked the beginning of not only a new session but also

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... events like poster making competition (Posterize), debate (War of Words), creative writing competition (Oeuvre) and photography competition (Phantom) on woman related topics.

## Self Defense Classes by Women's Cell of Delhi Police

In collaboration with the Women's Cell of Delhi Police, **Self-Defense Classes** were conducted for JMC students in October. The **certificate course** was free of cost. Ms. Suman Lata and Ms. Susheela from Delhi Police took the classes in the newly constructed Common Room of the college from 2:30 to 4:30pm. The workshop began with more than 150 young students from various courses participating in it. Certificates were issued by Delhi Police to the students who regularly attended the classes. In the light of growing crime rates against women, the purpose behind this session was to arm our members with both physical and mental strength. They were taught **how to deal** with various situations such as attacks in public places, stalking, eve teasing etc. WSC wishes to organize more sessions of this kind in order to empower women and encourage them to stand against crimes. In the end we would like to urge people- "Teach your sons not to rape, rather than teaching your daughters how to dress."

## Seminar on Gender Sensitization

Women's Study Centre organized a One day Seminar in association with Hindi Department on the topic '**Gender Sensitization: Today's Context**' on 14th October 2016. **Ms. Kamla Bhasin**, the co-founder of the NGO Jagori, Eminent women writers **Dr. Chitra Mudgal** and **Dr. Kamal Kumar** were the guest speakers. Ms. Bhasin's simple and incisive speech on "Gender Sensitization" was greeted with enthusiasm both by the students as well as the teachers.

## NGO/NPO Meet

The women's study centre organized a **NGO/NPO meet** in the college premises on 4th November, 2015 in order to get an idea about the type of social work done by some of the well-known and reputed NGO's and NPO's of NCR. The meet focused on providing a rich insight into the challenges faced by people in the real world and how these organizations



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help and guide distressed people of the society at large. We had with us three NGO's from different backgrounds related to gender issues.

**SAPNA** works on women empowerment, public health, education of weaker sections and many other areas. **Mr. Sudhi Pratap Singh, Founder and Mr. Rajeev, Co Founder and Secretary 'SAPNA'** spoke about the activities of their organization specially at Alwar and AIIMS. **'Guild for Service'** works to empower widows and children and helps them educate and stand on their own feet. **GFS** does a lot of work with conflict affected women and children. **Mrs. Meera Khanna, Vice President GFS** apprised students on the work being done by the organization and gave suggestions to the students about how they can help the society.

**Human Rights Law Network (HRLN)** is a collective of lawyers and social activists dedicated to the use of legal system to advanced human rights in India and the subcontinent. **Ms. Smriti and Ms. Joya, both social activists** gave a motivational talk to students and offered internship. This was followed by question and answer round.

## Release of 'Awakening'

The Women's Studies Centre released its annual newsletter "Awakening" which included short stories, articles, poetry and artwork from the members. The Editorial Team worked hard to aid the members in their attempt to express themselves by providing a platform to showcase their talent and acknowledge their creativity.

## One Billion Rising

**'One Billion Rising'**- a global call to action, called upon people of the world to rise against all forms of violence against women and girls. The campaign began with a global call from American playwright and activist, Eve Ensler, to people around the world - men and children included - to root out violence against women and join in a global day of action on 14 February 2016. Events and activities were held across the city in more than 30 locations. The day was divided into parts, in the first half there were activities organized in several communities across the city. The second half saw culmination of all day activities into a final mass event organized at parliament street 5 pm onwards. There was a huge cultural

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program organized at the National Law University, it was a day long event which saw participation of well known actor and activist Gul Panag. There were flash mobs, songs, street plays across the city. Students of Women's Study Center, JMC contributed in volunteering at Connaught place where the crowd was 3000.

## Talk on Sexual Harassment at Workplace

We have 'Internal Complaints Committee against Sexual Harassment at workplace' in our college which was formulated according to UGC guidelines. ICC creates awareness among students through various means.

A talk was conducted in Jesus and Mary college on Sexual Harassment on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Eminent speakers like Prof. Bharti Baweja, ex director of WSC, Delhi University and Ms. Ashita Virmani, legal advisor were invited. The speakers talked about the current laws for women and discussed the various cases of sexual harassment they have dealt with. The key issues focused were the social stigma and fear. The speakers motivated the girls not to hide these incidents and come out and speak in public. This session was followed by a question and answers round, and finally concluded with an enthralling applause!

## Women of Vision Lead To Change

Citizen's Rights Trust organized a full day workshop (10 am – 04 pm) on 10<sup>th</sup> of March on the occasion of International Women's Day. Hon'ble Justice P.V. Reddi, former judge Supreme Court of India, inaugurated this event by talking about the role of women in decision making. This workshop covered topics like "Juvenile Justice Amendment Act", laws concerning human trafficking, and sexual harassment. One of the speakers also discussed 'Women's Rights and Article 21'. This workshop was attended by 20-25 members of our centre and they were awarded certificates.

## PROJECT ON WOMEN HEALTH

A project on Women & Health Menstruation and sanitation was done by WSC members. The survey was done on forty subjects living in Moti Bagh and Sec 7, R.K. Puram Jhuggi clusters.

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## Visit by Dr. PAYAL MAGO

Dr. Payal Mago, Member of the Standing Committee on Women Studies, U.G.C. visited Jesus & Mary College for an interactive session with WSC members and coordinators on April 12, 2016. A Power Point Presentation was put up to display the activities of last two years (2014-16).

The President Sanya Nagpal described the working of W.S.C. in JMC, eg :-

- Election of Office Bearers.
- Selection process of the Core Committee.
- Attendance System.
- Division of Activities of the Centre under various CELLS :- Certificate Courses, NGO / NPO, Research and Project Communication and Promotions, Editorial Board, ICC.
- Availability of Books and Literature related to Women's Studies in the Library.

Core Committee Members heading the Cells read the report of their respective activities in detail. It was followed by a lively discussion with Dr. Mago. She gave valuable suggestions, which were warmly welcomed by all and We wish to incorporate these in future.

## Editorial Board

The Editorial Board of WSC works hard and encourages our members to express themselves. We ensure that their voices reach the vast majority of society. Our newsletter and Annual Magazine ensures that the creative aspect of our members is acknowledged.

All in all, it was another wonderful and learning based year for WSC, and we look forward to many more milestones in the years to come.

We sincerely thank our teacher conveners Dr. Neelam Rishi, Dr. Sharda Bhatnagar, Dr. Renu Gupta and Ms. Shruti Sethi for their guidance. We also would like to thank our Vice president Mansha Sharma for her hard work and all the core committee members who contributed towards making this year a success.

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the beginning of new ideas and projects. WSC Annual Magazine 2014-15 was distributed amongst the audience. The theme of the magazine is 'CELEBRATING WOMANHOOD'.

## Career counseling

Career counseling cell is an integral part of WSC. Dr. Sushma Singh, the career counselor is one of the directors with 'Career Smart'. She held workshops on various topics e.g. Strategies to reach career goals, Career Options after College in India and Abroad, Conflict Management, Time and Stress Management, Interview Skills etc.

She guided students not only on career issues but also on emotional and personal problems. These sessions held on one to one basis as well as group basis. Dr. Sushma Singh gave support to our students throughout the year as and when required.

## Play by Prayas Kala Mandal

The month of September also saw the staging of a brilliant play titled "Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna" by Prayas Kala Sangam (Natya Mandal) in the JMC Amphitheatre. The troupe attempted to increase awareness about female foeticide and transgender rights. After their performance, the group interacted with students and teachers and also conducted interviews to include in their report.

## Movie Screening – ' Hari Bhari'

A powerful Hindi movie by Shyam Benegal starring Shabana Azmi and Nandita Das titled "Hari Bhari" was screened on 30th September 2015. The audience actively participated in the discussion that followed. The film explored the problems that an Indian woman faces in the area of health. In a patriarchal society where women are valued solely for their position as Male child bearers, women who are not fertile "Hari Bhari" or cannot produce a son invariably receive ill treatment from their partners and society.

## International Girl Child Day

Women's Study Centre celebrated 'International Girl Child Day' on 7<sup>th</sup> of October, 2015. Beginning with an inauguration ceremony, the celebration included a number of exciting



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## Certificate Courses

Women's Study Centre of Jesus & Mary College has always attempted to improve awareness among young students. One way through which we do this is by regularly organizing classes under the three certificate courses we run. Women's Study Center began its 'Gender Studies', 'Women and Law' and 'Personality Development' certificate courses for the academic year 2015-2016 from 28th October 2015. These courses provided knowledge on various areas like, concept of gender, feminism, laws related to women as well as skill based training to our members. 'Gender Studies' course is organized for first year students. 'Women and Law' course is organized for the second year students. 'Personality Development' is organized for the third year students.

Gender classes provide students with a balanced view of gender related issues. Some topics covered under this course are 'Gender and Power', 'Gender and Budgeting', 'Gender through social construct', 'Gender through the eyes of media' and 'Gender and global migration'.

Law classes provide students with a base of rights women have and what laws have been made to protect those rights. Some topics covered under this course are laws pertaining to 'Marriage and Divorce', 'Live - in Relationships', 'Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act', 'Illegal human trafficking' and 'Gender and Child Abuse'.

Personality Development classes are organized keeping in mind that the third year students are about to step into the outside world, hence the topics covered aim at grooming the students. Some topics are 'Interviews', 'Time Management', 'Mind Management', 'Stress Management', and it ends with a session on career counseling.

All the regular students were given certificates by Women's Study Center at the end of the year.

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## Women's Study Centre

### Report : Certificate Courses (2015-16)

The Women's Study Centre of Jesus and Mary College has always attempted to improve awareness amongst students regarding self-defense, law, gender and other issues that affect society.

#### GENDER COURSE

Women's Study Centre has encouraged amongst students a balanced view of gender related issues and has taken the initiative to do so via a number of classes.

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015 :- General Introduction on Gender Issues

The classes on "Gender Issues" began on 2nd November 2015 with an introduction delivered by Ms. Amrita Sastri, Associate Professor at Jesus and Mary College. She classified the socialization of women under patriarchal forces, which is the prevalent norm in our society. She laid emphasis on our patriarchal society and also gave a background to how it became entrenched in our system. Most importantly she highlighted the ever lasting damage patriarchy has done to the male section.

##### 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 :- Zero Size, Milky White : Construction of New Gender Identity

The series was continued by a class held by Ms. Sharmishtha Mallick, Associate Professor at Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi. The class was held on 11 January 2016 and the topic was: "Zero Size Milky White: Construction of a New Gender Identity". Students of Women's Study Centre found the session very engaging. Talking about fairness cream endorsements, she highlighted about our country's obsession with physical beauty.

##### 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 :- Social Construct of Gender

The next class was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 by Ms. Gopi Devdutt Tripathi, an Associate Professor at Maitreyi College, University of Delhi. She involved the students in a very interesting one on one session, while discussing about the various forces of our society which impress upon a woman's mind and shape her identity. She pointed out that gender roles are essentially constructed by society, particularly males.

##### 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2016 :- Gender, Globalisation & Migration

The class next in the series was held by Ms. G. Uma on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. Her topic was: "Gender, Globalization and Migration". Students found the session interesting and informative. She began

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by giving proper definitions of 'Migration', 'Globalization' etc. and continued with a detailed discussion on the reasons of migration and beautifully dealt with the gender involvement in the same.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 :- Gender & Power

Classes were conducted in college on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 based on the topics "Gender and Power" and "Gender Through Art & Media". The classes were held by Mr. Nirmal Kumar, an Associate Professor at Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi. With more than 20 years of experience he very well knows how to keep students glued to the enlightening lecture.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 :- Violence Against Women

Ms. Amrita Sastri, Associate Professor at Jesus and Mary College, took another session on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 on the topic "Violence Against Women". A talented professor from Jesus and Mary College, she kept the lecture to the point and very interesting. She threw light on the various assaults women face on daily basis. These ranged from harassment at workplace to acid attacks.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 :- Gender in Policy Making & Budgeting

Ms. Reena Marwah, Associate Professor at Jesus and Mary College, held an interesting session on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 covering the topic "Gender in Policy Making & Budgeting". Gender Budgeting as highlighted by her is an integral part of government policies pertaining to gender. Based on the concept of gender equality, it is an implementation and review tool to establish equality amongst all genders.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 :- Child Abuse and Gender

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Dr. Vandana Gambhir, Associate Professor at Keshav Mahavidhyalya took a session with WSC members to spread awareness about child abuse. Highlighting it as a sensitive topic, her lecture included various forms of abuses mostly sexual that children go through. An important fact she stressed upon was that most children go through sexual abuses at the hands of an immediate family member.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 :- Interactive Session

### LAW COURSE

Women's Study Centre, Jesus & Mary College organizes certificate course "Women & Law". Classes are held for all its 2nd year members. These classes have so far covered laws pertaining to sexual harassment, domestic violence, divorce and live-in relationships.



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## 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016 :- Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act

The primary law dealing with the status of sex workers is the 1956 Law referred to as The Immoral Traffic (Suspension) Act (SITA). Ms. Monica Saroha, being the Secretary at Delhi Judicial Services, a strong personality took a lecture on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 on the same. She very precisely told the students about what all is included in this act. Recently the old Law has been amended as The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act or PITA.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016 :- Dowry Prohibition Act

Mr. Anant Vijay Maria, from Maria and Associates, took a lecture on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016 on the topic "Dowry Prohibition Act". He began his lecture by giving a brief introduction on dowry. He went on to question our members about what constitutes a dowry. For instance, dowry can be defined as any property or valuable security given or agreed to be given either directly or indirectly. Mr. Anant went on to divide the class into the groom's and brides side, thereby giving a hint of the ways in which dowry can be demanded.

## 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 :- Women of Vision Lead To Change

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## PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Women's Study Centre, Jesus & Mary College organizes certificate course on Personality Development. Classes for all its members of 3<sup>rd</sup> Year are held in order to help them become aware citizens & knowledgeable personalities. We help them improve themselves before they step into the world outside college.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015 :- Interviews

First Personality Development class was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015. Our prominent speaker Mr. Abhay Chawla, faculty University of Delhi enlightened the students on the topic "Interviews". It was a very practical session and taught the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students how one should prepare for interviews and what all they should keep in mind while giving or taking an interview.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 :- Stress Management

Ms. Vandana Gambhir took the second class on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, covering the topic "Stress Management". She is an associate professor at Keshav Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi. An amazing speaker, she not only made the lecture fun but also involved students in activities which

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The first class was taken by Mr. Anant Vijay Maria of Maria and Associates, on 28th October 2015. By giving various real life examples, Mr. Maria gave brief introduction about the status of women laws in India. He efficiently pointed out the "reactionary" nature of our legal system and the need for amendments in gender related laws. While talking about the various day to day issues faced by women, he conducted a successful one to one session with the students.

## 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 :- Domestic Violence

Our next lecture was taken by Ms. Radhika Gupta, Law Researcher at High Court of Delhi. The lecture was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and covered the recently passed 'Protection of Domestic Violence Act', which provided a definition of "Domestic Violence" for the very first time. Ms. Radhika specifically pointed out the need for a "domestic household" for a case to come under the umbrella of Domestic Violence. While discussing the minute details of the law, she also made us aware of many fake cases registered by women. She pointed out that such violence not only violates a person physically, but also harms him/her in terms of economic, sexual and emotional perspectives.

## 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 :- Sexual Harassment at Workplace

Ms. Ashita Virmani talked about sexual harassment at workplace. She informed the students about the current laws, definition of sexual harassment, etc. She advised the students not to hesitate to file the complaint and further apprised them of the process of filing the complaint.

## 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 :- Live-In Relationships

"Live-in" relationship has become a widely debated issue in this era. The couple's rights, status in law's eyes has been discussed time and again. Keeping this in mind, Ms. Ritwika who is a research fellow at Vidhi Center for Legal Policy, took us through the various rights of a couple living without marriage. One of the main issues when coming to a "live-in" relationship is time period. She highlighted the role played by the duration of relationship in such cases. She indulged in an interactive session with the students, who raised various questions regarding children born out of live-in relationships, violence against women and also the rights a couple has.

## 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 :- Marriage and Divorce

The lecture on "Marriage and Divorce" was taken by Ms. Radhika Gupta. Her lecture covered the Hindu and Muslim Marriage laws. She enlisted the provision under both the acts that validate a marriage. For instance in the Hindu Marriage Act both the parties should not have a spouse living at the time of marriage. She also mentioned that the groom must complete the age of 21 and bride, the age of 18 at the time of marriage. The legislation is fairly different in the case of Muslim marriages. She mentioned the various provisions essential for a valid Muslim marriage, such as every Muslim of sound mind can enter into a marriage contract and that there should be an "offer" and "acceptance" from the respective parties.

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effort put in by the teachers who conducted these sessions with help of the students as well as the conveners of the society has been extremely beneficial to each of its members. Hopefully, this pattern will continue and will see even more innovative improvements in the future and will be a major positive influence on the students of Jesus and Mary.

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The following topics were covered under the Personality Development, Women & Law and Gender Studies Classes :

## Personality Development

1. Personality Analysis.
2. Stress Management.
3. Mind Management.
4. Time Management.
5. Art of Communication.
6. Interviews.
7. Relationships.
8. Conflict Management.
9. Career Counseling.
10. Self Analysis.

## Women & Law

1. Introduction to Women & Law.
2. Dowry Prohibition Act.
3. Domestic Violence.
4. Marriage & Divorce.
5. Live In Relationship.
6. Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act.
7. Property Laws.
8. Sexual Harassment at Work Place.
9. Juvenile Justice Amendment Act.
10. Cyber Crime Laws.



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## Gender Studies

1. Introduction to Gender Issues.
2. Construction of New Gender Identity : Masculinity & Femininity.
3. Social Construct of Gender.
4. Gender, Globalization & Migration.
5. Gender & Power.
6. Violence against Women.
7. Gender in Policy Making & Budgeting.
8. Child Abuse & Gender.
9. Constructing Gender through Art, Literature & Media.
10. Interactive Session with Students.

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## CONCLUSION

The classes on Gender Issues have been successful in throwing light on the various facets of gender relations. They have aided students in understanding Gender issues in the backdrop of culture, migration, stereotypes and societal structure. The Law Classes helped in spreading awareness amongst students about their legal rights as women. The Personality Development Classes prepared them for the challenges, they are likely to face once they leave the college. Holding such classes is a great step towards helping students of Jesus and Mary College, to shape as responsible young individuals and hence we shall continue these certificate courses in the coming years as well !

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## Counsellor's Report of Counselling Activities at JMC

### WDC (Women's Studies Centre) Department of JMC

**Name:** Sushma Singh

**Joined:** 2014 September.

**Counsellor availability at JMC:**  
Tuesdays and Fridays

**Time of availability:** 9 am – 2 pm

**Venue:** Counsellor's room

**Mode of meeting the students:**  
By appointment (personally, by email or telephonically)

**Topics covered:** Careers, Emotional as well as Life Skills, on a one to one basis as well as in Groups.

**Workshops held:**

- Personality Development including Personality tests
- Why I am what I am
- Types of relationships
- Handling relationships
- Conflict management
- Importance of Communication skills
- Interview skills
- Time and Stress management
- Career Options after College in India and Abroad
- Strategies to reach Career goals
- Understanding global changes and needs



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## JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE

### WSC ANNUAL FEST

### 'JAGRITI 16'

### ADVERTAINMENT

9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, Jesus and Mary college, Amphitheatre

Women,s Study Centre of Jesus and Mary College celebrated its annual festival on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 in which one of the events was 'Advertainment'. Judges for the event were Dr. Monika (external), Mrs. Nishwan (internal) and Gomini Dhengra(third year student). About seven teams from different colleges participated. Each team comprised of three-four members. The event started at 12:30 pm and ended at 1:45 pm. The event was held with a purpose to showcase creativity of the students. Following are the details:

1. Rounds- Round 1: In this round, all the participants were given a situation. They had to act on how they would handle the situation. For example, you are working in an MNC. This job is very important for you to repay your house loan. Your boss is bad person and has been harassing you from the very beginning. He has warned you that if you would go to police to complain, you would be fired and blacklisted. Since the job is very important for you, how will you deal with it?

Out of the seven teams that participated, four cleared this round.

Round 2: In this round all the participants were given a prop and they had to make an advertisement for that. Props used included pepper spray, blouse, sindoor etc.

2. Rules and regulations-

The maximum time for an advertisement was two-three minutes. Twenty minutes were given to all the participants to prepare.

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### 3. Judging Criterion-

Advertisement's content

Expression

Fluency

The decision of the judges was final and abiding.

### 4. Award-

Top two teams of the final round were awarded with certificate and cash prize of Rs. 2500 and Rs. 1500 respectively.

The event was organized by Sakshi Barak(B.Com. first year), Tanya(B.Com(H) third year) and Angela(B.A. first year). As a conclusion, we can say that the event was a great success and the enthusiasm of the participants was apparent throughout the event.

*Angela*

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WSC ANNUAL FEST

'JAGRITI 16'

## PICTIONARY

EVENT HEADS:

1) Tvesa Bhutani

2) Shrishti Sharma

The fun event '**Pictionary**' organised at **Jagruti'16** aimed at giving all those who participated a chance to be a part of a fun filled activity in which they could test their general knowledge about women personalities. As the theme of the game was great women personalities, teams of 2 participants were allowed in which one participant was shown the picture of a great woman personality along with her name and three factors describing her achievements or qualities, so that s/he could enact or draw to make his/her partner guess the personality along with three describing factors to win goodies. Goodies included a packet of oreo biscuits, a packet of chocopie with a poster. Teams had to participate in the activity while keeping an eye on the watch as the time limit was 2 minutes!

The game was put up in a stall, which was put up throughout the fest so that people could come have fun, test their knowledge and win exciting gifts. A total of 40 teams played out of which 25 teams won. The pictures were of great women personalities like **Indira Gandhi**, **Kalpana Chawla**, **Deepika Padukone**, **Saina Nehwal**, **Pratibha Patil** and many other women who went against all odds and chased their dreams.





## JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE

### WSC ANNUAL FEST

### 'JAGRITI 16'

## BATTLE OF QUIZZARDS

The fun quiz 'Battle of Quizzards', an event organized at JAGRITI 2016 aimed at giving a chance to curious to participate in an academic quiz but not lose out on the fun of a fest. The participants were required to put their intelligence quotient and general awareness to use while also using their fun sides to enjoy the event. The BOQ was divided into 2 rounds and teams of 2-3 were allowed to participate. The two rounds were: WHO SAID THAT?! and THE GRAY MATTER.

### ROUND 1: WHO SAID THAT?

This round was a pen-and-paper round where each team was given a set of 10 questions which they needed to solve in a given time limit of 10 minutes. The questions were basically famous quotations by women/for women. Since it was a preliminary round, only the top 10 teams made it to the second and last round.

### ROUND 2: THE GRAY MATTER

The second and the last round was the one which comprised the fun element. In this round, one member from each team had a box tied to his/her waist. This box had a hole in it and 8 balls (light and bouncy) were put into the box. They had to throw the ball out of the box without using their hands (they were allowed to jump, bend etc.) The first team to throw the ball out was asked the question. If the answer was right, the ball was taken away; if not, the ball was put

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back into the box. The first team which managed to throw all the balls out emerged as the winner. The quiz continued till we got the runner up. All the questions were related to famous women, women's laws, mythology and so on.

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'JAGRITI 2016'

## GOOD WILL HUNTING -EVENT REPORT

EVENT HEADS: ALICE YUHLUNG

CAROL WILSON

MAHIMA RAJ

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 17

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS: 18

WINNERS:

FIRST PRIZE: Dikcha mukhia (jmc)

Manaya bagga (jmc)

Shruti Diwan (jmc)

SECOND PRIZE: Aniketh Sircar(St. Stephens)

Christine Maria Joseph ( St. Stephens)



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## EVENT SUMMARY

Good will hunting- a treasure hunt was an inter college event organized as a part of the annual fest of Women's Study Centre, Jesus and Mary college. The event saw an appreciable level of participation with a total of 18 teams taking part, with 2-3 members in each team. The event was organized in 4 rounds.

### ROUND 1: Quizimania

In this round the teams were asked to take part in a small quiz on famous female personalities and 2 teams were eliminated from this round after the quiz.

### ROUND 2: Scavenger Hunt

In this round, the participants were asked to solve the riddles given to them and find the objects hidden in and around the campus. The 12 teams who collected maximum stuffs hidden in minimum time were qualified for the next round.

### ROUND 3: Selfie hunt

In this round, the participants were asked to click selfies with the objects specifically asked. 7 teams who were the last to submit the selfies were eliminated.

### ROUND 4: Egyptian letters

Participating teams were asked to de-code the coded message using the clues given to them and the teams who completed the task first won the first prize of Rs.3000.

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## JAGRITI 2016

'JAGRITI' is the annual Fest of women's study centre, JMC. JAGRITI denotes awakening.

The theme of 'JAGRITI'16 which was organized by WSC, JMC on 9th March'16 was 'AGAINST ALL ODDS', to focus that women are here alive, living life and fighting against every odd coming our way.' Prof Jaya S. Tyagi, Director, WSDC, DU was the Guest of Honor and Ms. Swati Bedekar, founder Vatsalya Foundation and winner of Femina Women Award '15 as the chief guest. The festival started with Inauguration Ceremony by our Principal Sister Manna and Prof. Jaya.s.Tyagi. The inauguration ceremony also included various cultural performances by JMC students. JAGRITI saw seven intercollegiate events namely Goodwill hunting, Battle of quizzards, Advertainment, Filimista, Womaniyeah, a Poetry slam on the topic 'United colors of Gender,' and 'Well That's Feminism' which was a talent hunt competition and lastly, Pictionary throughout the day which involved guessing the names of leading females in different areas. All the events observed enthusiastic participation by students across DU. Information about the events and Fest was spread via offline and online promotions wherein students of WSC, JMC physically covered other DU colleges and tried getting in touch with the WSC team there. We also used social media to promote our fest via which almost 4000 people were invited to be a part of the Fest. 'JAGRITI' observed a good footfall throughout the day with people getting engaged and impressed by the 'Skill Enhancement Mela' wherein we had provided a platform to the budding student entrepreneurs of JMC to put up stalls relating to their entrepreneurial instincts. From food to fun, the stalls had it all. At the end to celebrate womanhood, we had with us a current JMCite DJ Alice who brought into the Fest enjoyment, craziness, motivation and high spirits by playing various women empowering tracks and attracting a lot of crowd. Overall, 'JAGRITI' 16 was an amalgamation of the best of all the creative fields, each and every one involved in it enjoyed working for it and at the end managed to put up an engaging, attractive and enthralling show!



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## Posters and Pictures of WSC Activities 2015-16

### 23rd September 2015. Performance by Prayas Kala Sangam

**WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**  
Jesus and Mary college  
in collaboration with  
**PRAYAS KALA SANGAM**  
(NATYA MANDAL)  
present  
**KABHI ALVIDA MAT KARNA**  
(an open air theatrical production  
based on FEMALE FOETICIDE)  
DATE : 23rd September 2015  
TIME : 12:00 PM  
VENUE : AMPHITHEATER  
→ COMPULSORY FOR ALL WDC MEMBERS TO ATTEND.  
→ HOURS WILL BE GIVEN.  
→ REMAINING HOUR SHEETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.



### 30th September 2015. Film Screening

**WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, JMC**  
welcomes you all to the  
screening of  
**NATIONAL FILM AWARD WINNER**  
**"HARI BHARI"**  
☆ Starring Shabana Azmi & Nandita Das ☆  
DATE: 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015  
TIME: 12:10-2:10PM VENUE: HALL  
✓ Compulsory for all WDC members to attend.  
✓ Attendance will be taken.





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## 7th October 2015 Celebration of International Girl Child Day



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## Posters of Certificate Courses organised by WSC 2015-16

**WDC, JMC**  
presents

**CERTIFICATE COURSE CLASSES**  
GENDER/ LAW/ PERSONALITY  
DEVELOPMENT

**COURSE : LAW**

- Date : 28 October '15
- Timings: 2:30-4 pm
- Venue : Room No. 101

✓ FOR 1st and 2nd years only.  
✓ COMPULSORY for 1st & 2nd year  
WDC members.

**CONDUCTED BY :**  
MP. ANANT VIJAY MARIA,  
Associate Professor  
Amity Law School , New Delhi



## Certificate Course on Gender, Law and Personality Development

2nd - 3rd November 2015

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, JMC  
PRESENTS

## CERTIFICATE COURSES

2<sup>ND</sup> NOV VENUE -404

1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> YEARS 2:30 -4:00PM

**GENDER & LAW**



**PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT**

2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> NOV

VENUE -403 FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> -105 FOR 3<sup>RD</sup>

2:30-4:00PM

3<sup>RD</sup> YEARS

COMPULSORY FOR ALL WDC MEMBERS  
REGISTER NOW WITH YOUR CORE TEAM HEADS  
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## Pictures from Annual Festival Jagriti 2016





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## WSC REPORT 2016-17

### WSC REPORT 2016-17

21<sup>st</sup> December 2017

The Under Secretary  
(Women's Studies Centre)  
University Grants Commission  
33, Feroze Shah Road  
New Delhi-110001

**Subject:** Submission of Annual Report of the Women's Study Centre (WSC), Jesus and Mary College for the year 2016-17.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In continuation with our earlier letter no. JMC/Acc/WSC/2017-18 dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017, in which the audited "Statement of Expenditure" and "Utilization Certificate" of 2016-17 was sent to your good office, we are sending the Annual Report of the Women's Study Centre for 2016-17.

We are also attaching copies of relevant documents of the WSC of JMC; namely, the newsletter of 2016-17, annual magazine, summary report of our research project of 2016-17, and the counsellor's report.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

Sr. (Dr.) Rosily T.L.M.

Officiating Principal

Annual Report: 2016-17

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## Annual Report: 2016-17

### The Women's Study Centre, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (A) **University:** University of Delhi  
(B) **Centre:** Jesus and Mary College  
(C) **Address:** Jesus and Mary College, Near Babu Dham, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021.  
(D) **Date of establishment:** 2013

#### 2. PROGRAMME:

##### (A) **Objectives**

The JMC Women's Study Centre (WSC) set out with the objective to bring women's issues onto the daily discussion platform, spread awareness on various fronts that have been shunned as taboos, and hence, groom our members and the larger student body into becoming not only more sensitized individuals but also active participators in today's women's rights campaigns.

The WSC's aim was to make the WSC activities as regular, student-centric, and meaningful as possible; irrespective of the continuous fund crunch. This past year, we tried our best to encourage the student members to use the WSC as a platform through which they could engage with the gendered reality around them, gain the inspiration and understanding to ask uncomfortable questions, and also learn about ongoing struggles.

Given this important task of the WSC, our college has made the WSC one of the compulsory societies for students, which means that those who join the society would need to fulfill a minimum number of hours of participation in WSC activities. For the year 2016-17 we kept the number of hours at 80.

##### B) **Fulfilment**

##### **Formation of Core Team and selection of office bearers**

The WSC student members selected a President and Vice President for smooth functioning of the WSC. The office bearers were Ms Sakshi Nassa (III B.Com Hons) as President and Ms Srishti Taneja (III B.Com Hons) as Vice President. The office bearers also selected a core team of 20 students who would head sub-committees that would streamline responsibilities and supervise proper participation of all general student members of the WSC. The WSC also selected a student editor, Ms Arushi Sahay (I Sociology Hons), who worked to put together articles and poems for WSC newsletter, magazine and Facebook page. Due to the paucity of funds, the WSC was able to publish its annual magazine (for the academic session 2016-17) only in September of 2017.

##### **Orientation and Annual General Body Meeting**

The WSC's Orientation and Annual General Body Meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016. We proudly hosted Ms. Swati Maliwal, the Chairperson of the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) as our chief guest. As she recounted her complex experiences and grass-root struggles of working directly with women and their issues, it was a stimulating experience for all the members.

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## Counseling

The WSC engaged a clinical psychologist on part time basis to assist students while college was in session. The counsellor was available for eight hours per week. Apart from individual sessions, the counsellor also conducted support group sessions and informal presentations department-wise so that JMC students across the board could engage with their mental health issues by overcoming the usual stigma attached to them. **[For details of the counsellor's work, please find attached counsellor's report.]**

## Overall achievements

The WSC of JMC acted as a nerve-centre for much-needed discussion on burning women's issues. Certificate course classes, workshops, film screenings, street play performances, etc. were organized on issues currently in the centre of debate. For example, our workshop on law had a two hour session on the debates surrounding problems posed by a Uniform Civil Code. Similarly, the workshop on women and work had a session on unpaid work and the burgeoning employment crisis for women. In our film screenings, we have helped students to look beyond the film's plot and to problematize the manner in which the films portray gender issues.

It was also our concerted effort to guide the WSC students to pick up issues of immediate concern to JMC's students, and to play a proactive and gender-sensitive role in college. Hence, rather than a project located outside college, the WSC project this year revolved around a survey of the experiences of outstation JMC students living in paying guest accommodations.

The WSC also assisted the college in putting together the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) as per the Delhi University's notification enforcing the Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. The new ICC was put into place in September 2016.

## 3. DETAILS:

### (A) Teaching details: Certificate Courses and workshops

One of the key functions of the WSC is to offer certificate course classes on topics related to women's studies. These classes were arranged students belonging to separate years/batches, i.e. keeping in mind the kind of struggles they must be facing or will face. Hence, while certificate course classes revolved around introductory lectures for our first year WSC members on the functioning of gender roles and discrimination, classes proceeded to deal with more specific concerns relating to women and legal rights, women and employment question, etc. for second and

third year members. For workshops attended and for successful completion of 80 hours of work with the WSC, students were awarded certificates.

Some of the certificate course classes and workshops held included:

1. Introductory Certificate Course Class on *What is Meant by Gender?* Conducted by **Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Associate Professor, Miranda House College.**
2. Introductory Certificate Course Class on *History of Women's Oppression.* Conducted by **Dr Tripta Wahi, Associate Professor (retd.), Hindu College.**
3. Introductory Certificate Course Class on *Women, Unpaid Work and State Policies.* Conducted by **Mr Alok Kumar (independent trade unionist).**



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4. Special Class on the Beauty Myth. Conducted by **Ms Susan George, Assistant Professor, Jesus and Mary College.**
5. Special class on the Position of Women and Gender Rights in Conflict Areas. Conducted by **Dr Shailza Singh, Assistant Professor, Bharati College.**
6. Special class on Young Adults and Identity Development: Challenges to Mental Health. Conducted by the **College Counsellor, Ms Shalini John.**
7. Full-day workshop titled '**Workshop titled 'Women and Law'**' in February 2017: The workshop included
  - a. Presentation by **Human Rights Law Network** on the Functioning of Indian courts and landmark judgments.
  - b. Presentation by **Ms Nandini Rao (RAHI Foundation)** on Problems and prospects of the Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Redressal and Prohibition) Act, 2013.
  - c. Presentations by **Dr Chirashree Dasgupta (Associate Professor, JNU)** and **Dr Sabiha Hussain (Director, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia)** on Problems posed by Personal Law.
- (h) Full-day **Workshop titled 'Women and Work'** in March 2017: The workshop included the following
  - (a) Film screening of a documentary on domestic workers titled **Home and Work**, followed by a discussion.
  - 8(b) Presentation by **Dr Indrani Mazumdar** (Member-Secretary, Centre for Women's and Development Studies, Delhi) on Unemployment and Underemployment of Women in Contemporary India.
  - 8(c) Presentation by **Dr Ellina Samantroy** (Associate Fellow, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida) on Employment patterns of women.

## **(B) Research and field action**

- **Research project:** The WSC's research team launched an offline and online survey of paying guest (PG) accommodations where outstation JMC students reside. A total of 150 responses were collected from the college and analyzed. This research project tracked the concerns of the JMC outstation students with respect to transportation from PGs to college and back; the level of safety and facilities available at PGs near the college; and reasons why JMC outstation students moved to Delhi for higher studies rather than studying in their hometowns. The WSC felt that these everyday issues of outstation women students and the challenges they face were important to trace as part of study centre's our advocacy for an undergraduate women's hostel in Delhi University's South Campus. **[Find report of PG accommodation survey attached].**

**Future thrusts of research project:** With respect to the future course of this research on PG accommodations, the WSC in the 2017-2018 plans to:- (1) make visits to PGs and examine them more closely so as to compile a list of unsafe, poorly-run and over-priced PGs, which is information that can help outstation students make a more informed choices when moving into PGs, and (2) tie-up with WSCs/WDCs of more South Campus col-

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leges to carry out a more expansive study of private accommodations where outstation women students of Delhi University, South Campus, reside.

**Field action:** Winter Clothes Collection and Distribution among economically weak communities: The WSC started a winter clothes-collection drive in JMC in November 2016 and by December 2016 was able to distribute a large number of warm clothes in neighbouring slums.

## (C) **Information Dissemination**

- **Film and documentary screenings:** As part of information dissemination, the WSC screened movies and documentaries that touched on major issues of women's rights and experiences with discrimination. For example, the WSC screened Shoojit Sircar's "PINK" and Sarah Gavron's "Suffragette", which we thought were important for our members to not only passively watch but attend to the issues addressed by the films and discuss their opinions and experiences regarding them. We thus followed screenings with a discussion amongst the students as to what they took away from the movie.
- **WSC Newsletter:** The WSC published a newsletter inviting write-ups from JMC students on women's issues. The newsletter was circulated offline as well as through the social media for wider circulation. The purpose of the newsletter was also to create a space for dissemination of information on women's rights as discussed in numerous WSC events. Since not all students are able to attend WSC events, it is still important for information discussed in such events to be widely shared – something which the newsletter enabled the WSC to do. *(Please find copies of the 2016-17 newsletter attached).*
- **WSC Magazine - Jigyasa:** the WSC published its annual magazine, titled Jigyasa. Again, the magazine acted as a platform for students to express their creative side on gender concerns. We also used the magazine to update the college community about the WSC's work and initiatives. While the magazine was uploaded on the college website during the 2016-17 academic session, due to paucity of funds, it could only be printed in September 2017. *(Find copy of annual magazine attached).*

## (D) **Advocacy**

- The WSC commemorated **International Girl Child Day** and **International Day of No Prostitution** in which a string of exciting intra-college events were organized on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016. We witnessed enthusiastic participation from girls across JMC, showcasing sensitivity for gender issues along with their respective talents in fields of oration, writing, painting and photography.
- In early February 2017, we put together a fundraiser, **The February Freeze**, The theatre society of Aurobindo College, MOKSH, performed a thought-provoking play for us on discrimination against women.
- **International Women's Day celebrations** in collaboration with neighbouring WSCs/WDCs: The WSC's annual fest, **JAGRITI**, was purposefully held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, i.e. International Women's Day. In addition to many competitive events, the highlight of JAGRITI 2017 was a **first-of-its-kind public meeting where members**



from several WSCs of DU colleges came together in a vibrant gathering and shared their work, experiences and performances relating to the many problems women encounter. JMC's WSC provided the venue and common platform for this public meeting where poetry recitation, songs, plays and speeches on women's oppression and the struggle for women's rights were hosted. **This joint celebration of various WSCs on 8<sup>th</sup> March was part of our own WSC's effort towards cluster working/coordination with neighbouring women's study centres.**

#### 4. STRATEGIES:

- More combined, cluster work on research projects with other WSCs of Delhi University, South Campus.
- Tie-ups with research institutes so as to expose our JMC WSC members to professional research work on gender issues.
- Launching of more than one research project in the next academic session so as to involve all WSC members in some meaningful research.
- Submission of research reports to concerned agencies as part of an effort to put students' research to social use.
- More workshops for students on self-defense, women's rights, stress management, gender budgeting, etc.

## WSC's RESEARCH PROJECT REPORT, 2016-17

### ANALYSIS EMERGING FROM SOME KEY QUESTIONS RAISED DURING THE SURVEY OF PAYING GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS

**A. No. of survey collected** = 154

**B. Number of responses across year of study :**

First year = 77

Second year = 45

Third year = 32

**C. Background (Was it difficult to convince parents about staying away from home?):**

Yes : 120

No : 34

IT IS INDICATIVE FROM THE RESPONSES OF OUTSTATION JMC STUDENTS THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO CONVINCE FAMILY MEMBERS TO LET THEM PURSUE HIGHER STUDIES IN DELHI. DESPITE THE PRESTIGIOUS STATURE OF DELHI UNIVERSITY, MANY PARENTS HESITATED TO IMMEDIATELY AGREE TO THEIR DAUGHTER RELOCATING, GIVEN THE COST OF ACCOMMODATION, THE UNSAFE



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NATURE OF CITY LIFE FOR WOMEN, etc. IN ALL PROBABILITY MANY WOMEN STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WITHHELD FROM MOVING TO DELHI BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION WITHIN MOST DELHI UNIVERSITY COLLEGES.

PARENTS WHO UNDERSTOOD THE VALUE OF DELHI UNIVERSITY'S EDUCATION IN THE LONG RUN, AND PARENTS WITH GREATER FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOWED THEIR DAUGHTERS TO MOVE TO DELHI MORE EASILY.

## **D. Higher education facilities in hometown :**

Best : 14

Good : 50

Average : 90

SIZEABLE NUMBER OF JMC STUDENTS CAME ALL THE WAY TO DELHI TO STUDY BECAUSE AS A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT-FUNDED UNIVERSITY DELHI UNIVERSITY PROVIDES AN EDUCATION WHICH IS BETTER THAN THAT WHICH IS OFFERED BY AN AVERAGE STATE UNIVERSITY/PRIVATE COLLEGE/DEEMED UNIVERSITY. IN DELHI THE FACILITIES ARE BETTER AS WELL.

## **E. Number of girls staying in :**

Rented Accommodation/Flat : 0  
PG : 154

## **F. PG Location :**

SATYA NIKETAN : 80

ANAND NIKETAN : 30

MOTI BAGH : 14

SUBRATO PARK, ALAKNANDA, NORTH CAMPUS, CR PARK, NOIDA, VIKASPURI, AND SAFDARJANG ENCLAVE : 1 EACH

R.K. PURAM: 10

GREATER KAILASH : 7

OTHERS : 6

## **G. Cost of staying:**

1 seater (Rs 8000 - Rs 15000): 40

2 seater (Rs12000 - Rs20000): 70

3 seater (Rs10000- Rs24000): 44

IT HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE SURVEY THAT IN A NUMBER OF CASES, LANDLORDS ARE MAKING STUDENTS SHARE ROOMS WHICH ARE SMALL, OFTEN LEADING TO CRAMPED LIVING. IT IS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE MORE EXPENSIVE PGs ARE ACTUALLY MORE SPACIOUS OR NOT.

## **H. Landlord's Behaviour :**

Proper security measures taken : 142  
Proper security measures not taken : 12



FROM THE ABOVE STATED DATA IT IS CLEAR THAT IN MOST OF THE PGs CERTAIN SECURITY MEASURES ARE TAKEN. MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS CLAIMED THAT DUE IMPORTANCE IS GIVEN TO THEIR SECURITY.

HOWEVER, IN SOME CASES, AND WE BELIEVE THESE ARE IMPORTANT RESPONSES TO NOTE, IT IS EVIDENT THAT LANDLORDS/LANDLADIES ARE *NOT* TAKING REQUIRED SECURITY MEASURES. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS FEEL THEIR SECURITY IS NOT AT THREAT BECAUSE THEIR ACCOMMODATION IS LOCATED IN A RELATIVELY GOOD ENVIRONMENT/LOCALITY, AND THEREFORE THEY HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED LAPSES ON THE PART OF THEIR LANDLORD/LANDLADY.

IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT MANY RESPONDENTS FEEL THAT THE MERE PROVISION OF CCTV CAMERAS, A GUARD AND A PG CURFEW ARE ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES; OVERLOOKING THE FACT THAT SECURITY MEANS MUCH MORE THAN THAT, SUCH AS ALLOWING A STUDENT TO ENTER THE PG EVEN AFTER THE CURFEW SO THAT SHE IS NOT STRANDED. IN ALL PROBABILITY, THE MAJOR REASON FOR LANDLORDS NOT TAKING EXPECTED SECURITY MEASURES IS THAT THEY ARE CARELESS AND MORE PROFIT-ORIENTED.

### **I. Rules and regulations**

IMPOSITION OF UNREASONABLE RULES : 24

NO IMPOSITION OF UNREASONABLE RULES : 130

THE ABOVE DATA SHOWS THAT IN MAXIMUM CASES NO UNREASONABLE RULES ARE IMPOSED OVER THE STUDENTS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE ALSO A VISIBLE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS WHO FEEL THAT UNREASONABLE RULES ARE IMPOSED. FOR E.G.:

RESTRICTED USE OF LIGHTS/CURFEW FOR USE OF LIGHTS;

NO MALE VISITORS BUT STILL HAVING ALL MALE STAFF RUN THE PG;

BAN ON NON-VEG FOOD;

CONTRACT/LUMPSUM PAYMENT WHICH IS NON-NEGOTIABLE; and

CURFEW AFTER 8:00 PM

### **J. Reactions of landlords in case of an emergency:**

Helpful : 120

Unhelpful : 34

MAXIMUM STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED HELP VIA EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, LENDING MONEY OR GIVING EXTRA TIME TO PAY RENT, ETC.

UNHELPFUL BEHAVIOR ON THE PART OF LANDLORDS/LANDLADIES IS EXPRESSED IN SITUATIONS WHERE THE LANDLORD/LANDLADY PANICS AND BEHAVES IN A SELFISH MANNER, AS IN ACTING RUDELY OR EVEN EXPELLING A STUDENT FROM THE PG, ETC.

### **K. PROVISION FOR FACILITIES**

TYPICAL FACILITIES PROVIDED IN PGs : COOLER, AC, FOOD, WIFI

NOTED PROBLEMS IN FACILITIES PROVIDED: HALF COOKED FOOD, UNHYGENIC SANITARY CONDITION, LIMITED PORTABLE WATER, ETC.



## **L. PUBLIC TRASPORTATION**

CONVENIENT: 124

NOT CONVENIENT:30

ACCORDING TO DATA STATED ABOVE, WE FIND THAT FOR A MAJORITY OF STUDENTS PUBLIC TRASPORTATION IS CONVENIENT AND FEASIBLE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF STUDENTS FELT THAT PUBLIC TRASPORTATION IS NOT GOOD. THERE CAN BE SEVERAL REASONS, SUCH AS LESS FREQUENCY OF BUSES, ERRATIC TIMINGS OF BUSES, ROWDY BEHAVIOUR OF PEOPLE BOARDING THE BUS, ARM-TWISTING/FLEEING BY SHARED AUTO SERVICES.

## **M. LANGUAGE RELATED ISSUE**

INCONVENIENCE CAUSED DUE TO UNFAMILIARITY OF LOCAL LANGUAGE: 40

NO INCONVENIENCE: 124

FROM THE DATA IT IS CLEAR THAT IN MAXIMUM RESPONSES STUDENTS HAVE LITTLE ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO LANGUGE, BUT IN SOME CASES THEY ARE FACING A PROBLEM BECAUSE OF UNFAMILIARTY WITH THE LOCAL LANGUAGE. IN SUCH CAAES, SOME STUDENTS HAVE POINTED OUT INCIDENTS OF BEING CHEATED BY LOCAL INHABITANTS, CLASSMATES MOCKING THEM, ETC.

## **CONCLUSION :**

WE CAN SAFELY SAY THAT THE SURVEY WHICH WE CONDUCTED AS MEMBERS OF WSC, JMC ON PGs HAD MIXED RESPONSES. WE FOUND THAT MAJORITY OF STUDENTS ARE LIVING IN PLACES NEAR COLLEGE THAT PROVIDE CERTAIN FACILITIES AND SECURITY MEASURES. IN ADDITION TO THIS, MANY RESPONDENTS FELT THEIR LANDLORDS/LANDLADIES WERE UNDERSTANDING ENOUGH AND ACT AS PER SITUATION DEMANDS.

BUT A MORE CAUTIOUS READING OF RESPONSES IS REQUIRED. FOR ONE, **THE PG SURVEY TEAM OFTEN FELT THAT RESPONDENTS FILLED THE SURVEY IN HASTE AND UNCRITICALLY**, WHICH THEN PROVIDED AN INCOMPLETE PICTURE OF THE FUNCTIONING OF PGs. FOR THIS REASON, **THE WSC DECIDED TO DESIST FROM RECOMMENDING ANY PG MENTIONED IN THE SURVEY.**

SECONDLY, WE ALSO CAME ACROSS THE FACT THAT A SIZEABLE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH THEIR PG, I.E. REGARDING UNREASONABLE

RULES, INADEQUATE SECURITY, POOR FACILITIES, RUDE/UNPREDICTABLE BEHAVIOUR OF THEIR LANDLORD/LANDLADY, ETC.

LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST, WE FEEL PROUD TO SAY THAT WE HAVE TAKEN AN INITIAL STEP TOWARDS LOOKING INTO THESE UNHEARD/UNADDRESSED PROBLEMS FACED BY JMC STUDENTS DEPENDENT ON PGs. WE HOPE TO REPORT AND ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS TO SOME EXTENT. WE HENCE APPEAL TO ALL JMC STUDENTS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST TYPICAL PROBLEMS AND HARASSMENT FACED BY OUTSTATION WOMEN STUDENTS, AND TO PUSH FORWARD WITH WORKABLE SOLUTIONS. ONE IMMEDIATE SOLUTION IS REPORTING BAD PGs TO



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THE WSC MEMBERS AND STAFF ADVISORS. SUCH ACCOMMODATIONS CAN CONSEQUENTLY BE BLACKLISTED BY THE COLLEGE.

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION OF WSC 2016-17

### WSC Annual Orientation

**WSC ANNUAL ORIENTATION**  
and Annual General Body Meeting  
**Women's Study Center, JMC**

All are cordially invited.

**DATE:** 7/09/16 (WEDNESDAY)  
**VENUE:** HALL (4th floor)  
**TIMINGS:** 12:30-1:45PM

**CHIEF GUEST:**  
Ms. Swati Maliwal,  
Chairperson Of Delhi  
Commission Of  
Women

Hoursheets will be distributed to WSC members.

*Want to change the society?  
Then be the change...join WSC!*

For Queries, Contact: Sakshi Nassa 8130847743 | Srishti Taneja 9654493953

### Interactive Talks organised by WSC in September 2016

Women's Study Centre  
Jesus and Mary College  
PRESENTS

An interactive introductory session by

**Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda**  
Convenor of WDC, Miranda House

On

**GENDER AS A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CATEGORY**

- Open for all members
- Hours will be given

Date : 23/9/2016(Friday)  
Time : 1:45 PM  
Venue : Room 308

For further details contact,  
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WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE  
Jesus and Mary College  
presents

AN INTERACTIVE INTRODUCTORY SESSION BY

**Dr. Tripta Wahi**  
Retired Professor, Hindu College  
Veteran Women's Movement Activist and Scholar

on

**HISTORY OF WOMEN'S OPPRESSION**

- Open for all members
- Hours will be given

Date: 26/9/16 (Monday)  
Time: 1:45 - 3:45 pm  
Venue: Hall (4th floor)

For further details  
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## Commemoration of International Day of No Prostitution and International Girl Child Day 2016

On The Occasion of  
**'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NO PROSTITUTION'**  
WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE, JMC  
presents  
**'WALK THE TALK'**  
(Debate Competition)  
on  
**LEGALIZATION OF PROSTITUTION: AN EXCUSE OR REMEDY?**  
**वेश्यावृत्ति: बहाना या उपाय?**

DATE: 5th October'16 (Wednesday) Open To JMC  
TIME: 12:45PM (Activity Period) Students Only.  
VENUE: Room No 308 Duration 4+1 minutes.

For queries, Contact: Arushi 9821232615, Prachi: 9999430535

On The Occasion Of  
**'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NO PROSTITUTION'**  
and  
**'INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY'**  
WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE, JMC  
presents  
**'THE MIGHTY BRUSH'**  
(Poster Making Competition)  
on  
**GIRL CHILD AND THE INDIAN SOCIETY**

DATE: 5th October'16 (Wednesday) • Open to JMC  
TIME: 12:45 PM (Activity Period) students only.  
VENUE: Amphitheatre

for queries, contact: Sakshi 7042611331, Elsy 9911609949

## Photography Competition on International Day of No Prostitution and International Girl Child Day on 5th October 2016

Women's Study Centre  
Jesus and Mary College

On The Occasion Of  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NO PROSTITUTION  
& INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY**  
presents  
**THE PHOTO PHACTOR  
(Photography Competition)**

DATE: 5th October 2016

TIME : 12:45 pm (Activity Period)

VENUE : Amphitheatre

Attractive CASH Prizes up for grabs!

Theme will be given on the spot

For more details contact,  
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## Scenes from WSC's International Day of No Prostitution and International Girl Child's Day Celebration

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Jesus and Mary College  
on the occasion of  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NO PROSTITUTION**  
and  
**INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD'S DAY**

presents ► **WALK THE TALK,**  
A Debating competition.

► **THE PHOTO PHACTOR,**  
A Photography competition.

► **THE MIGHTY BRUSH,**  
A Poster making competition.

ON **7th Oct'16** AT **12:30 PM**  
**VENUE: 308**

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## Winter Clothes Collection Drive in 2016

**WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE, JMC**  
presents

**WINTER IS COMING**  
**GAME OF CLOTHES**

**DONATE WINTER WEAR**  
of any sort which is in a good condition.

Come join us in spreading smiles and some literal warmth!

Our Game of Clothes episodes will stream live from  
**WEDNESDAY 26/10/16 - FRIDAY 28/10/16**  
**12:45 PM to 1:45 PM**  
**VENUE : COMMON ROOM**

for any queries, contact: Kamya 9205923362 , Alisha 9971413861

**WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE, JMC**  
**CLOTH COLLECTION DRIVE DAY 2**  
**GAME OF CLOTHES - 27/10/16**



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## Film Screening and discussion on 28th October 2016

*'Na' sirf ek shabd nahi,  
apne aap mein pura vakya hai.*



**WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE, JMC**  
*presents a movie screening of*




*followed with a discussion by*  
**Dr. SUSAN GEORGE**


**DATE:** 28 Oct16 (Friday)  
**VENUE:** MPH  
**TIMING:** 10 a.m. Onwards



## Film Screening on the Suffragette movement on 18th January 2017



**WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE, JMC**  
*invites*  
**you for the screening of**



**SUFFRAGETTE**  
MOTHERS DAUGHTERS REBELS

**DATE:** 18.1.2017(WEDNESDAY)  
**TIME:** 12.30 PM  
**VENUE:** 308

The foot Soldiers of the early  
feminist movement seeking the  
**RIGHT TO VOTE!**



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## Certificate course on gender rights in conflict areas on 1st March 2017

**WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE**  
*Jesus and Mary College*  
PRESENTS  
**A CERTIFICATE COURSE CLASS BY**  
**Dr Shailza Singh**  
Department of Political Science, Bharati College  
ON  
**THE POSITION OF WOMEN AND  
GENDER RIGHTS IN CONFLICT AREAS.**  
**DATE: 01/03/17 (WED)** - COMPULSORY FOR ALL  
1ST YR WSC MEMBERS.  
**TIME: 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm** - HOURS WILL BE GIVEN  
**VENUE: ROOM 305** TO WSC MEMBERS.

Women and Law workshop on 15th February 2017. Eminent speakers like Colin Gonsalves, Nandini Rao, Dr. Chirashree Dasgupta and Dr. Sabiha Hussain were invited

**WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE**  
*Jesus And Mary College*  
PRESENTS  
**WOMEN AND LAW WORKSHOP**  
REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FROM 08/02/17 (WED) TO 14/02/17 (TUE).

**REGISTRATION DETAILS**

- Registration charges Rs 100/- (includes the cost of refreshments, stationery and participation certificate).
- Registration shall be confirmed on payment of registration charges.
- Registration charges to be submitted to Dr Maya John and Ms Susan George on 14th Feb (Tue) in the STAFF ROOM between 10:30 am - 12:45 pm.

**WORKSHOP DETAILS**

SESSIONS	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
<b>Session I:</b> 9:30 am to 10:30 am	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b> On key laws debated by the women's movement.	<b>Colin Gonsalves,</b> Senior Advocate, Supreme Court and Founding Director of Human Rights Law Network (HRLN).
<b>Session II:</b> 10:30 am to 11:45 am	The functioning of Indian courts and landmark judgments.	
<b>Session III:</b> 12 noon to 12:45 pm	<b>GROUP ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Nandini Rao,</b> Heads RAHI's rural project. She is a feminist trainer, counsellor and writer.
<b>Session IV:</b> 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm	Problems and prospects of the Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Redressal and Prohibition) Act, 2013.	
<b>Session V:</b> 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm	Problems posed by personal law - does a uniform civil code offer an adequate solution?	<b>Dr Chirashree Dasgupta,</b> Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU and <b>Dr Sabiha Hussain,</b> Honorary Director, Jodini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.

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## WSC REPORT 2017-18

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6<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The Under Secretary  
(Women's Studies Centres)  
University Grants Commission  
35, Feroze Shah Road  
New Delhi-110001

Subject: Submission of Annual Report of the Women's Study Centre (WSC), Jesus and Mary College for the year 2017-18.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are sending the Annual Report of the Women's Study Centre for 2017-18, along with the Statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificate for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

We are also re-attaching a copy of the Statement of Expenditure and Utilization of Certificate for 2015-2016. This set of documents has been sent to your good office on two occasions earlier. Despite this we are in receipt of a letter asking the college to return an unutilized fund of Rs. 1,10,000/-. Kindly, look into this matter and do the needful.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

*Sr. Rosily T.L.M.*

Sr. (Dr.) Rosily T.L.M.

Officiating Principal

Annual Report: 2017-18

The Women's Study Centre, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi





## Annual Report: 2017-18

### The Women's Study Centre, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (A) *University*: University of Delhi
- (B) *Centre*: Jesus and Mary College
- (C) *Address*: Jesus and Mary College, Near Babu Dham, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021.
- (D) *Date of establishment*: 2013

#### 2. PROGRAMME:

##### (A) *Objectives*

The JMC Women's Study Centre (WSC) set out with the objective to bring women's issues onto the daily discussion platform, spread awareness on various fronts that have been shunned as taboos, and hence, groom our members and the larger student body into becoming not only more sensitized individuals but also active participators in today's women's rights campaigns.

The WSC's aim was to make the WSC activities as regular, student-centric, and meaningful as possible; irrespective of the continuous fund crunch. This past year, we tried our best to encourage the student members to use the WSC as a platform through which they could engage with the gendered reality around them, gain the inspiration and understanding to ask uncomfortable questions, and also learn about ongoing struggles.

Given this important task of the WSC, our college has made the WSC one of the compulsory societies for students, which means that those who join the society would need to fulfill a minimum number of hours of participation in WSC activities. For the year 2016-17 we kept the number of hours at 80.





## B) *Fulfilment*

### Formation of Core Team and selection of office bearers

The WSC student members selected a President and Vice President for smooth functioning of the WSC. The office bearers were Ms Tanya Singh (III Sociology Hons) as President and Ms Avantika Jhunjhunwala (II Sociology Hons) as Vice President. The office bearers also selected a core team of 15 students who would head sub-committees that would streamline responsibilities and supervise proper participation of all general student members of the WSC. Due to the paucity of funds, the WSC was able to publish its annual magazine (for the academic session 2016-17) only in September of 2017.

### Orientation and Annual General Body Meeting

The WSC's Orientation was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in which nearly 100 students joined the WSC as members. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 a general body meeting was held and the election to the post of WSC President was conducted.

### Counseling

The WSC engaged a clinical psychologist, Ms Shalini John, and another trained counselor, Ms Saniya Bedi, on part time basis to assist students while college was in session. While Ms Shalini John came twice a week, the second counselor, Ms Saniya Bedi came once a week. Apart from individual sessions, the counselors also conducted support group sessions and informal presentations department-wise so that JMC students across the board could engage with their mental health issues by overcoming the usual stigma attached to them. *[For details of the counsellor's work, please find attached counsellors' report.]*

### Overall achievements

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The Women's Study Centre has come a long way since its inception but it continues to stress on its main motive, which is spreading awareness about gender issues and creating free-spirited women in a society that constantly attacks them. The WSC of JMC acted as a nerve-centre for much-needed discussion on burning women's issues. Certificate course classes, special workshops, film screenings, street play performances, etc. were organized on issues currently in the centre of debate.

In order to inculcate greater gender sensitization, the majority of WSC members were involved in two research projects requiring field visits. The two projects were: (i) A Study of Rape Crisis Centres in Delhi, and (ii) Safety audits of places nearby Jesus and Mary College.

### 3. DETAILS:

#### **(A) Teaching details: Panel Discussions and Certificate Course Workshops**

One of the key functions of the WSC is to arrange for special lectures/panel discussions as well as day-long or half-day certificate course workshops on topics related to women's studies. We have kept the workshops open to both WSC members and to other JMC students.

Some of the special lectures and panel discussions include:

1. One of the first major WSC events in the academic session 2017-18 was titled "Violence in the Home" aimed at bringing enthusiastic students across colleges to address the issue of domestic violence at various platforms- debate and poster-making. As part of this event, we also organized a **panel discussion "Debating recent attempts at dilution of the law against domestic violence"** in which Dr Sophy Joseph, Assistant Professor, National Law University, Delhi, and Dr Sadhna Arya, Saheli Resource Centre, spoke about the recent Supreme Court judgments on domestic violence legislation.
2. We believe in keeping ourselves updated and as the Triple Talaq was a heated issue regarding women's rights this year, and so we felt it as our responsibility to educate our



members about it. We conducted a **special lecture on "Triple Talaq"** whereby we hosted Professor Furqan Ahmad, Professor at Indian Law Institute, Delhi, who spoke about the legal aspects behind this controversial bill.

4. We had another **panel discussion titled "Challenges Relating to Women's Healthcare Needs in India"**. Our panelists, Dr Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Associate Professor at Miranda House; Ms Jupi Gogoi, Assistant Professor at Indian Law Institute; and Ms Anupama Dutta, Director at HelpAge India spoke about the taboos associated with women's bodies and negligence of the old and infertile women from government health policies.
5. The WSC also conducted a **talk on pre-examination stress management** in which Ms Shalini John, the college counselor, spoke to the students regarding exam anxiety.

This year too WSC continued with the idea of well-crafted and daylong certificate course workshops with speakers from the fields of journalism, theatre and research as well as unravelling exciting activities for its members. The workshops included:

1. Our first **workshop titled "Gender and Media"** was divided into three sessions, each addressed by our panelists. In session 1, Dr Karen Gabriel, Associate Professor of English at St Stephen's College, introduced us to the idea of 'gender' and how media has established a false notion of masculinity and femininity through its stereotyping. In session 2, Poornima Joshi, Senior Journalist with *Hindu Business Line*; and Vandana Sebastian Bawa, Principal Correspondent at NewsX, discussed how journalism, with its structural sexism and lack of security for female reporters, pushes gender-bias further and in turn oppresses women's voices. In session 3, with Sukriti Chauhan, a performing artist, we had an enjoyable interactive session where through activities, presentation of videos and discussions, we dispelled the myth surrounding genders and their assigned societal roles.
2. Our second **workshop titled "Women's Voices from the Margins"** aimed at bringing to the forefront women's problems from the conflicted zones of the country. Gautam Navlakha, Civil Liberties Activist and Journalist; and Paul D'Souza, Researcher at Indian Social





Institute acquainted us with the stories of the 'half widows' of militancy-hit Kashmir. In session 2, Ms Ritambhara Mehta, co-founder of Nazariya Queer Feminist Resource Group, talked about the struggle of the LQBT community and questioned the need for their 'acceptance' in the society. In session 3, Dr Papori Bora, Centre for Women's Studies, JNU; and Prof Archana Prasad, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour, JNU, talked about the ill-treatment meted out to the women from North-East and Adivasi Communities, respectively.

## **Research and field action**

- **Research projects:** The WSC conducted two research projects in the 2017-18 academic session. The first project involved conducting a Safety Audit of the areas immediately surrounding the college. We surveyed the neighbouring area of Satya Niketan and Babu Dham in the early morning and evening. Street lighting, policing and availability of basic requirements were checked. Students worked with hand-made maps, indicating stretches where safety was lacking, along with the reason for the same. *[Please see the attached report of the safety audit]*
- Our second project involved visiting some of Delhi's One-Stop Rape Crisis Centre and assessing their accessibility. For this project, the WSC members first read up about the one-stop centers, and then visited two such centers, i.e. the RML Hospital, and Sanjay Gandhi Hospital. In these visits, they spoke to staff manning the centres so as to understand the procedures utilized in these special centres and to learn about the number of cases being reported at these centres. *[Please see the attached report]*

## **(C) Information Dissemination**

- **Special Discussion on sexual harassment and the internal complaints committee:** We started this year with our annual orientation with a Special Lecture on Sexual Harassment wherein our staff advisors threw light upon the importance of identifying the harasser and



showing zero tolerance to any such cases. It was an enriching introductory session and suitable for our fresh members to get the gist of what WSC stands for.

- **Film and documentary screenings:** As part of information dissemination, the WSC screened movies and documentaries that touched on major issues of women's rights and experiences with discrimination. Along with the college Gender Champions, the WSC screened the movie "Queen of Katwe", and the short film "Afzana" starring a JMC student. Both these films were screened as these showcased vulnerable women's struggles for justice and equal opportunities.

#### (D) **Advocacy**

- A debate competition and a poster-making competition on the domestic violence law and recent court rulings was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Both competitions were very well attended. The overall event, titled "Violence in the Home" was concluded with the screening of a relevant episode of Satyamev Jayate.
- The WSC commemorated **International Girl Child Day** we led an online campaign where the members came forward to speak what this day meant for them. It was followed by our first ever Candle Light Vigil at Connaught Place for stressing the need to stop female feticide and violence against women in all forms.
- WSC also came forward in support against holi hooliganism and led a protest outside Delhi Police Headquarters, reiterating its zero tolerance for any attempt made to deprive women of their dignities.
- Our last and the biggest event, i.e. our annual festival, **Jagriti**, was held to commemorate International Women's Day. Continuing with the theme of "Say No to Holi Hooliganism",
- we were delighted to see people not only participating in the competitive events of slam poetry and poster-making but also coming forward to talk about the issues that intimidate women in this society. **This was a joint celebration of various WSCs. The JMC WSC**



yet again hosted the program due to our sincere efforts to coordinate with neighbouring women's study centres.

#### 4. STRATEGIES:

- More combined, cluster work on research projects with other WSCs of Delhi University, South Campus.
- Tie-ups with research institutes so as to expose our JMC WSC members to professional research work on gender issues.
- Submission of research reports to concerned agencies as part of an effort to put students' research to social use.
- More workshops for students on self-defense, women's rights, stress management, gender budgeting, etc.

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#### **COMBINED REPORT OF FIELD VISIT TO TWO ONE-STOP RAPE CRISIS CENTRES IN DELHI, 2017-18**

##### **One-Stop Rape Crisis Centre at Sanjay Gandhi Hospital, Delhi**

On 25th January 2018 a team of students from the Women's Study Centre of Jesus and Mary College had the opportunity to visit the one stop centre located within the Sanjay Gandhi Hospital. Having read up the guideline manual made for such centres by the woman and child ministry, we arrived at the hospital with some expectations. We expected the one stop centre to be a separate, easily identifiable building within the hospital premises, staffed with its own doctors, nurses, counsellors and police. Instead, we were disappointed to find an old and poorly-maintained



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hospital building, overflowing with patients who had to make do with the corridor floors. With no visible signs or directions to the one stop centre, an obvious question sprung up: how would any victim seeking help or solace at the centre find it in the first place?

It appeared to me that the possible troubles a victim looking to approach the centre might face were not taken into consideration at all. The victim would not only be forced to ask around about the centre, something they would in all probabilities be hesitant to do, but she would also have to walk through a long, crowded corridor, subject to multiple stares.

We were told that the victims are brought by the police upon lodging a complaint, few, if any approached the centre first.

The one stop centre was in actuality only 2 rooms located on the maternity ward- a tiny examination room which was further divided and a counselling room. It did not have its own staff or any stationed police officer or counsellor. We were informed it shares its nurses with the maternity ward as well. The highly overworked nurses admitted that it gets extremely tough to manage both since they are not able to give due attention to the victims who arrive. While they claimed to have got some occasional training, it is unlikely that they are able to act with proper sensitivity and follow proper protocol keeping in mind the time constraints and work load. Also considering that there are no counsellors permanently stationed at the centre, it would mean that a victim would be kept waiting till a counsellor is contacted and finally arrives. Making a victim, who has been subjected to horrendous crimes and has shown much courage in approaching the centre, wait to receive medical and mental help and denying them due attention does not seem fair to me. The nursing staff conveyed the obvious inadequacy of psychological help being provided to the victim and revealed they did not think it significantly helped the victim the way it was currently being dispensed. Another problem would be admitting victims even for a night considering the maternity ward is almost always full.

While the nurses were kind enough to take out time and explain the procedures to us, we could not help but be a bit skeptical of the efficiently working system she was trying to convince us of. They claimed that families rarely posed as a problem and were largely accepting of victims, the police were always considerate and the victims always willing to lodge complaints. All this conflicted with the several news reports one views every day. It appeared from their accounts that the existing overburdened staff worked to the best of their capabilities given the constraints of infrastructure and staff. What was needed was clearly more hands-on-deck and definitely more funding. While they had been asked for their suggestions during inspection rounds, no action was taken. When probed further, the nurses also agreed that it would in fact be ideal if such centres existed as separate units as prescribed by the original guidelines of the state. They claimed that

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this would be better not only for the victim but also for the staff involved. This somewhat revealed that perhaps all was not as efficient as was being portrayed to us and conveyed their dire state as well.

The one stop centres are not only meant as rape shelters but for all sorts of crimes against women. The nurses, however, seemed completely unaware of this fact. They revealed that they only take in victims of sexual abuse. Moreover, given the number of cases of crimes against women by their own families, it came as quite a surprise that they hardly took in victims or sent them to shelters. Most were sent back to live with their families.

We were shown a kit consisting of step-by-step procedures that must be followed by the nurses in order to collect biological samples from the victim as evidence. However, the nurse had trouble even opening the box without help which seems odd considering the centre receives nearly 40 sexual harassment victims a month. There were also multiple steps missing in the kit.

After several attempts at meeting the doctor in charge of the one stop centre and a considerable waiting period, we were finally allowed to meet her. She revealed the entire procedure that is followed by the one stop centre, from stabilising the victim to treating her, providing her legal recourse as well as counselling sessions. She assured us that well-being of the victim comes first and foremost and all necessary steps are undertaken keeping this in mind- the doctors are called to the patient to avoid any delay, the first step is always stabilising the victim in cases of serious injury, the victim is not pressurised instead her will is followed, etc. however, the actual implementation and practice of these procedures remains a doubt in my mind. During her interaction, the doctor narrated to us several grotesque cases of child sexual abuse that have come to the Sanjay Gandhi hospital but also revealed very regressive attitudes and opinions that were not expected of a person in her position. She seemed convinced that a majority of the cases that come up to the centre seem to be fabricated by young girls or their parents. It was a relief to know that irrespective of her individual opinions, all victims were treated and allowed to approach the police and take legal recourse.

In conclusion, the visit to the one stop centre was clear proof of the discrepancies that exist between policies formulated for women and their actual implementation. We found inadequate infrastructure, overworked staff members, absent counsellors, and doctors with little time and some problematic opinions. However, we also found among them, people who were willing to help the victims of abuse to the best of their capabilities and within the constraints set upon them. We were assured of procedures that seemed to be a part of an efficient system that made the victim the priority. There is therefore a lot that is being done for victims of abuse but there is defi-



nitely scope for improvement. There is a clear plea to increase both funding and staffing of such centres and to give them their own space as originally mandated by the government.

### **One-Stop Rape Crisis Centre at R.M.L. Hospital**

As part of the Women's Study Centre report, a team of students led by the two gender Champions of college, Divina Sethi and Shraddha Kumar, visited Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital's One Stop Rape Crisis Centre on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018.

Dr. Madhureema, a gynecologist and the Chief Medical Officer was interviewed.

According to the doctor, most women who visit the hospital do so either alone or are accompanied by the police after report of rape is filed at the station. Women prefer to visit the hospital alone because of the stigma attached with issues such as rape.

Before shifting them to the rape crisis cell, consent is taken for a medico legal examination. If the woman refuses to take the exam (again due to the stigma and embarrassment) she can refuse the procedure. The minimum age to give consent is 12 years according to the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

### **Medical Procedure**

After this, the victim is taken to the rape crisis centre where a detailed medical examination is conducted. Qualified gynecologists attend to the victim and consent for collection of samples is taken. All forms of consent are documented. After consent is obtained, the gynecologist proceeds to inquire about the victim's history, whether it was a single or a gang rape, the marks of identification, injuries, etc. Various samples are collected using the sexual assault forensic examination evidence kit. A new kit is used for each patient. This kit consists of a booklet in which the victim's information is entered, and a duplicate is made.

Initially, the victim is stripped of her clothes and her outer garments and inner garments are sealed off separately and taken for examination (e.g. torn clothes). She is then made to stand on an open sheet of paper so that she can get rid of the debris (mud, grass, pebbles, etc). After this, swabs are taken from her entire body; this is followed by the collection of samples from the body. These include combing of the pubic hair to look for loose hair, clipping and sealing of some pubic hair for examination, nail clippings and oral cavities swab (to check if oral intercourse happened). Other swabs include rectal, vulval, vaginal and cervical swabs. Blood and urine samples are collected for toxicological analysis to check if she was under the influence during the act. .

All these samples are sealed in a box to ensure that none are tampered with. All sampling is only valid for four days i.e. 96 hours, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Out of the two copies of victim information, one is kept for hospital records and the other is given to the police.



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The collection and sealing away of samples marks the end of one important procedure. After this, the victim's DNA profiling is and blood sampling for HIV is taken. As part of profile axis, preventive medicines are provided for HIV. All this based on her prior vaccinations. Pregnancy tests are provided to adult females.

She is then checked for active infections, disease of reproductive organs, etc. If required, she is also given a tetanus injection.

Another significant part of the medical exam is the vaginal examination. Initially, the two finger test was conducted and it was determined if the victim was a virgin or not from the elasticity of the vagina (due to regular intercourse) and the rupturing of the hymen. As per the rules, this no longer holds true. The two finger test is conducted, but only to determine vaginal injuries or infections, and no comments are made about her virginity. Per speculum examination is also conducted after taking consent from the victim.

In cases when the age of the victim is unknown or she doesn't have an idea about her age, age investigation is done through dental examination by radiologists.

The victim is later brought in again for follow up.

## ***Psychological and social issues in medical examinations***

In most medical examinations of victims of sexual assault, extra sensitivity is required by not only the gynecologists, but also the other staff attending to the victim. Prejudice and stigma associated with a rape victim is prevalent in our country, but medical professionals must not give into such biases in judgment. Gynecologists are intact trained to deal with such cases. They must be able to attend to subtle details like the victim's appearance, expressions and body language. Such non verbal cues also aid in understanding whether the victim was in fact genuinely assaulted or is lying. Cases of malingering victims also exist. For example, when a boy and girl elope against their parents' wishes and are finally caught, the girl is sent to such a centre and forced to file a police report by her parents so they can protect themselves from the "shame she has brought upon the family."

Apart from this, the modules of existing rules (Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) are constantly updated and are accessible to medical professionals attending to victims. Another very important aspect that is specific to RML is that here, only a gynecologist can attend to a victim of sexual assault. In other hospitals, this rule doesn't apply; any doctor can attend to the victim.

RML receives about 5 to 6 cases every month, and in rare cases 10.

## ***Counseling***

The rape crisis centre has a counseling centre attached to it, with 1 to 2 counselors on call on a daily basis. This counseling is done after the medico legal examination.

The counselors have access to all the information about the victim. According to the counselors that the gender champions spoke to, both the victim and her family are counseled. At a secondary level, it is the counselor's duty to judge if the case is fake or real (e.g. victim ran away from home). One of the counselors narrated an incident about a lady who traumatically revealed her experience of getting raped three to four times. They have to remain sensitive to the victim's

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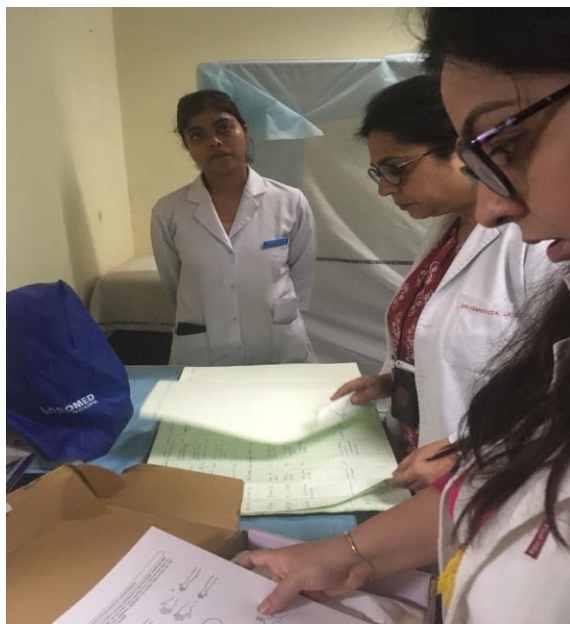
condition; many victims are unable to talk about the trains while others just cry. The counselors must remain patient and yet not pry the victim for information. They must ensure that the victim does not internalize the reason for the rape (for example- "I was raped because I was disobedient"). In cases that require mental status examination (MSE), a psychiatrist is consulted. Many a times, the victim visits the counselor for multiple sessions based on the decisions of the court.

## *Conclusion of findings*

Overall, Ram Manohar Lohia's One Stop Rape Crisis Centre is very effective. A detailed procedure is laid down and implemented. The head gynecologist is aware of the entire procedure and ensures it is carried out smoothly. However, there still remain a few areas where further improvement can be undertaken. Firstly, the signage announcing the presence of a rape crisis centre within the hospital was limited. There were a few printed out signs on A4 paper within the immediate vicinity of the centre, and apart from that there were two large signs proclaiming the presence of the centre in front of the door of the rape crisis centre room itself, which was located at the end of a corridor that apparently did not see much foot traffic. The hospital could certainly do a better job in making the centre more accessible. Secondly, the counselors at the rape crisis centre did not conduct a mental status examination on the rape victims, which should ideally be essential while seeing any patients. The counselors present at the centre also did not take up a proactive role in recommending further therapy to the victim in the case of excessive trauma. However, barring these few limitations, this hospital's centre gives us hope for the improvement and development of more centres like it.



## CMO explaining medical and filing procedure



## Unclear sign leading to center\*



(\*Photograph from the report of field visit highlighting an area for improvement at the One Stop Rape Crisis Centre at the RML Hospital)



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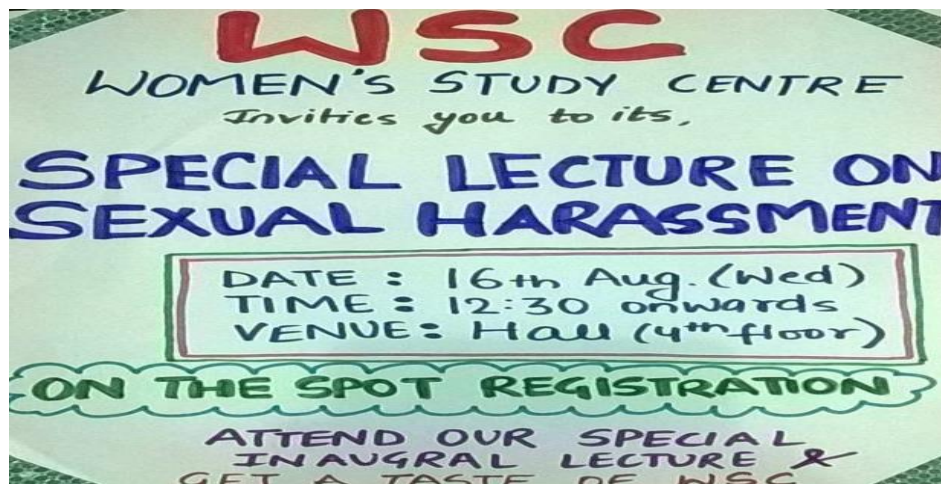
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## PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION OF WSC 2017-18

### WSC Special Lecture on Sexual Harassment



### Observing International Girl Child Day with a Candlelight Vigil on 11th October 2017





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## Programme on Violence in the Home on 6th September 2017

### WSC Daylong Program On VIOLENCE IN THE HOME

#### Events :

- DEBATE COMPETITION
- POSTER EXHIBITION
- PANEL DISCUSSION & SCREENING

DATE : 6 Sept. 17  
TIME : 10:30 onwards  
VENUE : MPH

#### DEBATE

TOPIC : This house believes  
section 498A should  
not be diluted.

TIME : 3 minutes + 1 Interjection

TIMING : 10:30 onwards

#### POSTER EX.

TOPIC : Behind the Closed  
Doors

★ Submit posters to office  
bearers by 5 sept.

#### PANEL DISCUSSION & SCREENING

- DISCUSSION : Supreme Court Judgement on Domestic  
Violence
- SCREENING : Satyamev Jayate episode on Domestic  
Violence

TIMINGS : 12:30 onwards

★ Hours will be given to NSC members.

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WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE  
presents  
Daylong Program On  
VIOLENCE IN THE HOME







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## Pictures from Annual Festival Jagriti 2018





## WSC Annual Report: 2018-19

The Women's Study Centre, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(A) *University*: University of Delhi

(B) *Centre*: Jesus and Mary College

(C) *Address*: Jesus and Mary College, Near Bapu Dham, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021.

(D) *Date of establishment*: 2013

### 2. PROGRAMME:

#### (A) *Objectives*

The JMC Women's Study Centre (WSC) set out with the objective to bring women's issues onto the daily discussion platform, spread awareness on various fronts that have been shunned as taboos, and hence, groom our members and the larger student body into becoming not only more sensitized individuals but also active participators in today's women's rights campaigns.

The WSC's aim was to make the WSC activities as regular, student-centric, and meaningful as possible; irrespective of the continuous fund crunch. The WSC aimed to provide an intersectional approach while creating awareness among its undergraduate student members about the inequalities confronting women. The focus in 2018-19 was to provide adequate space for our members to engage in discussion and gain knowledge on various issues such as women and work, gender and sexuality, violence at home, influence of media, laws and rights, issues of minority women, health and hygiene, etc. For this we conducted workshops, certificate course classes, special talks, a Student Seminar, film screenings and other interactive sessions. Our events are mostly conducted by guest speakers ranging from activists to scholars of history, sociology, psychology, political science and others.





Given this important task of the WSC, our college has made the WSC one of the compulsory societies for students, which means that those who join the society would need to fulfill a minimum number of hours of participation in WSC activities. For the year 2018-19 we kept the number of hours at 60.

## B) *Fulfilment*

### **Formation of Core Team and selection of office bearers**

The WSC student members selected a President and Vice President for smooth functioning of the WSC. The office bearers were Ms Tanya Singh (III Sociology Hons) as President and Ms Avantika Jhunjhunwala (II Sociology Hons) as Vice President. The office bearers also selected a core team of 15 students who would head sub-committees that would streamline responsibilities and supervise proper participation of all general student members of the WSC.

### **Orientation and Annual General Body Meeting**

The WSC's Orientation was held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018 around a workshop jointly organized by the college Internal Complaints Committee and the WSC. Following the workshop nearly 100 students joined the WSC as members. On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 a general body meeting was held and the election to the post of WSC President and Vice President was conducted.

### **Counseling**

The WSC engaged trained counselors, Ms Saniya Bedi, Ms. Prachi Akhawat and Asmita Sharma on part time basis to assist students while college was in session. Each of the counselors visited the college once a week. Apart from individual sessions, the counselors also conducted support group sessions and informal presentations department-wise so that JMC students across the board could engage with their mental health issues by overcoming the usual stigma attached to them. *[For details of the work of the counselors, please find attached their report.]*





## Overall achievements

The Women's Study Centre has come a long way since its inception but it continues to stress on its main motive, which is spreading awareness about gender issues and creating free-spirited women in a society that constantly attacks them. The WSC of JMC acted as a nerve-centre for much-needed discussion on burning women's issues. Certificate course classes, special workshops, film screenings, street play performances, etc. were organized on issues currently in the centre of debate.

In order to inculcate greater gender sensitization, the majority of WSC members were involved in regular workshops and a student seminar that was hosted to commemorate International Women's Day.

## 3. DETAILS:

### (A) Teaching details: Panel Discussions and Certificate Course Classes and Workshops

One of the key functions of the WSC is to arrange for special lectures/panel discussions as well as day-long or half-day certificate course workshops on topics related to women's studies. We have kept the workshops open to both WSC members and to other JMC students.

Some of the special lectures and panel discussions include:

1. We started in 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 with an **interactive session with Ms. Nandini Rao**, a feminist trainer and counselor on "**Comprehending and Addressing the Experiences of Sexual Harassment in Universities**". It proved to be a very enlightening session, bringing forth discussions on consent, victim-blaming and the necessity of speaking out.
2. A huge success was our **6-day Self-Defense Workshop** that followed shortly later in September 2018, which was **conducted by the Delhi Police** and provided basic self-defense physical training. The students went on to receive a certificate from the Delhi Police.



3. On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 we put together an **interactive workshop** on issues emerging from the LGBTQ+ community. This was conducted by Ms. Kashish Dua, and was aimed at sensitizing students and making them aware of nuances around the issues faced by the community.
4. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 our members attended an **interactive session with Delhi police on measures being taken to ensure women's safety through various helplines and the Himmat App**. Our members also used this interface as an opportunity to point out laxity on behalf of the police in certain instances.
5. On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, a team of our members also attended a **full day panel discussion conducted by the National Commission for Women on "Empowering Women through Entrepreneurship"** at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road. The importance of such a discussion for young women pursuing college education is unquestionable, as they came in contact with encouraging stories of women taking livelihood initiatives at the local community level.
6. On 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, we organized a **feminist filmmaking workshop, titled "When We're Calling the Shots"**. This was conducted by **award-winning filmmaker, Ms. Vani Subramanian**. It was an interactive session based on the nuances of filmmaking, with a focus on documentaries.
7. The WSC also organized a series of certificate course classes starting from January 2019 onwards on diverse topics, cutting across the fields of politics, sociology, economics, health, etc.
  - (a) We began with **sessions on "Women and Class"**, conducted by **Dr. Maya John, women's rights activist and labour historian**. These WSC classes exposed how different class positions affect women's lives in markedly distinct ways, and allows for the exploitation of lower class women by women of other classes.



- (b) For our certificate course classes, we also invited **visiting scholars like Dr. Christa Wichterich from Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin**, who conducted a session on the **"Rise of Neo-Parties in Europe and their Anti-Gender Approaches"**. This helped WSC members understand the trajectory of the women's movement in European countries.
- (c) We also addressed the extremely important issue of health concerns and skewed nutritional levels among women in a special class conducted by **Ms. Latika Goel** on **"Addressing Nutritional Needs of Women"**.
- (d) In February 2019, **Mr. Naveen Thomas conducted a class on "Women and Work Patterns"** that addressed the employment trends of women in organized and unorganized sector and the problems they face.
- (e) The final certificate course class was conducted by **Dr. Amya Agarwal** on **"Women's Agency Amid the Politics of Masculinities in Kashmir"**, on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019. This class received praise from members for addressing the agency available to women in Kashmir, and for challenging stereotypical views regarding Kashmiri women.

## **(B) Research and field action**

1. Our student seminar, titled "Women's Voices: Agency, Vulnerability and Conformity" was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019, and saw an outstanding number and quality of submissions. The student papers were based on research conducted by students on various themes specified by the Organizing Committee of the WSC. We invited academic papers in English and Hindi from BA and MA students, as well as short films on a variety of gender-based sub-themes. *(Please find attached program schedule of the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 student seminar)*

- (a) The main sub-themes included: (a) Making Short Films, (b) Gender and Media, (c) Gender, Sexuality and the Politics of Tradition, (d) Gender Violence, Discrimination and Discourses on





Parity, and (e) Feminism and Intersectionality. The Student Seminar successfully hosted papers from across Delhi University colleges.

(b) All the papers that were read at the Student Seminar have been hosted on the WSC's blog <https://wscjmc2019@blogspot.com/>

2. WSC students have also been encouraged to submit short research papers and opinion pieces for publication in the WSC blog.

### (C) Information Dissemination

1. The WSC Fundraiser was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. In this full day event, we sold T-shirts, badges, postcards and stickers with messages of gender justice and equality, all of which received an exceptional amount of traction.
2. For greater visibility of ongoing student research and events, the WSC has launched its own blog as well. The link to the WSC blog of JMC is <https://wscjmc2019@blogspot.com/>
3. On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019, a short films festival was also conducted, showcasing films like 'Juice' and 'Please Mind the Gap'. Members interacted with some of the filmmaking groups involved and learnt a lot about what goes into the making a film on sensitive gender issues.

### (D) Advocacy

1. Our members commemorated **International Girl Child Day** on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 by making videos pledging to fight for equal rights for women and girls, showing that we as young women can spearhead much required changes in the society.
2. Keeping in mind the importance of spreading awareness regarding mental health issues, we collaborated with the college counselors to organize a talk on mental health and **commemorated Mental Health Week in October 2018.**



3. WSC members extended support and joined the Women's Day Rally from Mandi House to Parliament Street on the occasion of International Working Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The students interacted with women's rights activists and women's groups that had come together from across northern India to speak out for the rights of the most vulnerable sections of women in Indian society.

4. On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 our members also hosted a powerful **street play performance** as part of the **commemoration of International Women's Day**. The play, titled "**Atyachaar Devi ki Leelayein**", was prepared by a women's organization, Centre For Struggling Women (CSW), and the activists interacted with the JMC students thereafter.

#### 4. STRATEGIES:

- More combined, cluster work on research projects with other WSCs of Delhi University, South Campus.
- Tie-ups with research institutes so as to expose our JMC WSC members to professional research work on gender issues.
- Submission of research reports to concerned agencies as part of an effort to put students' research to social use.

#### Jaagriti'19: A short report

A Report on Student short-films and Intersectionality

By Tonisha Roy

#### **Session 1: Student short films (Venue: Hall)**

Both the shortlisted student short films were given an introduction first by the team members who made it followed by the screening of the short film followed by a discussion on the same. This was then followed by the judge, Dr. Swati's comments on both the films leading to some



questions from the audience which were answered by the makers of the films. Overall it was quite an enriching experience for the audience and the participants.

The participants **Aalia John and team on "what is Beauty and the beauty myth"** talked about the yardsticks of beauty and how they have been re-defined with time. Through their portrayal of advertisements and media, they aimed to bring to light how different women see beauty and its impacts on how young women need to feel beautiful.

The participants as part of the **Celluloid film club of Miranda house presented their film called 'Tick-ling'** which was based in a dystopian world where our perceptions are monitored. There was a mention of a product, a watch, named Panopticon Cfo to help prevent rape to show how the society's obsession with reducing the rate of rapes to a bare minimum is reinforced by keeping the women in check.

It also talked about how our monotony is monitored. In the film thus there was a caption that read: "3079 days without rape" in that dystopian world leading to the notion that 'rapes will stop if women are controlled.'

Comments and questions to the presenters were posed by the judge and the audience. The participants answered the questions and the judge came to the conclusion that there were certain areas where both teams could improve and how they thought they would have added more. However the winning team was the one from the Celluloid club of Miranda House where their idea of the dystopian world was appreciated.

## **Session 2: Feminism and Intersectionality (Venue: Seminar Room)**

The event was judged by Professor Jessy Phillip who teaches Sociology at JMC. The participants were given a set time limit for presenting their paper through using a range of tools. However all participants chose to read their paper to save time and electricity.

The session started with students of JMC Shreya Dash and Shreya Ghosh on the topic '**The many forms of women's oppression: the relevance of Intersectionality in Feminism**'. Their paper outlined the ways in which rural and urban women constantly negotiate with their surroundings and situations to be able to lead their life on their own terms. Focusing on how when women choose to marry a person, their higher earning leads to their rape by their husbands. Talking about how the political sphere and capitalism go parallel to women's oppression, their paper proved how women are the ones who educate their children on menstruation so that their education doesn't come in question. Thus Intersectionality being necessary to study, understand and





compare different instances of genital mutilation for example in third world countries to instances of women's oppression in the first and second world countries.

Next, a paper was presented by Sanskari Srivastava of JMC on the topic '**Gender-citizenship-Nationalism nexus**'. Differential political rights based on gender don't seem to exist but when it comes to ground realities the way that men and women access rights are inherently different. Her paper revolved around how there is also a direct relation between gender and nation as the nation is assumed to be patriarchal in nature. As when feminists say that women's perspective should matter as much as men's perspective, it is imperative to thus understand and unearth the relation between our gender identity, our national identity and our political rights in a country.

Lastly, the paper presented by Dolly Sharma, another student of JMC on the topic '**Indian feminism and the Intersectionality paradigm**'. As women have been for generations seen as the gender that is exploited and domesticated according to man's needs, her paper talked about how feminism must aim to destroy all sorts of exploitation. She also pointed out how gender is thus related to caste, religious and ethnic backgrounds and the fact that different women have different struggles should be dealt with which is why Intersectionality should be understood in more depth.

The session ended with the judge giving key inputs on how to better present a paper and how the content of a paper presentation is different from the content of a debate or a dissertation and so on. She congratulated the speakers on their wonderful efforts and named Dolly Sharma as the participant with the best paper.

From the WSC blog : <https://wscjmc2019.blogspot.com/2019/07/jaagriti19-short-report.html>

The best paper of the 'Gender and Media' session can be found here :  
<https://wscjmc2019.blogspot.com/2019/03/contextualising-choice-in-bisexuality.html>

The best paper of the 'Gender, Sexuality and Politics of Tradition' session can be found here :  
<https://wscjmc2019.blogspot.com/2019/03/by-madhuri-singh-lakshmibai-college-du.html>

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION OF WSC 2018-19

### Picture and poster of WSC fundraiser 2018



### 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018. Week Long Self Defense Workshop conducted by Delhi Police





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## Self-Defence Workshop Award Ceremony attended by resource persons from Delhi Police



### Jagriti 2019

Poster for Student Seminar on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 as part of Annual festival

## WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE

JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE  
Presents

**STUDENT SEMINAR ON**  
**WOMEN'S VOICES : VULNERABILITY, AGENCY AND CONFORMITY**  
DATE : MARCH 6TH, 2019  
REGISTRATION TIMINGS : 9 AM - 9:30 AM

**SESSION I : STUDENT SHORT FILMS**  
TIME : 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM  
VENUE : HALL (FOURTH FLOOR)

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

SESSION I	SESSION II
<b>TIME : 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>TIME : 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM</b>
<b>GENDER AND MEDIA</b> VENUE : HALL (FOURTH FLOOR)	<b>GENDER VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION &amp; THE DISCOURSE OF GENDER PARITY</b> VENUE : LANGUAGE LAB ( ABOVE THE LIBRARY)
<b>GENDER, SEXUALITY AND THE POLITICS OF TRADITION</b> VENUE : SEMINAR ROOM (ABOVE THE LIBRARY)	<b>FEMINISM AND INTERSECTIONALITY</b> VENUE : SEMINAR ROOM (ABOVE THE LIBRARY)

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## Students presenting a paper during seminar



## Play performance during Jagriti 2019





## WSC Annual Report: 2019-2020

The annual session of Women's Study Centre started on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 with the annual orientation, inducting new members in the society. Following this, a general body meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> August where all the society members met each other, the office bearers and our convenor Dr. Maya John along with other WSC advisors

Our first event was a Health and Nutrition Workshop conducted by TheaCare, an initiative headed by Swarnima Bhattacharya on 21<sup>st</sup> August. The session was about woman's hormonal health nutrition and diseases such as PCOS. Next up, on 28<sup>th</sup> August, we screened the movie 'When Women Unite', which was followed by a discussion and debate on the issue of individual liberation and collective upliftment.

By 6<sup>th</sup> September we started with our certificate course module-1, which was taken by Dr Maya John on 'Workplace Dynamics, Laws and Genders Rights'. In this session it was discussed how the current labour market undervalues women's labour, and how the denial of labour rights facilitates violation of gender rights are different as well. A parallel module was conducted by Dr. Jessy Philip on 'Employment and poverty: A gender perspective'. Post the successful completion of the course; we hosted a workshop on Writing the Self by Dr. Nitoo Das on women's writing and agency. Other events for the month of September include workshop on Creating Feminist Songs: Voicing Dissent and Demanding Equality by Raag group and WSC fundraiser on 27<sup>th</sup> September, both of which were huge success.

The month of October began with an open mic session. In November, we celebrated a week for transgender awareness through online campaign from 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November.

The next semester began with a CSW poster exhibition on 23rd January. Our next certificate course module was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> January by Nitika Vishwanath on 'Death Penalty for Rape?', which is one of the crucial topics of discussion in current times. Following up was a workshop on Gender and Citizenship conducted by Dr. Navneetha Mokkil and Dr Ghazala Jamil, which aimed to familiarise students about the broader debates on citizenship and mainstreaming of particular sexual identities in the unfolding process of documentation terror. The last event of February was the WSC fundraiser on 28<sup>th</sup> February in the common room.

The month of March our annual festival cum commemoration of International Women's Day was organised on 5<sup>th</sup> March. We conducted a plethora of competitions, including a debate, quiz and paper presentations which was on the theme 'Women and Democracy'. The highlight was our Jansunvai, where people could come up with their talent and share experiences. We also had Ms. Miral from Hiccup put a stall about menstruation cups and lastly there was a stall of customised clothing by our own entrepreneur, Ms. Madhu from Hindi Honors.

Throughout the year the WSC blog and Instagram handle was active with members sending up their articles, thoughts and poems on topics that pique their interest and have it available of the public to read. As is the aim of WSC, the whole year was spent engaging students with concepts of gender equality and women empowerment.

**WSC Convener: Dr. Maya John**

**President: Simran Tom**

**Vice President: Shreya Ghosh**





## WOMEN'S STUDY CENTER (WSC)

### Jesus and Mary College

#### Number of Students Enrolled in 2019-20 Academic Session

1. Total number of students enrolled: 280
2. Total number in first year: 101
3. Total number in second year: 88
4. Total number in third year: 91
5. Total number of students in the Core Team: 51

- Editorial team: 10

- Advertising team: 10

- Cultural team: 10

- Organizing team: 11

- Creativity team: 10

- **Staff Advisors, 2019-20**

1. Dr. Maya John (Convener)
2. Dr. Sharon Pillai
3. Dr. Anupama Srivastava



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4. Dr. Jessy Philip
5. Ms. Kashish Dua
6. Ms. Aneesha Puri
7. Ms. Priya Bhatnagar

## WSC Events from July 2019 – October 2019

1. Opening General Body Meeting : 9 August 2019.
2. Workshop on women's menstrual health by TheaCare on 21 August 2019.
3. Film screening of Shabnam Virmani's documentary "When Women Unite", followed by the Inaugural Debate Competition on the motion "This House Believes that Collective Movements are the Key to Liberation and Not Individual Upliftment": 28 August 2019
4. WSC certificate course classes began from 6 September 2019 onwards: Some of themes covered were "Employment and Poverty: A Gender Perspective", "Workplace Dynamics, Laws and Gender Rights", etc.
5. Workshop on "Agency and Women's Writings", conducted by Dr. Nitoo Das, Poet and Associate Professor, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi.
6. WSC Fund Raiser on 27 September 2019 : The WSC sold inspiring badges, bookmarks and posters with images and slogans from the women's movement.
7. Workshop on "Voicing Dissent and Demanding Equality: Feminist Songs" conducted by RAAG on 27 September 2019.
8. Commemoration of Girl Child Day in October 2019: Open Mic session (experience sharing on instances wherein one has personally faced or witnessed discrimination along gender lines in childhood).

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### Film Screening and Debate Competition on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE  
PRESENTS THE FILM SCREENING OF

# WHEN WOMEN UNITE

DIRECTED BY: SHABNAM VIRMANI  
DURATION OF THE FILM: 80 MINS

THE FILM REVOLVES AROUND AN ANDHRA PRADESH MOVEMENT BY THE RURAL WOMEN AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND LIQUOR BARONS WHO COLLABORATED TO FLOOD VILLAGES WITH LOCAL LIQUOR CALLED 'ARRACK'. IT WAS ALSO A MOVEMENT THAT GRAVITATED TOWARDS ASSERTING MANY WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE STATE.

**DATE: 28TH AUGUST, 2019**  
**TIME: 11:00-1:00 PM**  
**VENUE: MULTI-PURPOSE HALL**  
*PLEASE BE SEATED BY 11 AM*

**OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE  
COMPULSORY FOR MEMBERS OF WSC**

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DEBATE COMPETITION

MOTION : THIS HOUSE BELIEVES  
THAT COLLECTIVE MOVEMENTS ARE  
THE KEY TO LIBERATION AND NOT  
INDIVIDUAL UPLIFTMENT.

सर्वसम्मत प्रस्ताव यह है कि केवल व्यक्तिगत उत्थान  
द्वारा नहीं अपितु सामूहिक आंदोलनों के द्वारा ही  
तमाम समस्याओं से मुक्ति प्राप्त हो सकती है.

**DATE :28 AUGUST,2019**  
**TIME : 1.00- 3.00 P.M.**  
**VENUE :MULTI- PURPOSE HALL**

**PARTICIPATION ONLY OPEN TO WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE MEMBERS**  
CONTESTANTS WILL BE THE FINAL DEBATERS SELECTED FROM  
THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS CONDUCTED

SIMRAN TOM (PRESIDENT) 8076937999 SHREYA GHOSH (VICE PRESIDENT) 8826519245

### T-shirt designing competition on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

WSC PRESENTS

# T-Shirt Designing Competition

open for all WSC members  
Send in your original designs to us on  
[jmcwsce@gmail.com](mailto:jmcwsce@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE- SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER,  
2019, 11:59 PM**

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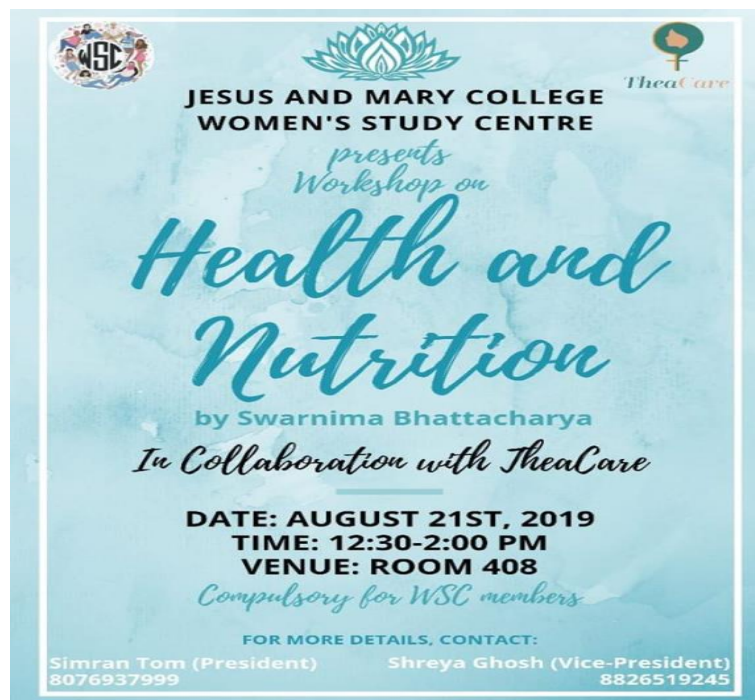
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## Workshop on Health and Nutrition on 21st August 2019



## Health and Nutrition Workshop conducted by Ms. Swarnima Bhattacharya





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## Certificate Course on Workplace Dynamics, Laws and Gender Rights on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE  
presents


### Certificate Course Classes

module on

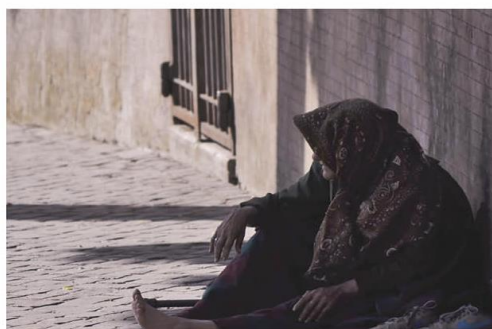
*Workplace Dynamics, Laws,  
and Gender Rights*

by Dr. Maya John

Date: 6th September, Friday  
Time: 2-4 pm  
Venue: Room 408



## Certificate Course on Employment and Poverty on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019



WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE  
presents

### Certificate Course Classes

module on

### Employment and Poverty: A Gender Perspective (Part I)

BY DR. JESSY PHILIP

Date: 6th September, Friday

Time: 2-4 pm

Venue: Room 308

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## Workshop on Creating Feminist Songs on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE**  
in collaboration with RAAG\* group  
presents workshop

**CREATING FEMINIST SONGS:**  
**VOICING DISSENT AND DEMANDING EQUALITY**

DATE: 27<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019  
TIME: 10:30AM-1:00PM  
VENUE: MULTI-PURPOSE HALL

\*RAAG: Revolution, Aazadi aur Aman ke Geet is a feminist singing group that uses the Bollywood style to keep alive the spirit of dissent.

Open to all students of JMC  
**COMPULSORY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF WSC**

Those who register and attend the workshop shall be provided a certificate. Registration shall be confirmed on payment of Rs 50/-  
Please read the instructions on WhatsApp post carefully.

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