



Miranda House UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Society Annual Report

Society: Women's Development Cell

Year: 2018 – 2019 (from 1.7.2018 to 30.6.2019)

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Part A

Events/Seminars/conferences/workshops/Extension Activities organized



Orientation 2018

The Women's Development Cell held Orientation 2018 for the first-year students on 6th August 2018 in Room Number 145. Over 100 first year students participated. Office Bearers of WDC and other team members introduced WDC to the first-year students and invited them to be part of the Cell to create meaningful outcomes and question gender norms, injustice and discrimination in society.



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Women's Development Cell
Miranda House
Presents
A session On
Gender and Caste : Issues of Marginalization
With
KOMAL RAJAK DHIREN BORISA
MANISHA MASHAAL SUMEET SAMOS
DATE : 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018
VENUE : SEMINAR HALL
TIME : 2PM
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On 8th September 2018, an interactive session was held on **Gender and Caste- Issues of Marginalization**. During the session Komal Rajak a PhD student from the University of Delhi and Dhiren Borisa, the first Dalit queer PhD holder from India shared their experiences.

Other panelists included Manisha Mashaal a grassroots level anti-caste activist, orator and singer and Sumeet Samos, a music artist and rapper from Odisha who talks about caste oppression through his songs.

The session, held in the New Seminar Room, was attended by over 70 students.

MANISHA MASHAL is a grassroots level anti-caste activist, orator, and singer. She is a spirited Dalit activist and the founder of 'Swabhimaan Society' in Haryana. She began her activism in the year 2005, and in the years to follow, became a strong Dalit voice representing the larger Dalit community through campaigns like Dalit Women Fight and Dalit Mahila Swabhimaan Yatra.

MEET OUR PANELISTS

KOMAL RAJAK is a PhD student at the University of Delhi. Her work is on Hindu code bill and women's property rights. She did her MPhil on Ambedkar and women's question in India and has presented research papers on related aspects of caste and gender.

SUMEET SAMOS is a music artist and rapper from Odisha. Through his songs, he talks about SC/ST students, Savarna oppression, and caste discrimination. He works as a student activist with BAPSA. His MA thesis was on Translation of Folk Songs and poems of the Dom Community in Odisha from Dom language into Spanish. His field of interest and research is on Higher Education, Caste, Dalit Bahujan student movement and cultural politics.

DHIREN BORISA is a Dalit queer activist and a first generation lesbian. He is a PhD student at the University of Delhi. He has been actively involved in the Dalit community through campaigns like Dalit Women Fight and Dalit Mahila Swabhimaan Yatra. He is also a member of the Dalit Bahujan student movement and cultural politics.

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CELL
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A SESSION ON
GENDER AND CASTE : ISSUES OF MARGINALIZATION
Panelist No. 5 : MANISHA MASHAAL
Manisha Mashaal is a grassroots anti-caste activist and the founder of Swabhimaan Society in Haryana.
Date : 5th September 2018
Venue : Seminar Hall
Time : 2PM

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A SESSION ON
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Panelist No. 1 : KOMAL RAJAK
Komal Rajak is a PhD student at the University of Delhi. She works on aspects of Caste and Gender.
DATE : 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018
VENUE : SEMINAR HALL

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A SESSION ON
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Panelist No. 4 : SUMEET SAMOS
Sumeet Samos is a Music Artist and Rapper from Odisha. Through his songs he talks about Savarna Oppression and Caste Discrimination.

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MIRANDA HOUSE
PRESENTS
A SESSION ON
GENDER AND CASTE : ISSUES OF MARGINALIZATION
Panelist No. 2 : DHIREN BORISA
Dhiren Borisa is a Dalit queer activist and a first generation lesbian. He is a PhD student at the University of Delhi. He has been actively involved in the Dalit community through campaigns like Dalit Women Fight and Dalit Mahila Swabhimaan Yatra. He is also a member of the Dalit Bahujan student movement and cultural politics.
DATE : 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018
VENUE : SEMINAR HALL
TIME : 3PM



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Busting Body Image Myths

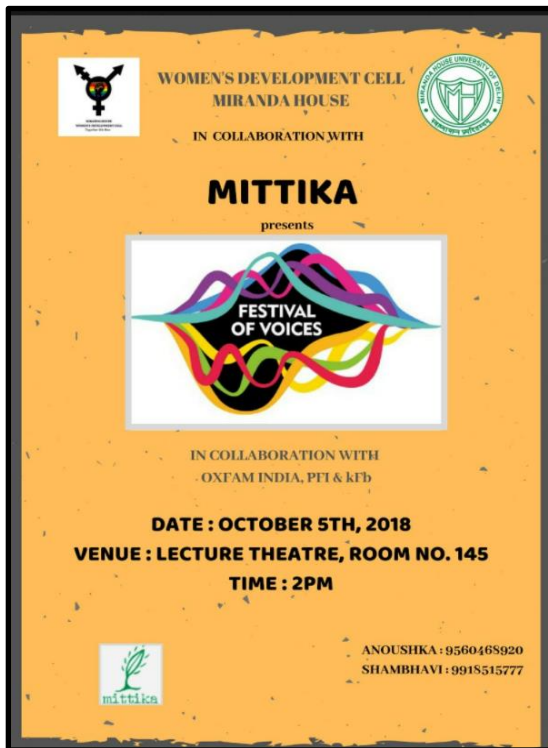
On 28th September 2018, WDC collaborated with Adwitiya, the Fine Arts Society of Miranda House organized **Busting Body Image Myths** where students through face painting and placards conducted an online campaign to discourage taboos around body images, and break free from the patriarchal society's notions of an ideal body. The hashtag BustingBodyImageMyths (BBIM) was a campaign where students were asked to create posters based on breaking popular perceptions of beauty and body image. In the Nescafe Lawns all Mirandians came together to bust myths associated with body image.

Over 120 students participated. They used face-paints, props, posters, canvases, etc to not only counter myths but also to send out a message about body positivity.





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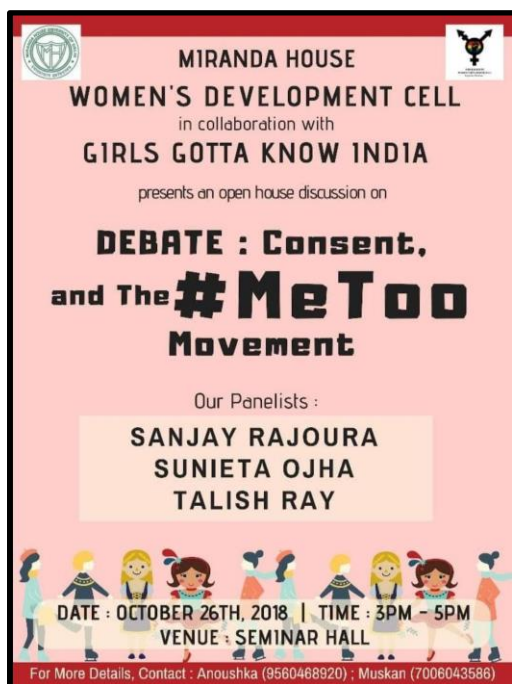


Festival of Voices

Mittika and Women's Development Cell kick started its 2018-19 session with the **Festival of Voices** on 5th October 2018. It was a collaboration with Oxfam India, KFB-Austria, and AECWF.

It aimed at highlighting the stories of women who have gone against the flow of society. This meet-up was for feminists who can come together and share their experiences. meet-up focused on recording the narratives of women in Delhi and exploring the challenges of the geographies of Delhi, the need for resources and security, safe spaces and reclaiming public spaces.

Over 80 students participated in this interactive session.



Open House Discussion and Debate on Consent and the #metoo Movement

WDC organised a debate on the issue of **consent and the #MeToo Movement**, in collaboration with Girls Gotta Know India on 26th October 2018. Moreover, it was an open house discussion with amazing panellists; Sanjay Rajoura, Sunieta Ojha and lastly, Talish Ray. It turned out to be a healthy and informative debate for all the participants.

Over 50 students and faculty members, from MH and other colleges, participated in the discussion.



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26th October 2018: #metoo Movement

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PANELIST NO. 1: SUNIETA OJHA

 Sunieta Ojha, is an Advocate practicing before the Supreme Court of India. She has over 12 years of work experience in Civil, Criminal and Human Right Litigation having worked on cases pertaining to Constitutional Law, Consumer Disputes, Medical Negligence, Service matters, Family Laws, Industrial Disputes, Land Acquisition, Property etc.

DATE : OCTOBER 26TH, 2018
TIME : 5PM
VENUE : SEMINAR HALL

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PANELIST NO. 2: LATISHA RAY

 Latisha Ray is the managing partner of TTTT Law Offices, an alumni of Miranda House College and the Lady Shri Ram College (university). She has worked extensively with individual clients and corporate houses on litigation. Her work includes complex commercial litigation, corporate restructuring, mergers, acquisitions, insolvency, bankruptcy and liquidation.

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PANELIST NO. 2 : SANJAY RAJOURA

 Sanjay Rajoura is a stand up artist and actor. Sanjay Rajoura was born in New Delhi (India) and has lived in Jaipur, Pune, Mumbai, Delhi, San Francisco and Singapore. He has obtained his bachelor's degree in Sciences from Delhi University and then pursued his master's degree from BIT Mesra.

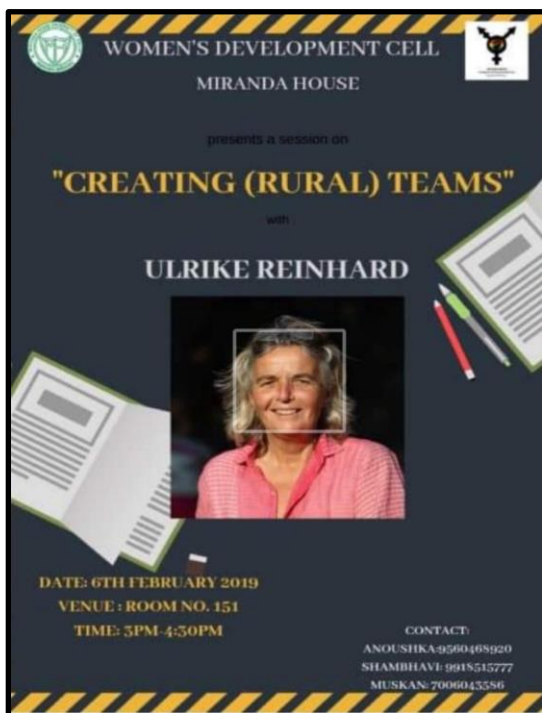
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Creating Rural Teams

WDC organised a discussion on "**Creating Rural Teams**" with ULRIKE REINHARD on 6th February 2019. She is a social activist and actively promotes inclusive education and fostering gender equality in rural areas. The session highlighted the significant topics like the change in perception of gender equality through sports and education, the renewed sense of confidence and the ability to take these conversations back to their homes.

She helped create a skatepark for the children of the area which is open to all. The students who excelled at their education were given a chance to come to Delhi and avail education and hone skill sets at Prakriti school. They would then go back and impart the same in their hometown and fresh batches would keep getting added to the process.

Over 70 students participated in this very interesting and inspiring session.





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One Billion Rising Day

One Billion Rising is the biggest mass action to free women (cisgender, transgender, and those who hold fluid identities that are subject to gender-based violence) from sexual and physical violence.

The WDC organized a **Campus Rising on 9th February 2019** to generate awareness about the movement and larger issues of violence. The campus rising saw students coming together to rise through dance, music and celebratory forms to show that violence hasn't curbed one's ability to unite, resist and celebrate.



The Women's Development Cell, Miranda House performed pieces of feminist poetry (both self-composed and by published authors) on the One Billion Rising Day.



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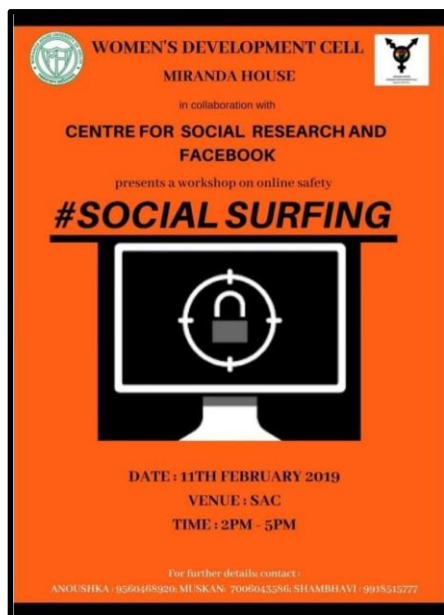
On 10th of February 2019 WDC called out a movement **ONE BILLION RISING DAY** at Central Park, Connaught place. The audience had a host of eminent personalities like Kamla Bhasin and various feminist groups like Jagori, Sangat, the All-India Network of Sex workers and more. The poems were in different languages from across the world- English, Russian, German, Odia, Assamese, Marathi and Bihari. The common sentiment speaking through different languages reverberated in our pieces. Violence against women has to end and it starts with all of us, uniting against it. Students were exposed to the idea that rising should not be a campaign but a way of life.

Over 200 students participated in this two-days campaign.





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Workshop on Social Surfing and How to Make the Internet a Safer Place for Women and Girls.

On 11th February 2019, a workshop on online safety was organised by WDC in collaboration with Centre for Social Research (CRS) and Facebook on the concept of **Social Surfing** and how to make the internet a safer place for women and girls. The aim was to raise awareness on gender issues and sexual harassment faced on social media. It touched on issues of comprehensibility and privacy with the advent of innumerable social networks. The discussion, led by Jyoti Vadehra and Nandita Singh along with their team from CSR, also revolved around how activists leverage and make the most of these social networks. The workshop involved students through activities and exercises, exploring their experiences and their understanding of online spaces. It covered significant topics like redressal mechanisms, cyber safety, social media settings, etc-

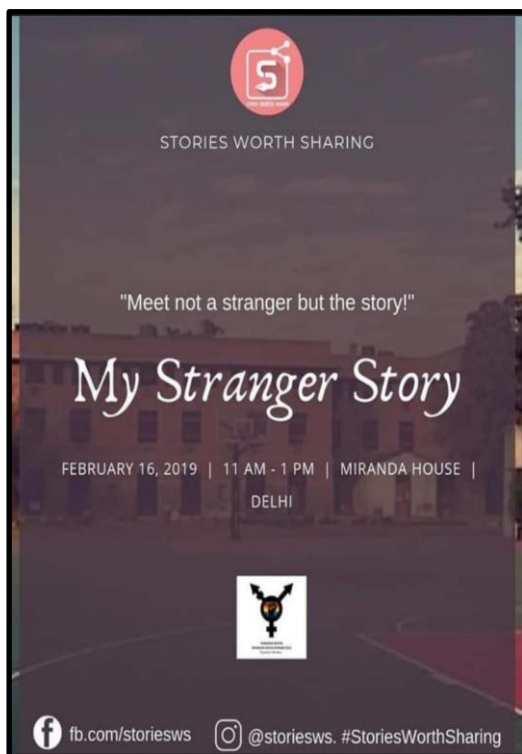
which was accompanied by interactive games for the participants. The convenors of the workshop made it feasible for the participants to understand the importance of cyberspace and its safety provisions.

Over 50 students participated in the workshop.





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My Stranger Story

On 16th February 2019 a unique storytelling session was organised by WDC in collaboration with Tempest 2019. It was an interactive meetup, where participants got to meet a stranger, hear their story and share their own.

The gathering was a group of people who had no previous knowledge of each other but were able to connect through their stories, meeting thus the story and not just a stranger. The walks after the themes were given to each pair were full of conversations and camaraderie-something we constantly strive to build around us. The stories that emerged were on a host of issues- sexual harassment, familial pressures, human affections and more. This was a part of the Annual fest-Tempest. As oral histories and narratives are important in the feminist understanding of the world, we took it forward to record these narratives that would stand with the host of others in presenting the need for active participation

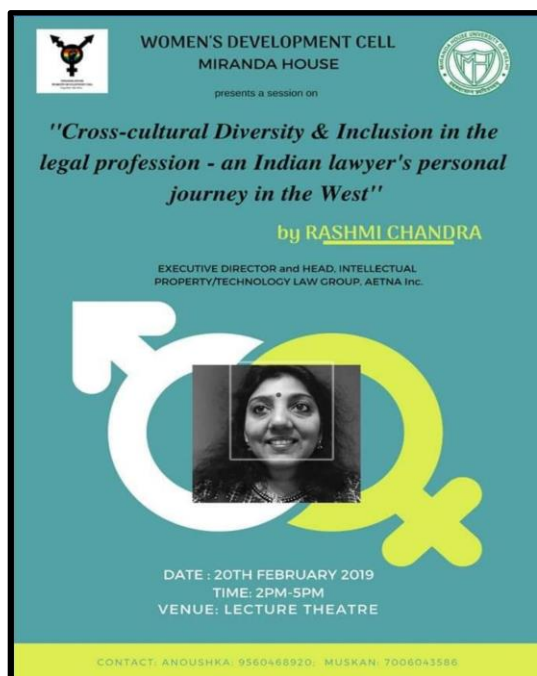
towards shaping a gender- just society.

Over 30 students, including boys participated in the event.



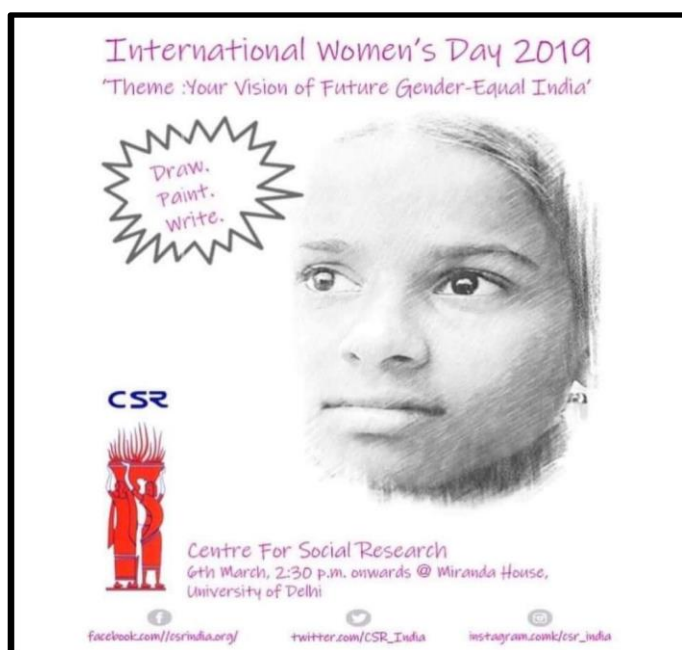


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Cross cultural diversity and inclusion in the legal profession-An Indian lawyer's personal journey in the West.

On 20th February 2019, WDC curated a session on apprehending the concept of cross-cultural diversity and inclusion. Dr Rashmi Chandra gave all our attendees a first-hand experience about the interconnections between law, women, and the western culture. The session helped participants to understand the nuances and modalities of cultural diversity and inclusion in the legal sphere. Over 70 students attended the talk.



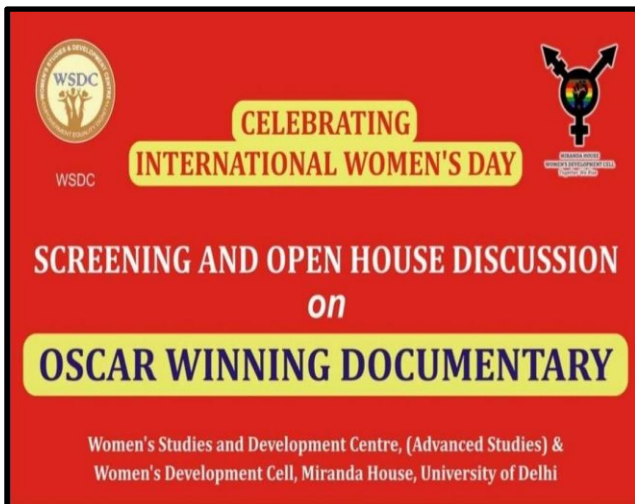
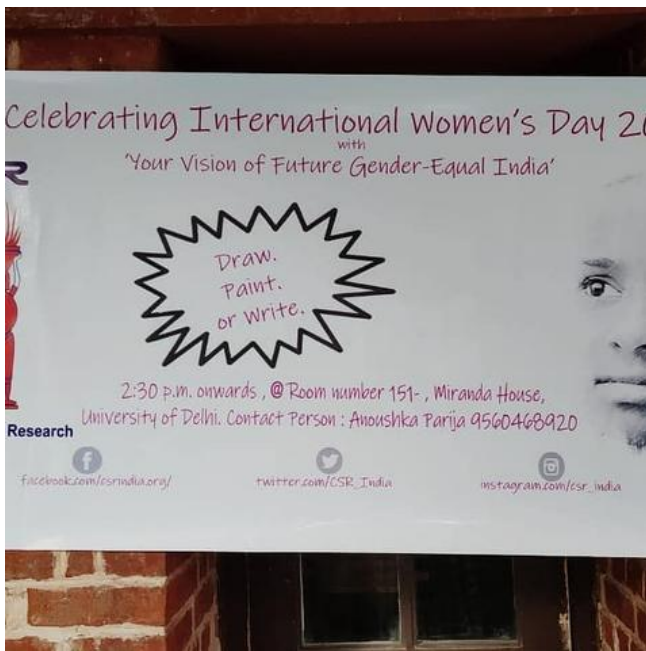
Competition on Understanding of a Future Gender-Equal India

On the account of Women's Day, a competition was organised along with the Centre for Social Research (CSR) for students on 6th March 2019. The competition allowed students to use creative mediums of expression to express their understanding of a future gender-equal India. The best entries were to be curated on CSR pages and their work sites.

The students were called upon to explain their artwork and their understanding of gender equality.



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Movie Screening of Period: End of Sentence

The WDC collaborated with the Women's Studies and Development Centre (WSDC) to screen the Oscar winning documentary "Period: End of Sentence" on 8th March 2019. Professor Neera Agnimitra, Head, Department of Social Work, along with students of DSW presented their field work on menstrual taboos and their information dissemination initiatives. Action India presented accounts of resistance and conversations around women's bodies and lives.

Dr. Manjeet Bhatia, Director, WSDC brought out crucial issues around operation, the role of women and students and the need to empower communities. Students engaged in exhaustive series of dialogue and communication with the various groups present and a follow-up meeting was decided on a future date.



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Gender Equality Mela 2019

Held on the 29th and 30th of March, 2019

The Gender Equality Mela 2019 was one of the most salient annual efforts of the Women's Development Cell of Miranda House. It is both a campaign and a statement through discussion, poetry, celebration, music, dance, drama that targeted violence and norms. Over 250 students participated in various sessions held in a span of two-days.

Day 1, 29 March 2019

Session 1: Sex Work and Feminism

The session was held in collaboration with All India Network of Sex Workers (AINSW), an organization battling for social inclusion of sex workers in every sphere. The panellists included- Mr. Amit Kumar (National Coordinator of AINSW), Ms. Arushi (Lawyer's Collective), Ms. Kusum (President, AINSW) and Ms. Sunita (home based sex worker).

Session 2: Understanding Gender Issues in Sciences

A very insightful session with Professor Geetha Venkatraman, Professor, Ambedkar University of Delhi on issues concerned with the participation of women in the field of sciences and mathematics.

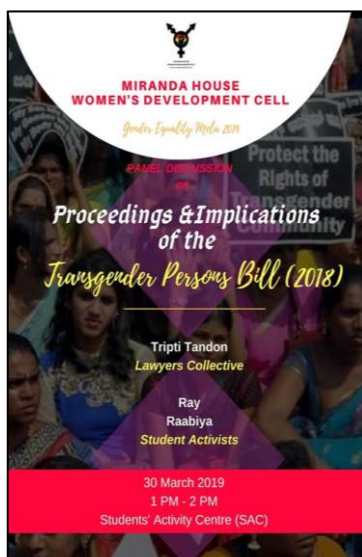
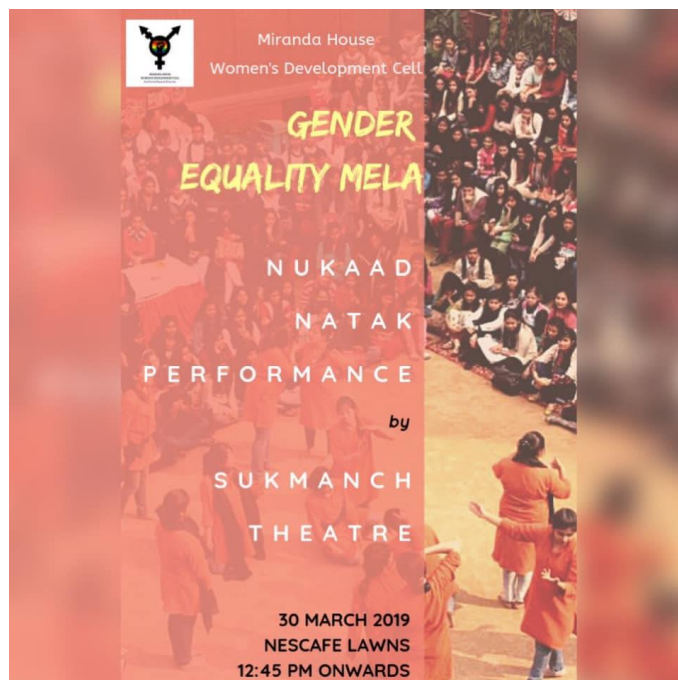
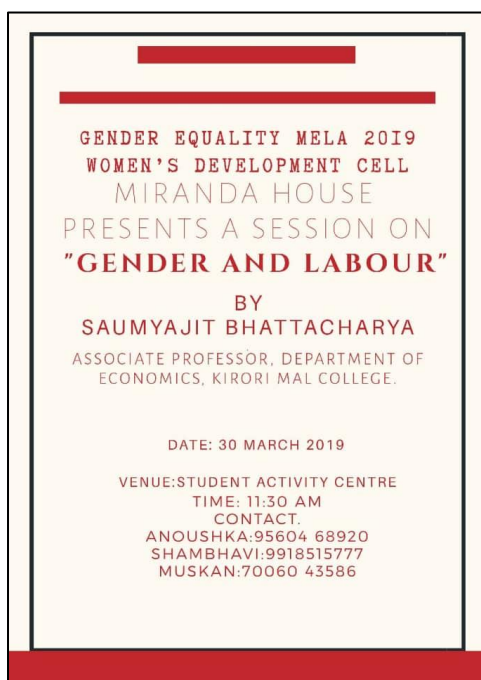




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Day 2, 30 March 2019

The second day of the Gender Equality Mela 2019 included sessions including seminar, interactive sessions, street play and poetry.



For more details: <https://womensdevelopmentcellmh.wordpress.com/?s=Gender+Equality+Mela>



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KRITI FILM FEST - TRAVERSING GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Join us for the screening of
**Breathe
and
Ishq, Dosti and All That**

8th April • 2:00 PM onwards
Lecture theatre, Room number 145
Miranda House, Delhi University

Open to all



Film Screening: **Breathe and Insq, Dosti and All That**

WDC in collaboration of Kirti Film Club organised screening of *Breathe and Insq, Dosti and All That* on 8th April 2019 at 2 pm in Room Number 145.

The film screening was followed by a discussion. Over 50 students participated in the film screening.



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As we near the end of the semester, we present a film festival with Kriti Film Club on traversing Gender and Sexuality.

Time: 8th April 2019

Venue: Lecture Theatre, Room number 145

All are cordially invited. Students with valid ID cards are welcome.

We hope to see you all! 🌸

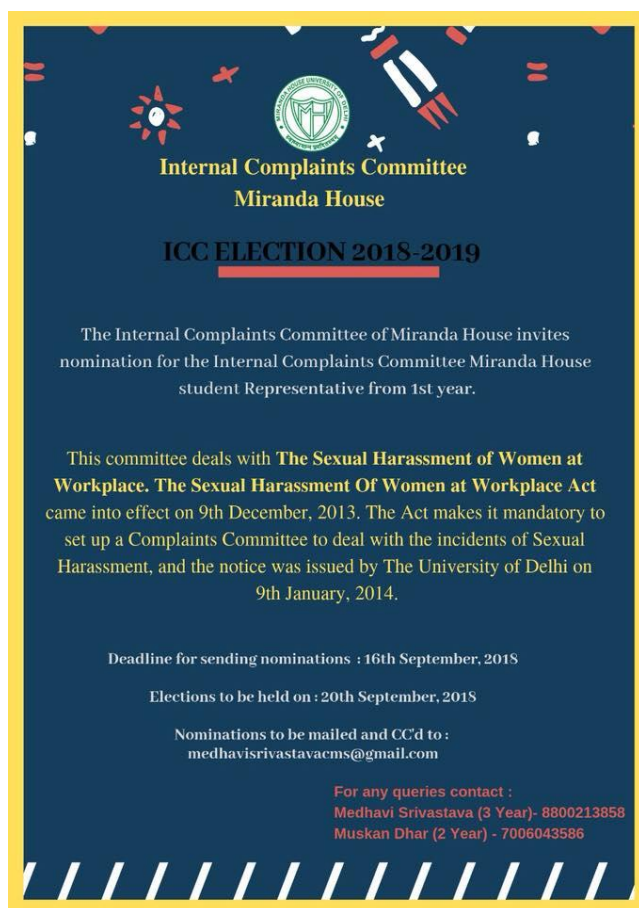




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Part B

Participation in the conduct of elections of students' representative to ICC



**Internal Complaints Committee
Miranda House**

ICC ELECTION 2018-2019

The Internal Complaints Committee of Miranda House invites nomination for the Internal Complaints Committee Miranda House student Representative from 1st year.

This committee deals with **The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace. The Sexual Harassment Of Women at Workplace Act** came into effect on 9th December, 2013. The Act makes it mandatory to set up a Complaints Committee to deal with the incidents of Sexual Harassment, and the notice was issued by The University of Delhi on 9th January, 2014.

Deadline for sending nominations : 16th September, 2018

Elections to be held on : 20th September, 2018

Nominations to be mailed and CC'd to :
medhavisrivastavacms@gmail.com

For any queries contact :
Medhavi Srivastava (3 Year)- 8800213858
Muskan Dhar (2 Year) - 7006043586

One of the most important activities of WDC is its support in the conduction of the election of students' representative to the Internal Complaints Committee.

WDC reached out to students in classrooms and through social media handles including FB and Instagram to create awareness.

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Notice

As per the UGC (Prevention, prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment of women employees and students in higher educational institutions) Regulations 2015 and the resolution of the Staff Council, Miranda House of 14 December 2018, Elections for a Students' Representative on Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) will be held as per the following schedule:

Phase I	
Election/Nomination of a representative from each class of Ist and IInd year to the Gender Sensitising Committee (GSC)	
<i>Process to be conducted by the respective Department Society</i>	
Meeting of the Office Bearers of Department Societies and Staff Advisors and Office Bearers of WDC	12:45, Wednesday, 20 February 2019
Last Date of submission of list of Elected/Nominated representatives (emailed to convenor.wdc@mirandahouse.ac.in)	5 pm, Wednesday, 27 February 2019
Phase II	
Election of a representative to ICC from amongst the Gender Sensitising Committee	
<i>To be conducted by Convenor, Women Development Cell (WDC)</i>	
Last Date of receipt of Nomination Papers	4 pm, Tuesday, 5 March 2019 (To be submitted to SO, Admin Office)
Scrutiny of Nomination Papers	4 pm, Tuesday, 5 March 2019 Committee Room
Last date of withdrawal from the Elections	4 pm, Thursday, 7 March 2019
List of Candidates to be pasted on the College Website and notice boards	4 pm, Thursday, 7 March 2019
Polling	12:45 pm – 2 pm, Thursday, 14 March 2019 Committee Room
Counting of polled votes	2:30 pm, 14 March 2019; Committee Room

Nomination Forms and Withdrawal Forms will be available with the Mr. Jyoti Prakash, Section Officer.

Pratibha Jolly

Principal
(Returning Officer)

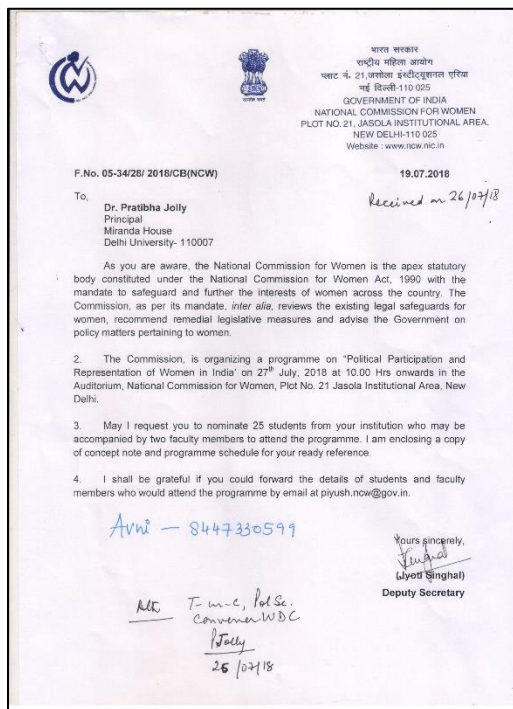
Abha Devi

Convenor, WDC
(Presiding Officer)



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Part C



Political Participation and Representation of Women in India

Organised by National Commission for Women on 27th
July 2018

A delegation of student members of WDC, MH and Staff
Advisors participated in the day long programme held in the
auditorium of NCW.

