



## **Miranda House**

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#### **Society Annual Report**

**Society: Women's Development Cell**

**Year:** 2019 – 2020 (from 1.7.2019 to 30.6.2020)

**Student Office Bearers:**

<b>Office:</b>	President	Vice President	General Secretary	Treasurer
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Anushka Shukla</b>	<b>Ankita Kundu</b>	<b>Sanjana Dargan</b>	<b>Pragati Jha</b>

*Ankita Kundu led the WDC after Anushka Shukla resigned from the Post.*

**Staff Advisors:**

Dr. Abha Habib Dev, Physics Department (Convenor)

Dr. Sharda Sonkar, Chemistry Department

Dr. Mallika Pathak, Chemistry Department

Dr. Chanda, Hindi Department



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### Part A.1

#### Events/Seminars/conferences/workshops/Extension Activities organized



#### Orientation 2019

The Women's Development Cell held Orientation 2019 for the first-year students on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in Room Number 143. Over 80 first year students participated.

The 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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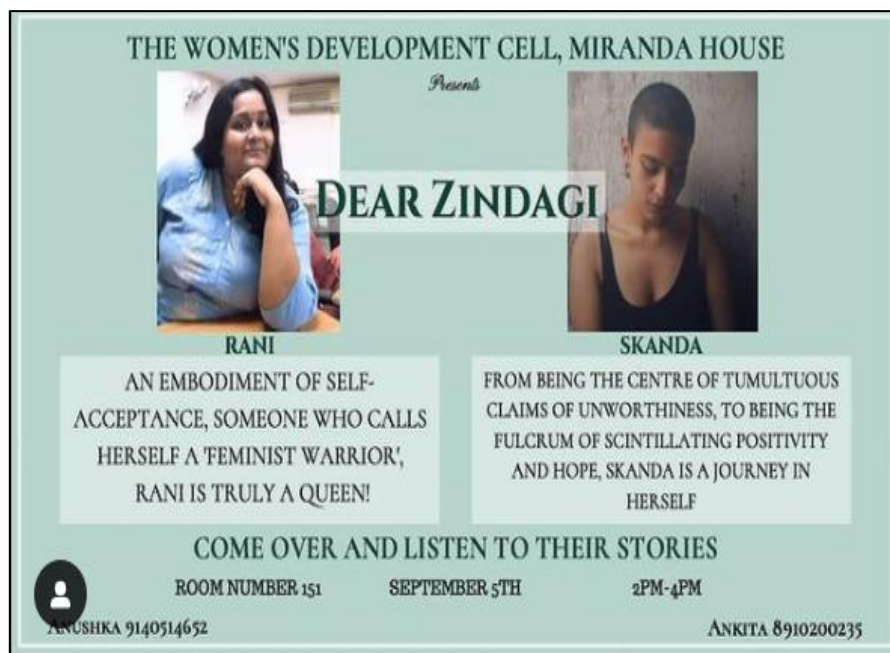


### Gumaan

With the aim of celebrating self-acceptance and taking pride in being one's own self, the Women's Development Cell in collaboration with Adwitiya- The Fine Arts Society and Miranda House Queer Collective organised Gumaan that translates to 'pride'.

The two-day event, conducted on 4th and 5th of September, 2019, included a series of events including Fabric Painting Competition, Panel Discussion and interactive session by MHQC on Busting Common Myths About Queerness and Sexuality, a Slogan Writing Competition and Dear Zindagi, an event discussing some unheard and unwritten stories.

Around 90 students participated in various activities held as part of the two-days event.





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FIRST POSITION - AMOLYA SHARMA  
COLLEGE OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES

SECOND POSITION - LAKSHMI  
CHANDAMA  
MIRANDA HOUSE

THIRD POSITION -  
VARDAAN BHARDWAJ, CVS COLLEGE  
DEEPANSHI KASHYAP, MIRANDA  
HOUSE

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FIRST POSITION - KRITI  
MIRANDA HOUSE

SECOND POSITION - ISHA SATI  
PGDAV COLLEGE

THIRD POSITION -  
AGHAMYA, CVC COLLEGE  
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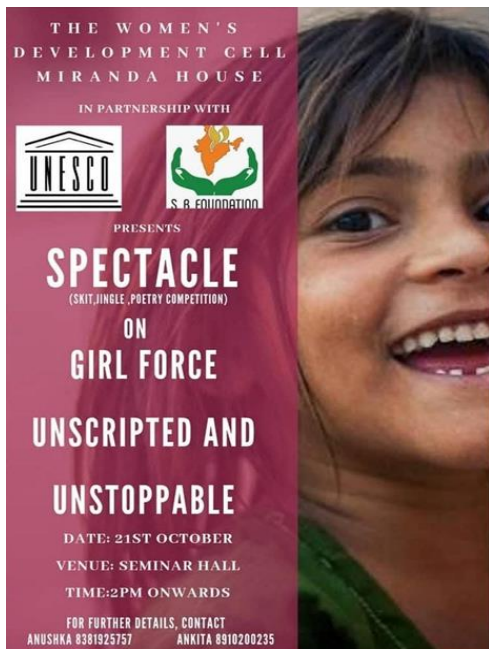
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### Girl Force: Unscripted and Unstoppable

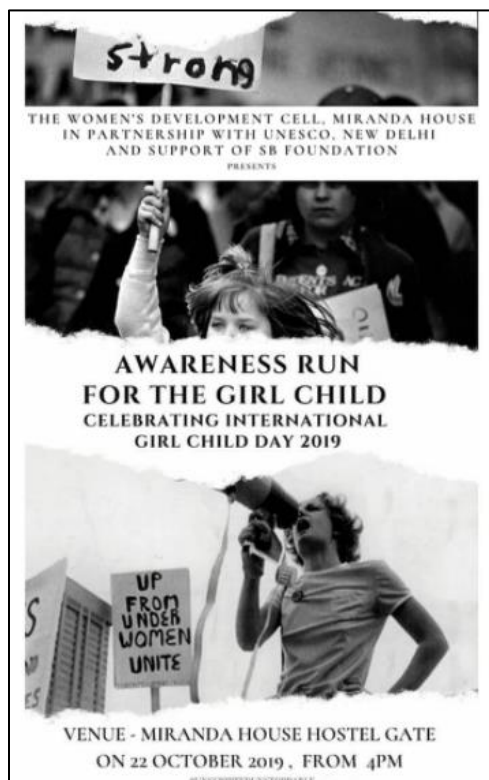
11th October is marked as International Girl Child Day, declared an international observance day in 2012 by the United Nations.

In order to commemorate the day, Miranda House College in partnership with UNESCO, supported by SB Foundation has joined hands to celebrate the power of Girl Child and to rekindle the conversation around girls in the contemporary world. 'Girl Force: Unscripted Unstoppable' is an event aimed at giving them the opportunities to engage in discussions and creative spaces around the Girl Child. A two day event was held on 21-22 October 2019.

On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019, WDC organised **SPECTACLE** in partnership with UNESCO and SB Foundation. The theme of the event was **Girl Force: Unscripted and Unstoppable**. It was an open event in which the participants presented various thought-provoking performances in the form of skits, jingles and poems.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, an engaging **discussion with eminent panellists, namely, Sanaya Nariman, Punya Salila Srivastava, K. Moses Chalai, Monica Kumar and Shilpi Marwaha.**

Over 200 students participated in various activities held leading up to the two-days event and on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October.



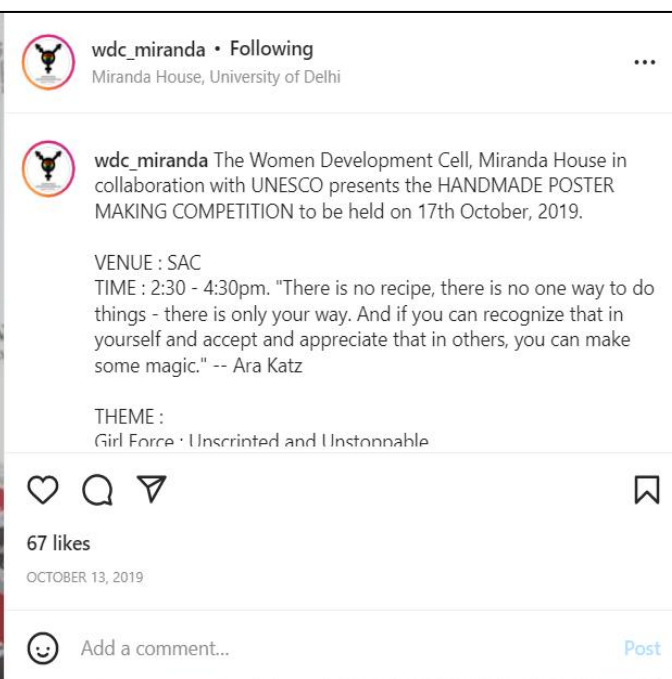
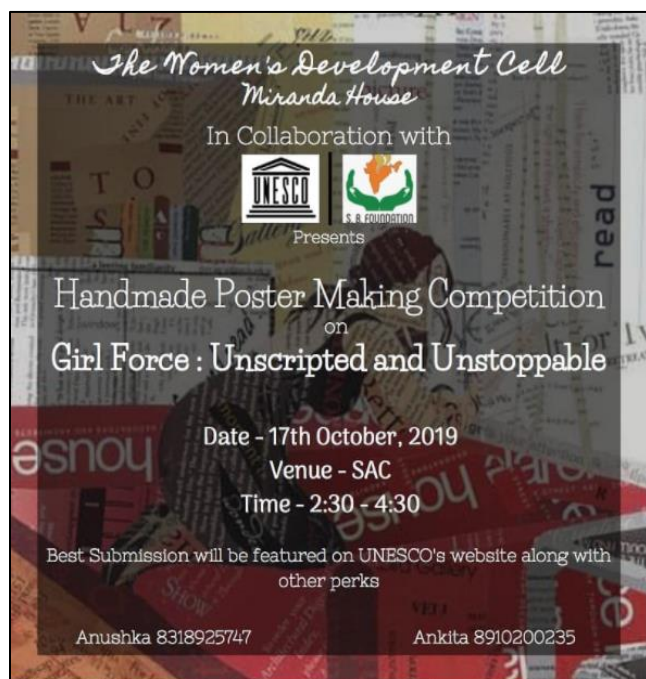
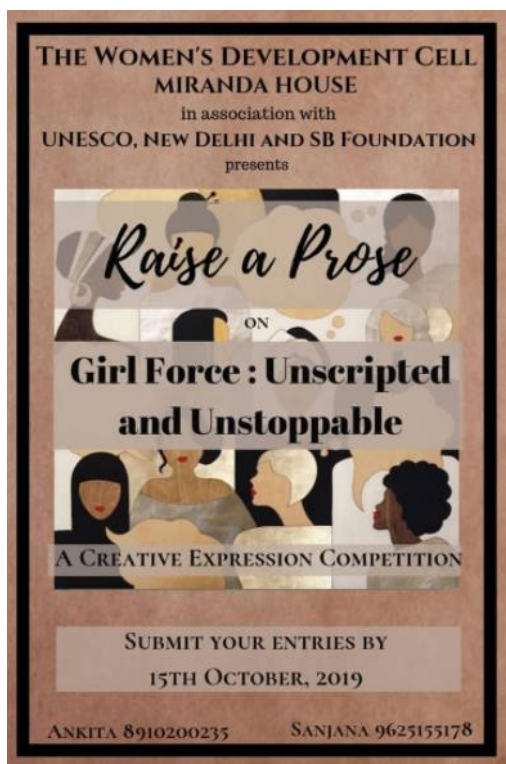


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Prior to the main events on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, several competitions were organised by collaborating societies to popularise the event. Women's Development Cell in collaboration with Adwitya-Fine Arts Society, Celluloid- Film Society and Snapshots, Photography society worked towards the events held around the theme

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WDC organised a Creative Expression Competition, *Raise A Prose* and Poster Making Competition on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.





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### One Billion Rising



### One Billion Rising (OBR)

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.

WDC launched the One Billion Rising movement on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 with the book discussion on *The Apology* by *Eve Ensler*, an American feminist activist, author and an award-winning playwright. She was joined Kamla Bhasin, an Indian feminist activist, poet, author, and social activist and Anuja Gupta, the Founder and Executive Director of RAHI Foundation, India's first incest/child sexual abuse response organisation.

There were performances by Sonam Kalra, a multiple award-winning musician, using her music as a message and Navtej Singh Johar, a Bharatanatyam exponent, choreographer and yoga instructor.





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This was followed by the launching of **OBR, 2020 and Slam Poetry Recitation events on the theme 'The Unworded Trauma of Childhood'**. The event was conducted in collaboration with Blue Quill, the creative writing club of Miranda House, OBR and Shabdita, the Hindi literary society to commemorate One Billion Rising.

The event was organised in the auditorium and witnessed over 280 participants.

One Billion Rising



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wdc\_miranda We believe in the purpose of One Billion Rising. We believe in Revolution. WDC, Miranda House believes in the cause for coming together. Thank you to all.

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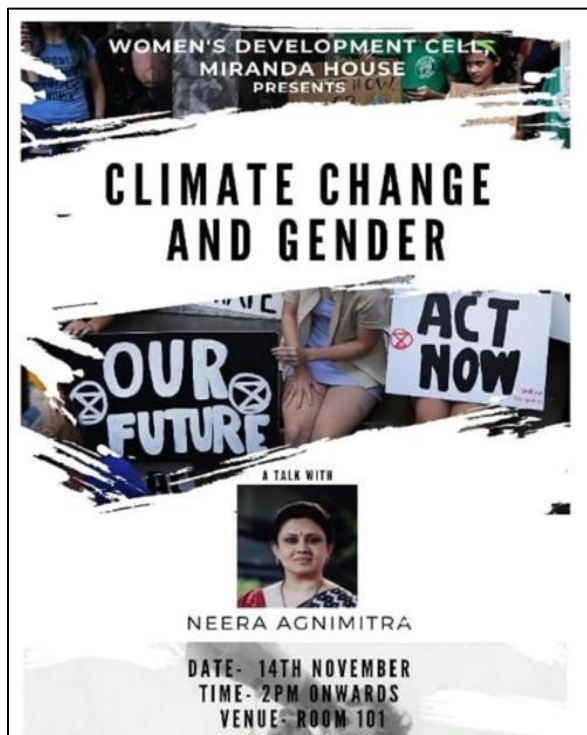


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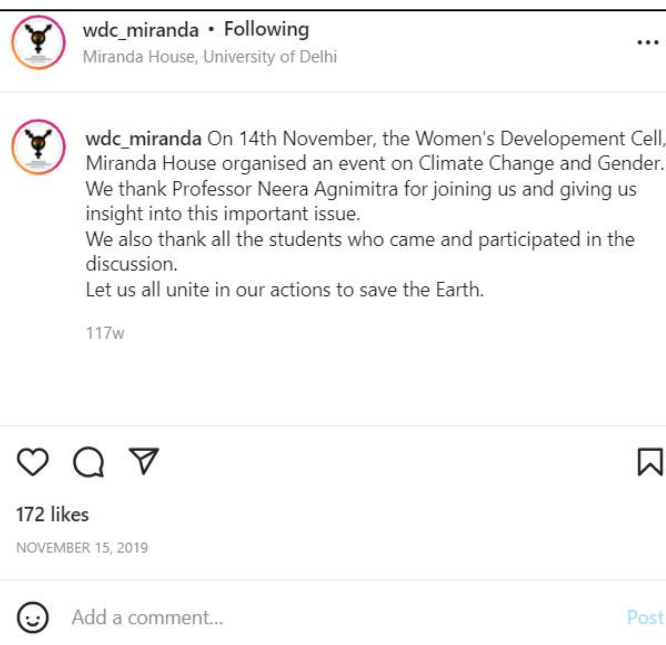
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### Climate Change and Gender

As Climate Change became a major topic of discussion around the world, the Women's Development cell organised a talk on "**Climate Change and Gender**" by Professor Neera Agnimitra, Head, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi.

The lecture was held on 14 November 2019 in Room no. 101. Over 40 students participated in the event.





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On 17th January 2020, Women's Development Cell in collaboration with the Department of BA Programme and MHQC also helped in organising the Town Hall, a platform for discussion on the Nirbhaya Case and Women Safety by AAJ TAK and India Today, where representatives from political parties such as BJP, Congress and Aam Aadmi Party spoke about their work, concerns and answered questions asked by students.

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### **National Girl Child Day**

Women's Development Cell along with Adwitiya, Fine Arts Society were part of **Celebration of National Girl Child Day** at The UNESCO HOUSE, New Delhi on 24th January 2020. The celebrations began with a tour of marketplace of projects and conceptions which was inaugurated by Eric Falt, Director of UNESCO, New Delhi, Yasmin Haque, UNICEF Representative in India and Cherian Thomas, CEO and National Director of WORLD VISION INDIA.

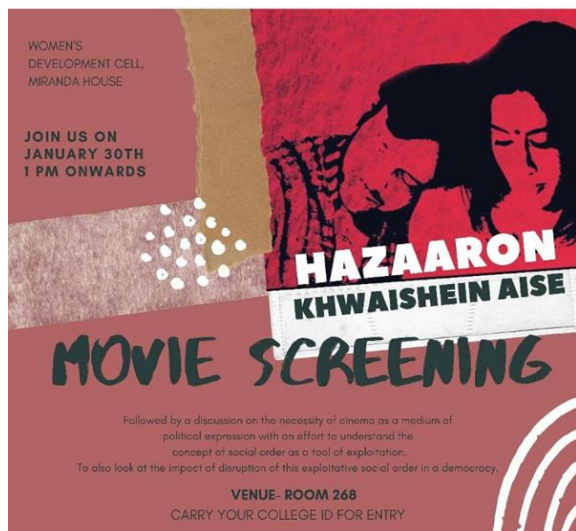
Keynote addresses were delivered by them along with Priya Malik, poet and storyteller, which was followed by a panel discussion moderated by Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay, Education Technology and Management Academy. The panel consisted of eminent speakers including Dr Bijaylaxmi Nanda, Acting Principal, Miranda House, Prof. N.V.Varghese, NIEPA, Mr. Amod Panth, Prayas JAC Society and Dr. Gulshan Sharma, International Chamber for Service Industry, who covered topics ranging from importance of education in economic empowerment of women, role of public-school system in enabling inclusivity, need for multilingualism in education and roles of corporate sector.

The event concluded with a nukkad natak on Domestic Violence on women and recitals of poetry by students of Miranda House.

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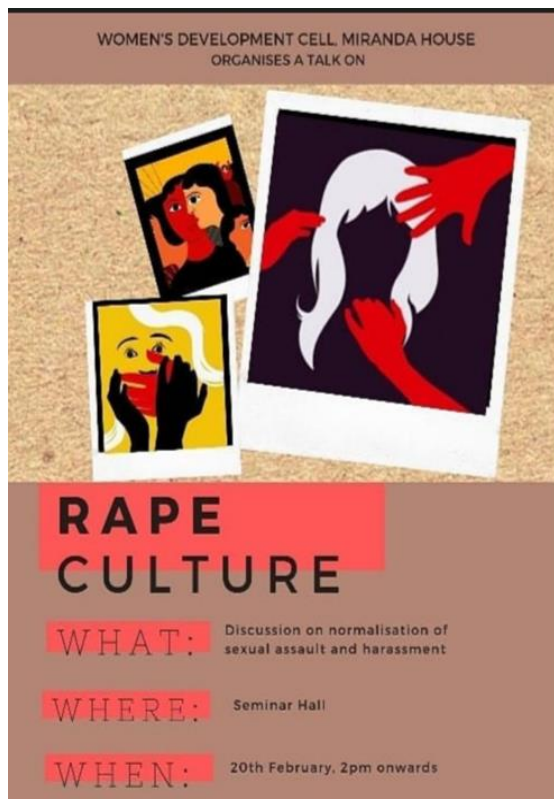
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### Movie Screening: *Hazaroo Khwaishein Aise*

Women Development Cell organised a movie screening of "**Hazaroo Khwaishein Aise**" on 30th Jan 2020. The same was followed by a discussion on the necessity of cinema as a medium of political expression with an effort to understand the concept of social order as a tool of exploitation. The impact of disruption of exploitative social order in a democracy was also brought up in the discussion.

The movie was screened in room no. 268 and saw around 65 participants.



### Rape Culture- Normalisation of Sexual Assault and Harassment

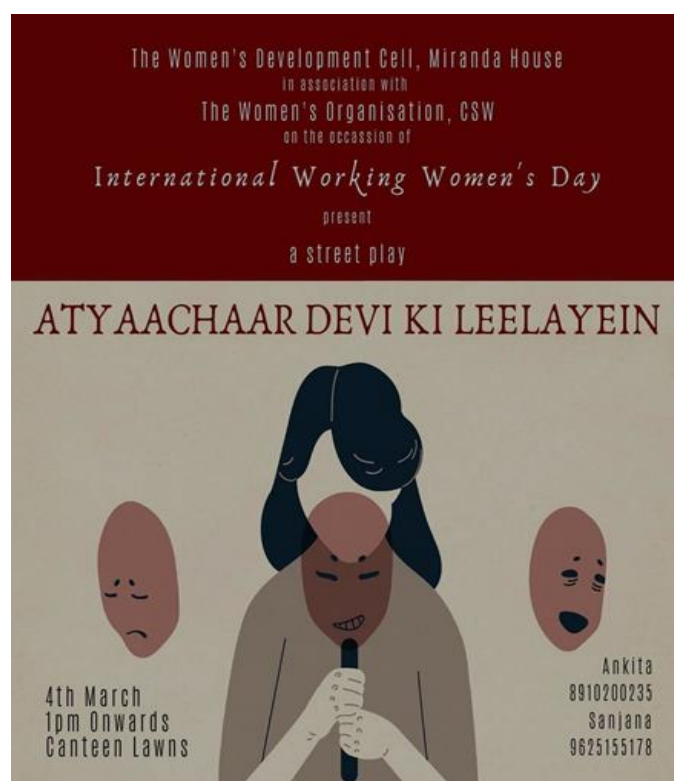
Women Development Cell in collaboration with Shreedhan, an organisation working for Women's Rights, organised an interactive session on ***Rape Culture: Normalisation of Sexual assault and Harassment*** on 20 February 2020.

The speaker exposed the students to the root cause of what forms rape 'culture' and issues like placing women's value in their bodies, which makes them extremely vulnerable to violence. Through various everyday examples, students were sensitised about how sexual objectification of women is the basis of rape culture, where women are expected to subscribe to the "good women code" and this very conditioning later breeds as a rapist. She also suggested 16 ways listed down by the United Nations to end rape culture in India and encouraged women to unlearn the "good women code". The session gave the students a platform to voice their opinions and ask questions that are often deemed to be too "bold" for women.



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### International Working Women's Day

Every woman's success is an inspiration to another. They are the strongest when they cheer each other on. On the **occasion of International Working Women's Day**, Women's Development Cell, in collaboration with the Commission on the Status of Women, organised a street play based on the collection *Atyaachar Devi ki Leelayein* on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The play depicted the everyday lives of women and various forms of oppression and violence, from highly gendered familial life to street harassment, oppression at workplaces to denial of gender justice in communal spaces.

This was followed by thought provoking **discussion with reference to women against existing inequalities**. The event was conducted in Nescafe Lawns, was coordinated by a team of three teachers and saw 150 participants.



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### Part B

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

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##### Corrigendum: Revised Election Schedule

This is in continuation to the Notice of the Schedule for the Elections of three students' representative to ICC (uploaded on 1 September 2019). The Phase I (Formation of GSC) could not be completed within stipulated time. In order to provide opportunity to each class to be represented in the GSC and hence ICC, the Elections are being rescheduled as follows:

<b>Phase I</b> <b>Election/Nomination of a representative from each class of I<sup>st</sup>, II<sup>nd</sup> and III<sup>rd</sup> year to the Gender Sensitising Committee (GSC)</b> <i>Process to be conducted by the respective Department Society</i>	
Last Date of submission of list of Elected/Nominated representatives from each class (Name, Roll No, Mobile No and email-id should be emailed to <a href="mailto:convenor.wdc@mirandahouse.ac.in">convenor.wdc@mirandahouse.ac.in</a> )	5 pm, Saturday, 21 September 2019
<b>Phase II</b> <b>Election of a representative to ICC from amongst the Gender Sensitising Committee</b> <i>To be conducted by Convenor, Women Development Cell (WDC)</i>	
Last Date of receipt of Nomination Papers	4 pm, Wednesday, 25 September 2019 (To be submitted to SO, Admin Office)
Scrutiny of Nomination Papers	4 pm, Thursday, 26 September 2019 Committee Room
Last date of withdrawal from the Elections	4 pm, Friday, 27 September 2019
List of Candidates to be pasted on the College Website and notice boards	10 am, Monday, 30 September 2019
Polling	12:45 pm – 2 pm, Friday, 4 October 2019, Committee Room
Counting of polled votes	2:30 pm, Friday, 4 October 2019; Committee Room

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

Note: Three students polling maximum number of votes in Phase II will be elected as representatives to ICC. The student representatives will include at least one from 2nd year in the ICC.

Principal  
(Returning Officer)

Convenor, WDC  
(Presiding Officer)

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.