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## Women's Development Cell Society Annual Report, 2022 – 2023



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### Part A

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



**Celluloid, The Film Society, Miranda House**  
*in collaboration with*  
**Women's Development Cell, Miranda House**  
presents a





**MOVIE SCREENING & DISCUSSION**  
Thursday, 29 September 2022; 3pm onwards; Room no. 158  
Fill in the registration form through the link in bio!



WDC along with Celluloid, the Film Society, Miranda House organised a movie screening session followed by a student-led discussion on 29 September 2022. 'A Monsoon Date', directed by Tanuja Chandra and 'Testimony of Ana', by Sachin Dheeraj was screened and followed by an interactive and insightful discussion.

A total of 133 participants attended.

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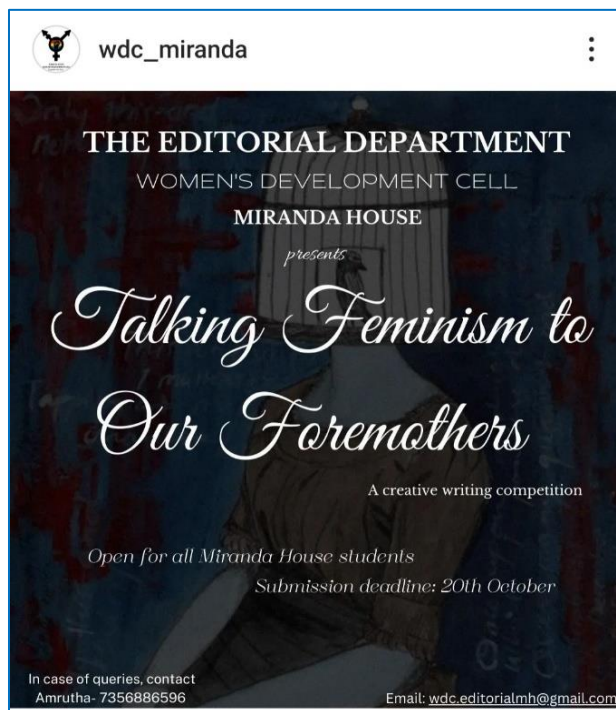
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**Creative Writing Competition** was held on 20.10.2022. The event was open to all students of Miranda House on the prompt “Talking Feminism to Our Foremothers”

The essays were judged for creativity, originality and expression. Winners were provided with certificates of excellence and their writings were published on our official Instagram page.

A total of 20 participated in this competition.

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The Logistics Department  
Women's Development cell

The Logistics Department  
Women's Development cell  
Miranda House  
*presents*

An Event Training session

Oct  
13th

A Talk on  
Gender &  
Logistics

For queries, contact :  
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With -  
**Rahul Menon**  
• Time : 3 pm  
• Venue : Seminar hall

Register through link in bio  
Open only for members of WDC

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A Talk on “**Gender and Logistics**” was organised on 13th October 2022. The guest speaker, Mr. Rahul Menon talked about event management skills and its correlation with gender. The talk aimed at understanding the intersection of resource politics and gender with a panel of experts.

30 participants were present in the event.

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Seeing Gandhi through Ambedkar.



October Special Readings sessions on the theme






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**Women's Development Cell**  
in collaboration with  
**Equal Opportunity Cell**  
presents

**SEEING GANDHI THROUGH  
AMBEDKAR**



Dates: 21st and 31st October  
Time: 4 PM  
Venue: Nescafé Lawns

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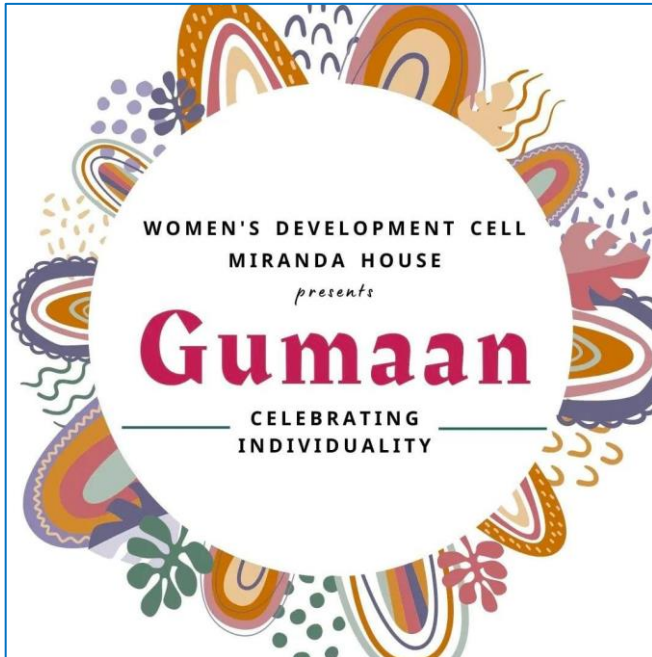
Through the eyes of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, we'd be attempting to understand Gandhi with respect to Poona Pact and his stance and politics on the representation of people he called the Harijans.

A total of 25 participants attended the session.

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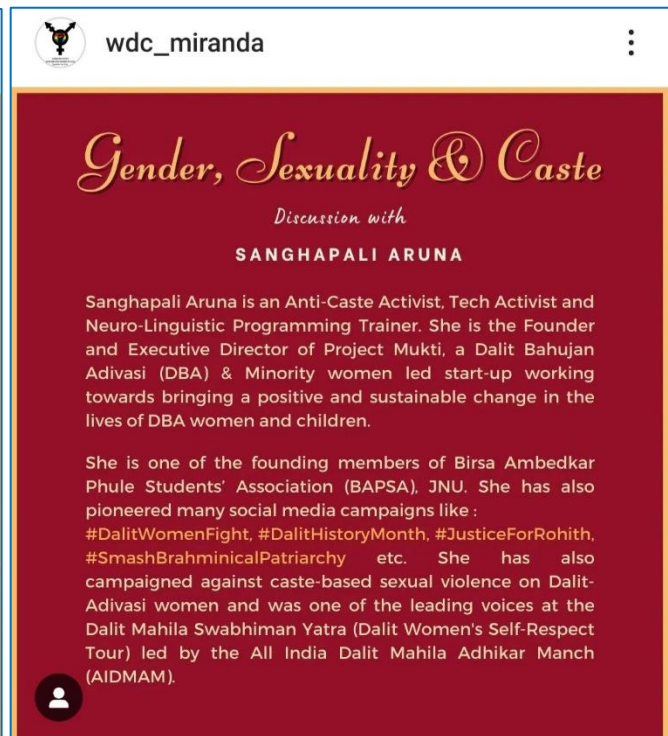
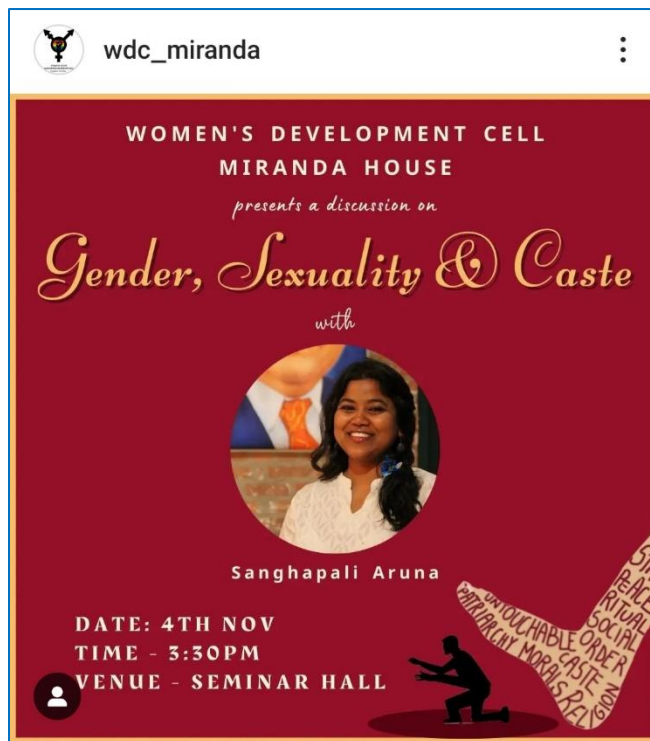


**Gumaan Series** is an initiative to understand individuality, identity and to discursively know about gender, caste, sexuality and class in accordance with it.

To navigate through these themes and take pride in it, we had with us Sanghapali Aruna, an anti-caste activist, who will be holding a session regarding these domains. The event was held on 4.11.2022.

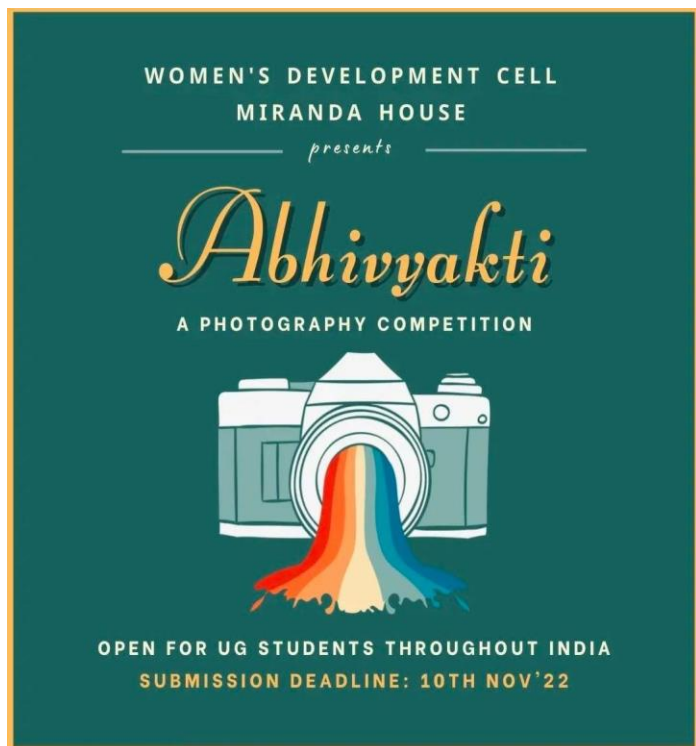
40 participants were present in the event.

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**Abhivryakti**, an Online Photography Competition was held on 10.11.2022. The event created a space for Gender and Photography to intersect.

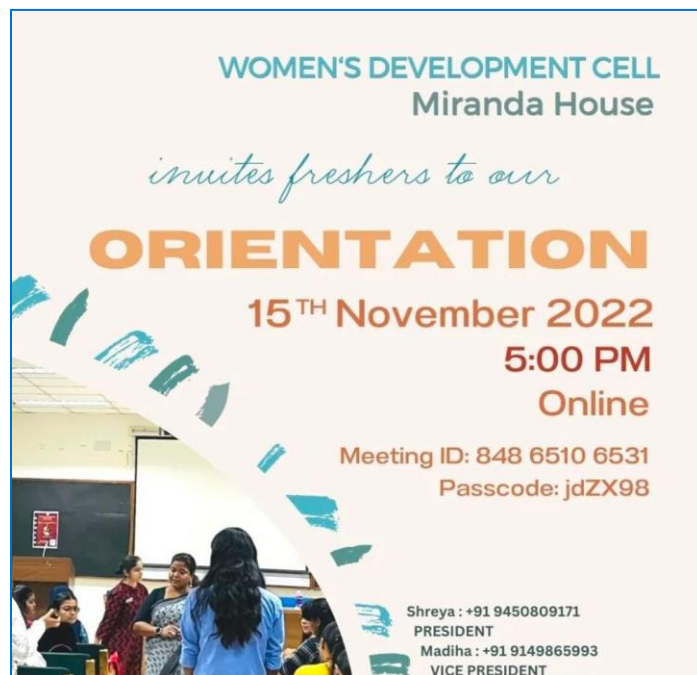
A total of 30 participated in the competition.

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Orientation 2022 was held on 15.11.2022 at 5 pm. The session introduced WDC to the first semester students.

40 students participated in the Orientation.

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WDC, Miranda House in collaboration with the Equal Opportunity Cell, MH and WDC, Hindu College organised a two-days discussion session on the book- **EWS: The Quota to End All Quotas.**

**EOC MIRANDA HOUSE**  
in collaboration with  
**WDC MH & WDC HINDU**  
presents a reading session on

**EWS : THE QUOTA TO END ALL QUOTAS**  
- AMBEDKAR AGE COLLECTIVE

**DATE - 9 January**  
**TIME - 3pm**  
**VENUE**  
Principal lawns  
Miranda House

**DATE - 11 January**  
**TIME - 3pm**  
**VENUE**  
Sports Complex  
Hindu College

With the Supreme Court upholding the 103rd Amendment to the constitution, the reservation on sole economic backwardness has brought about many questions. An attempt was made to understand the concept of economic criteria as the basis of reservation and the repercussions it can lead to. Members engaged to gain a holistic understanding of such criteria with references from colonial past to the present India.

A total of 30 participated in the discussion.

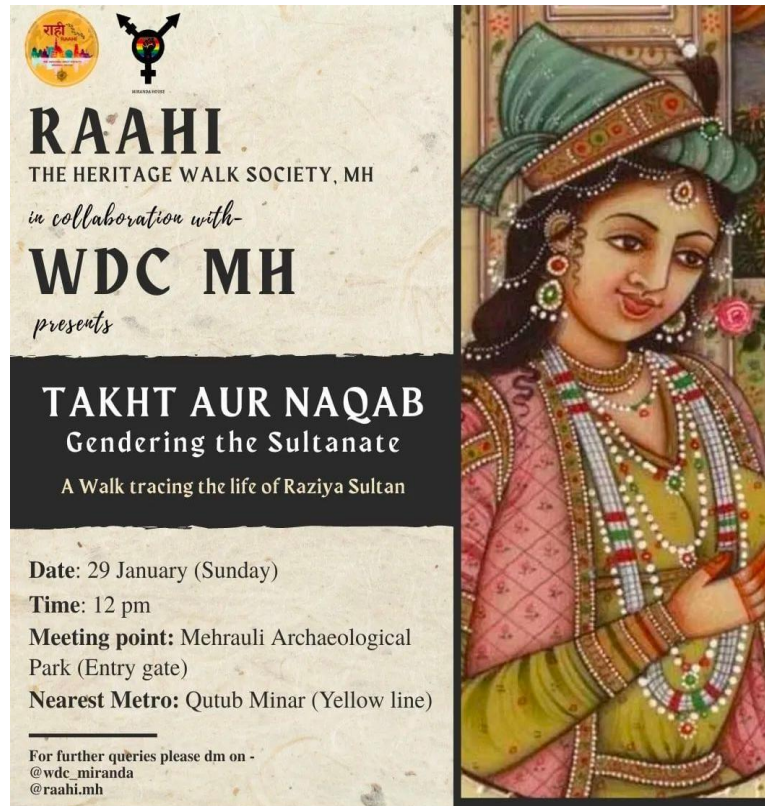
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WDC, MH along with Raahi, the Heritage Walk society organised a walk on 29 January 2023 tracing the life of Raziya Sultan, to Mehrauli Archaeological Park titled **Takht aur Naqab: Gendering the Sultanate**.



The walk was led by Anushka and Gangotri. Mehrauli archaeological park is home to numerous historical sites, which unfurl the long forgotten tales from the past. The walk leaders specifically chose this location as it was from where Raziya ruled her empire as a Sultan.

A total of 40 participated in the walk.

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### Sheher -**ए**- Safar

The Logistics Department of Women's Development Cell organised **Sheher -**ए**- Safar** on 2.2.2024.



This drive aimed to open a window into the chaotic world and show our members how middle-class women manage to survive while juggling work, responsibilities, and day-to-day challenges.

The members went to Majnu-ka-Tilla and delved into the lives of middle-class women, understanding their personal and professional lives - the hardships, independence, and freedom that come along with it.

45 students participated in the event.

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## The STEM Gap

Why are we still talking about the STEM gap?  
My BSc class had more women than men

It's not just about numbers, the experience and culture also matters

**THE STEM GAP**  
Wednesday, 08 February 2023  
Time: 3 PM onwards  
Venue: Seminar Hall, Miranda House

The Women's Development Cell at Miranda House, in collaboration with Aaina, successfully organized an enlightening workshop on 'The STEM Gap' on 8.2.2023. This initiative aimed to address the underrepresentation of women and gender minorities in STEM fields. Facilitated by experts Sayan and Vrinda, the workshop delved into exploring the gender gap in STEM and addressed related questions. Aaina, dedicated to encouraging critical reflection on educational experiences, played a pivotal role in bringing forth perspectives linking learning to society, history, and culture.

Aaina's team, actively engaged in creating content on social media platforms, particularly Instagram, shares research-based insights on education. They document the diverse experiences of students and teachers, fostering conversations on re-imagining education as empowering and transformative for all, transcending privilege. The collaborative workshop provided a platform for meaningful discussions and marked a significant step toward promoting inclusivity and gender equity in STEM education.

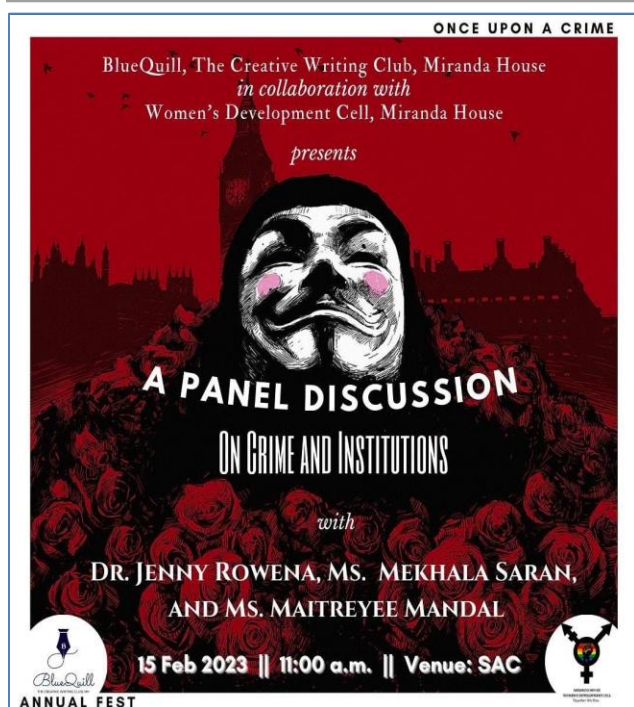
25 students participated in the workshop.

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BlueQuill, the Creative Writing Club of Miranda House, in collaboration with the Women's Development Cell, Miranda House, held a Panel Discussion on 'Crime & Institutions' as a part of BlueQuill's Annual Fest: ONCE UPON A CRIME. The event was organised on 15.2.2023.

To talk about crime and literature is to first deal with the obstacle of defining crime. More often than not, there exist institutions with monopoly of power and coercive consequences who decide what may be deemed as criminal activity. To act outside such boundaries is to then indulge in criminal behavior. How do we deem what is crime and how it is defined by pre-existing powerful institutions? This is one of many questions that we seek to understand through this panel discussion.

Around 45 students attended the event.

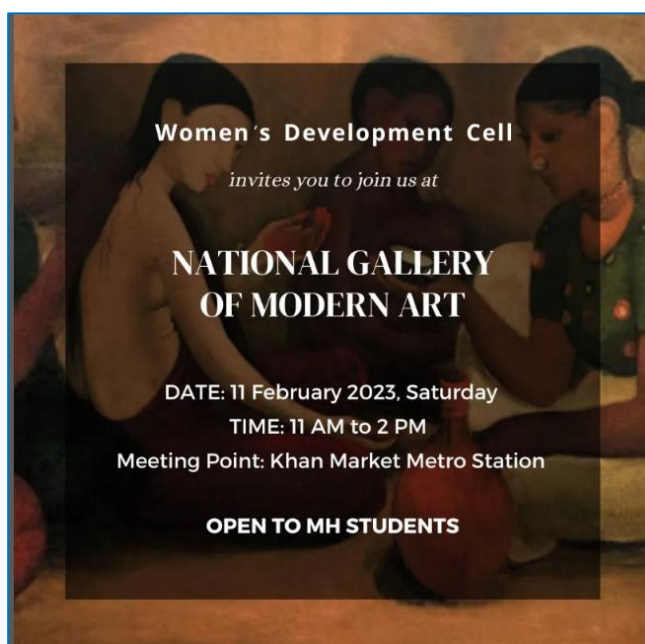
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### A visit to national Gallery of Modern Art

The Graphics Department of the Women's Development Cell successfully hosted an art walk to the National Gallery of Modern Art on Saturday, 11.2.2023. Participants immersed themselves in the diverse array of artistic expressions, creating a vibrant experience that enriched their understanding of modern art.

Around 30 students participated.

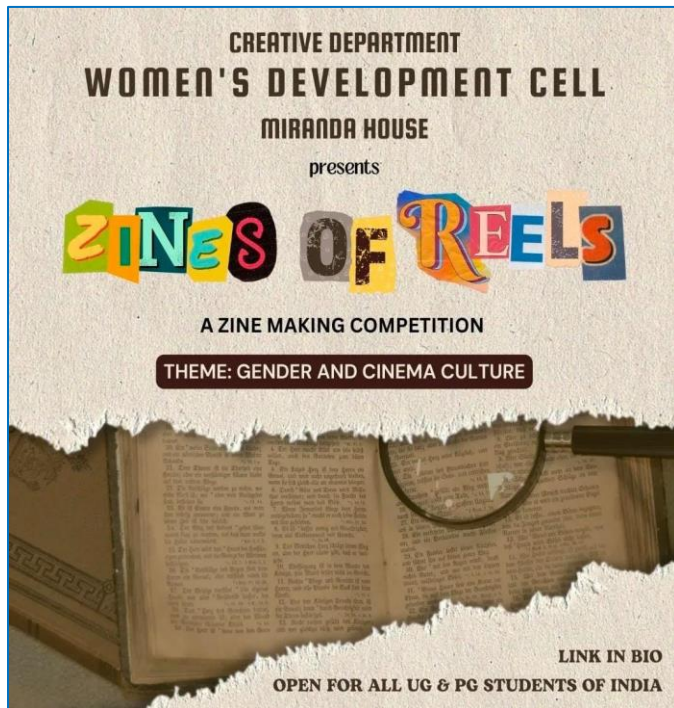
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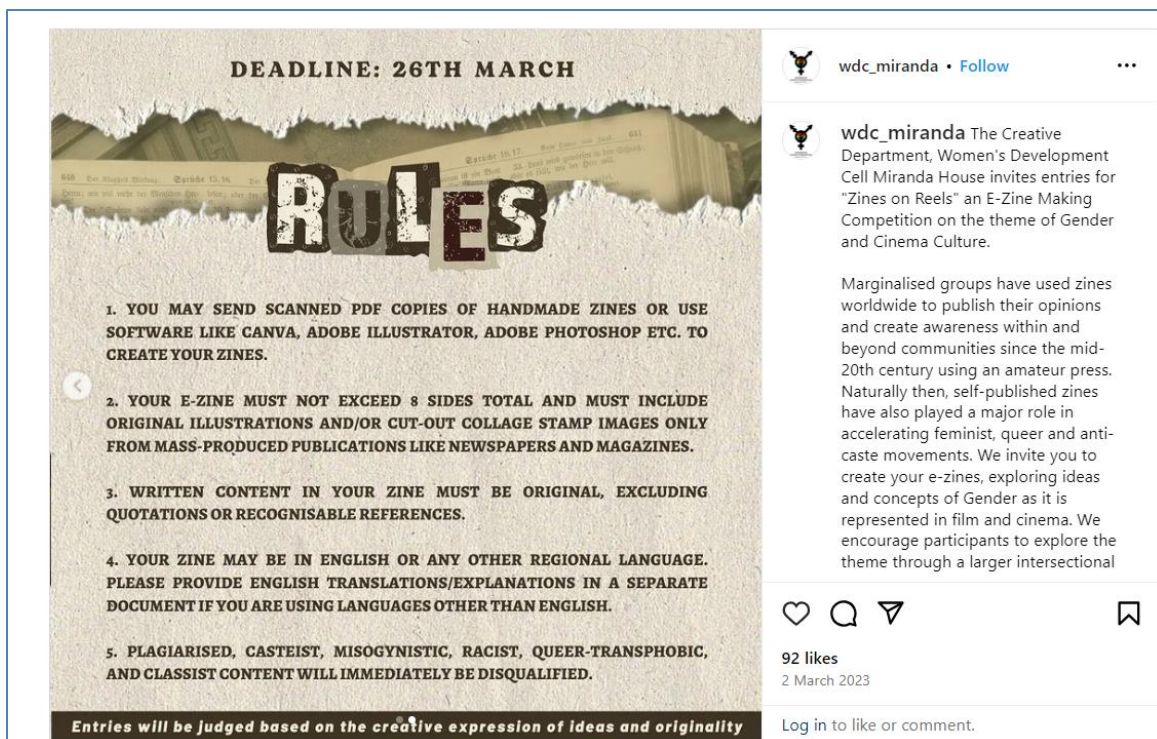


Marginalised groups have used zines worldwide to publish their opinions and create awareness within and beyond communities since the mid-20th century using an amateur press. Naturally then, self-published zines have also played a major role in accelerating feminist, queer and anti-caste movements.

WDC organised **Zines on Reels** - an E-Zine Making Competition on the theme of Gender and Cinema Culture. The event was announced on 2 March 2023. Participants were asked to create e-zines, exploring ideas and concepts of Gender as it is represented in film and cinema. Participants were encouraged to explore the theme through a larger intersectional feminist lens. **The last date of submission was 26.3.2023.**

A total of 20 participated in the competition.

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## Marxist Reading Session

Open discussion on Contemprising  
Class Divide ft. The Communist Manifesto

Date: 22nd March 2023 (Wednesday)  
Venue: Nescafe Lawns  
Time: 2 PM onwards

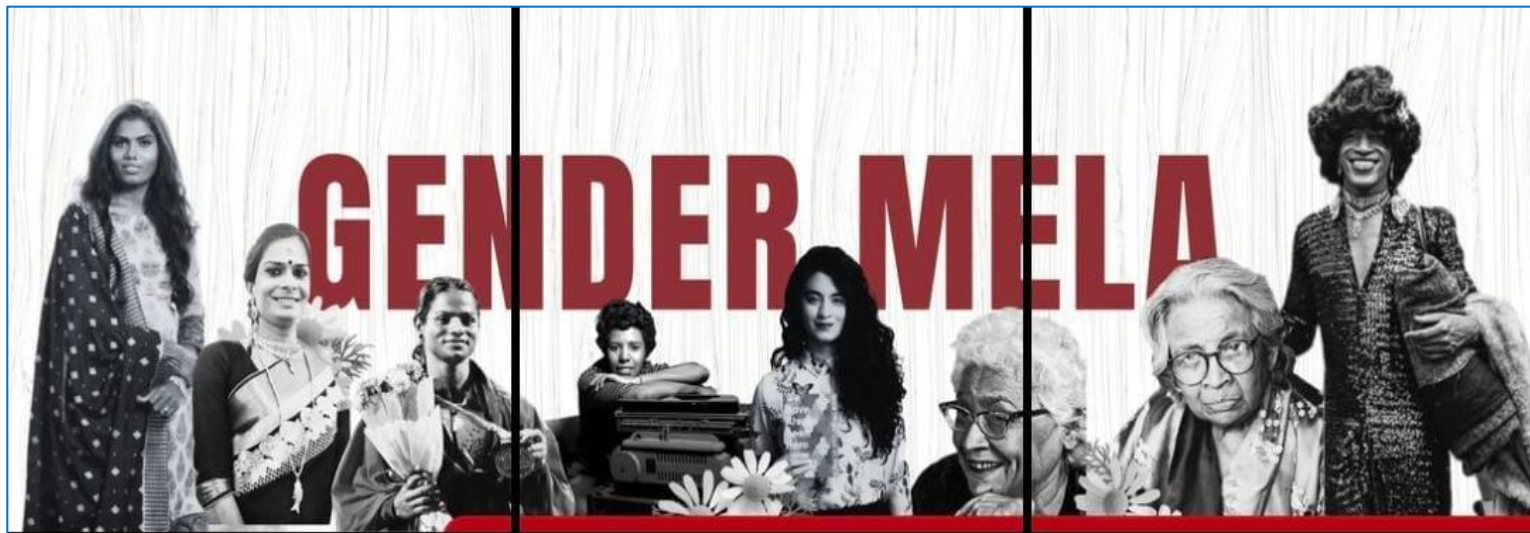
Women's Development Cell in collaboration with Poesis, The Book Club held an open discussion **Marxist Reading Session** to deliberate and conceptualize the multidimensionality of class inequities and social stratification. The Discussion session was held on 22.3.2023.

A total of 30 participants from WDC attended the event.

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Women's Development Cell held Gender Mela, its Annual Fest, on 5.4.2023 and 6.4.2023. The theme of the Annual Fest was to encourage critical celebration of the 'self' as a means of resistance. The Fest, which explored new avenues and initiate important conversations, and bask in the joy of shared learning, was open to all.

Over 70 students participated in various events held as part of the Fest.

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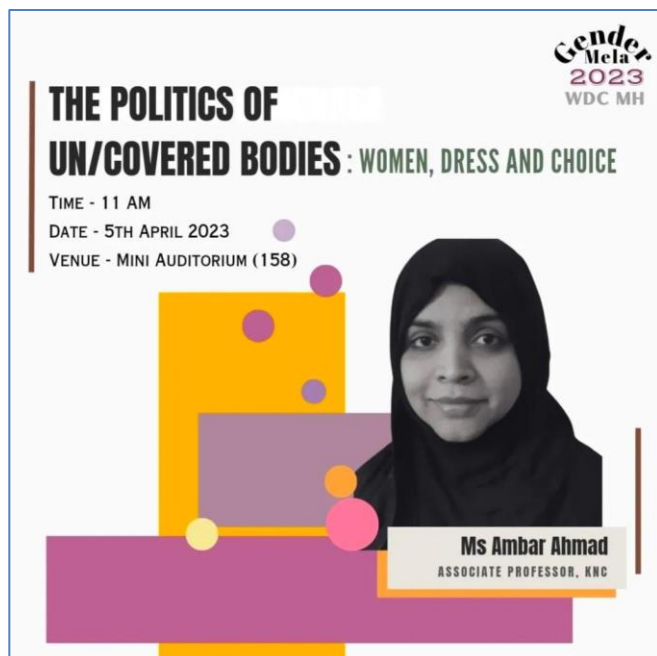
As part of the Gender Mela'23, a paper presentation competition was held on 5.4.2023 on the theme **Interrogating Gaze: A Study of the Perpetuation of the Male and Female Gaze**

The paper presentation intricately dealt with various sub-categorization of Gender discrimination in our society. The competition surely initiated some interesting and poignant points of retrospection amongst the participatory members for the undersigned theme.

The three Best Papers from the competition will be published in our Annual Newsletter, Parvaaz.

A total of 30 participated in the competition.

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A speaker session was held on 5.4.2023 on the topic: **The Politics of Un/Covered Bodies: Women, Dress and Choice** by Ambar Ahmad, an Associate Professor of Political Science in Kamla Nehru College, University of Delhi.

While the choice has long been contested as the right of the agent, women however, have been largely subjected to unsolicited patriarchal frontiers that question and impose projection of power over the Women's decision of un/covering themselves. While many political forces have joined the long prescriptive structures of 'telling women what to do', we must understand the issue with respect to women's embodiment of choice.

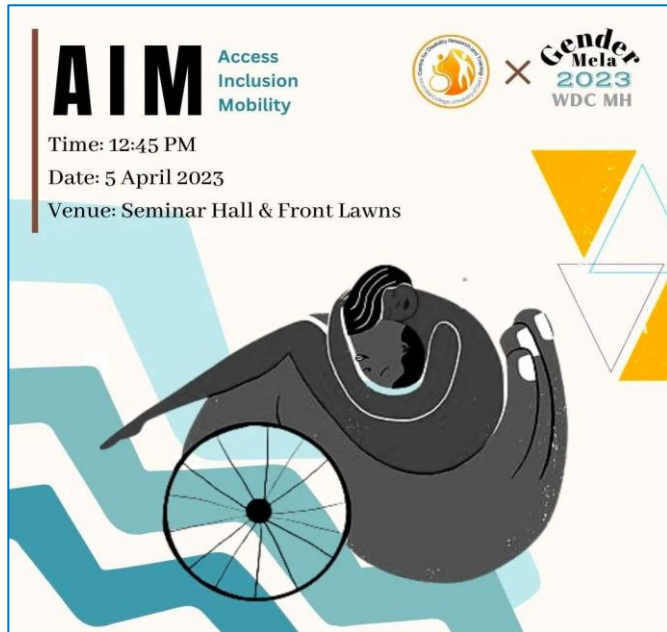
Around 20 participated in the event.

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Collaborating with the Centre for Disability Research and Training (CDRT, KMC), WDC conducted an awareness workshop on disability **AIM - A for Access, I for Inclusion and M for Mobility** as part of the Gender Mela'23.

The event was conducted to create awareness of other communities, socioeconomic challenges, etc. in today's society.

Around 25 members from WDC participated in the session.

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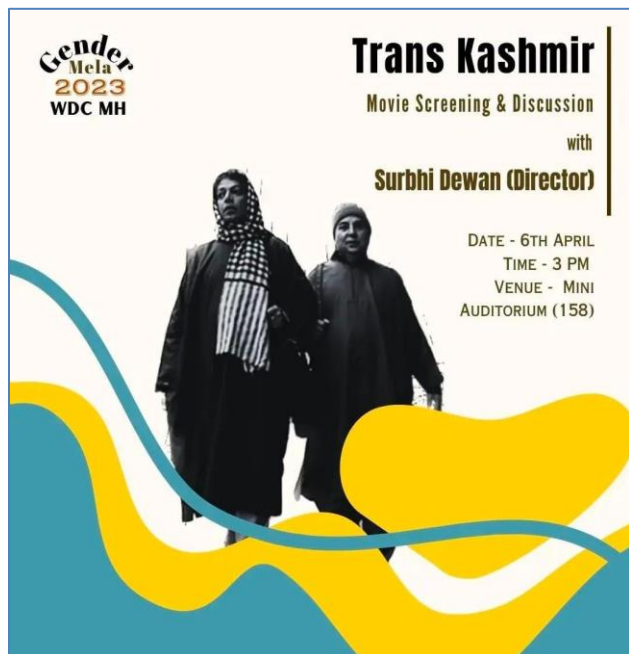
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‘Bol Ki Lab Azaad Hai Tere’ - An Open Mic for our Annual Fest: Gender Mela 2023 was held on 6.4.2024 with an idea of creating a free space to showcase talent and embrace freedom of expression.

A total of 20 were present in the discussion.

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As the concluding event of Gender Mela 2023, Women’s Development Cell, Miranda House organised screening of the movie **Trans Kashmir**, directed by S.A. Hanan and Surbhi Dewan. The movie, as the title suggests, portrays the lives and difficulties of Trans people in Kashmir. It is about the extreme hardships, resilience and beauty of Kashmir’s transgender community and their growing movement for basic human rights.

The screening was followed by an interactive session with one of the directors of the movie, Surbhi Dewan. She graduated with an MFA in film from Rochester Institute of Technology, New York, and is an independent producer and filmmaker who is known for ‘An Open Sky’, ‘The Great Indian Rope Trick’ ‘Trans Kashmir’.

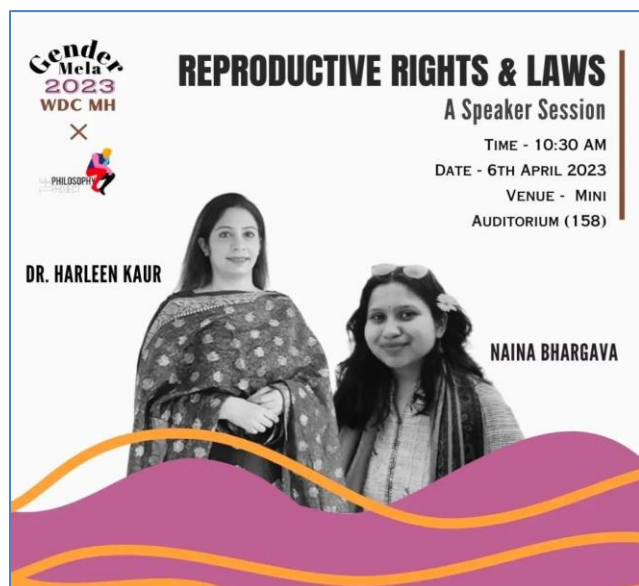
Around 30 students attended the movie screening.

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Women's Development Cell in collaboration with The Philosophy Project (TPP) organised a speaker session on **Reproductive Rights and Laws in Neo-Liberal Era**. Speakers for the session were Dr. Harleen Kaur, Assistant Professor at Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, Delhi University and Ms. Naina Bhargava, founder of TPP and student at Campus Law Centre, DU. The session was held at 10:30 am, 6.4.2023 in the Mini Auditorium.



Reproductive rights are Human rights and it is important to be aware of and understand the laws that govern and protect them. Inadequate legal knowledge may have an impact on how different genders access the healthcare system or seek services, and it is likely to contribute to the gap between official laws and practical applications. For gender minorities, especially those who identify as transgender, non-binary, or intersex, knowledge of reproductive legislation is crucial. This is because reproductive regulations frequently place a strong emphasis on binary gender distinctions and may overlook the interests and rights of gender minorities. A total of 35 members from WDC were present in the event.

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## Part B

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

The Women's Development Cell facilitated the election of student representatives to the Gender Sensitising Committee (GSC) and the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).


  
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
**Elections 2022-23 to GSC and ICC**

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:**

<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>	
Meeting of the Office Bearers of Department Societies and Staff Advisors and Office Bearers of WDC	3 pm, Tuesday, 21 March 2023
Last Date of submission of list of Elected/Nominated representatives (emailed to <a href="mailto:convenor.wdc@mirandahouse.ac.in">convenor.wdc@mirandahouse.ac.in</a> )	5 pm, Wednesday, 29 March 2023
<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, Monday, 3 April 2023
Scrutiny of Nomination Papers	4 pm, Monday, 3 April 2023 Committee Room
Last date of withdrawal from the Elections	4 pm, Wednesday, 5 April 2023
List of Candidates to be pasted on the College Website and notice boards	11 am, Thursday, 6 April 2023
Polling	2 pm – 4 pm, Tuesday, 11 April 2023 (Polling in Committee Room)
Declaration of Result	5 pm, Tuesday, 11 April 2023

Nomination Forms and Withdrawal Forms will be available on the College website. These should be emailed as per the schedule to [convenor.wdc@mirandahouse.ac.in](mailto:convenor.wdc@mirandahouse.ac.in), with cc to [abhadev.habib@mirandahouse.ac.in](mailto:abhadev.habib@mirandahouse.ac.in) and [jyoti.prakash@mirandahouse.ac.in](mailto: jyoti.prakash@mirandahouse.ac.in).

  
Principal  
(Returning Officer)

  
Convenor, WDC  
(Presiding Officer)

The office-bearers of all departments and WDC, accompanied by the staff advisors of WDC met on 21.3.2023 to discuss the role of GSC & ICC as well as election to these bodies.

WDC organised several counselling sessions with Class Representatives to ensure participation of students in the Election Process. Over 100 students participated in counselling sessions held for Class Representatives and then for members of Gender Sensitising Committee.

The Elections of three students' representative to the ICC were completed on 11 April 2023.