

Report 2015

INITIATIVE: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL AND ENABLING UNIT

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The Equal Opportunity Cell/Enabling Unit of Kamala Nehru College celebrated its annual event 'INITIATIVE' on 12th February 2015, Thursday. A panel-discussion was conducted which was graced by the presence of Justice M. Karpaga Vinayagam (Supreme Court of India) as the chief guest. The topic for the panel discussion was: '**You are so much more than you can see**' and the panelists for the session were- Mr. Vikram Dutt (Member, Core Committee on Rehabilitation, GOI), Ms. Preeti Johar (CEO, Family of Disabled), Ms. Disha (Author of *Because Life is a Gift*), Dr. Sanjeev Chachra (Prof. Department of Commerce, Maharishi Dayanand University), and team representatives from the school, 'Jagriti- A Banyan Tree'. The closing of the ceremony was marked by the performance of 'Swarotkarsh' (a music band of visually-impaired).

IT-Training was given to the students to keep them updated about Information Technology.

Remedial Classes were conducted for SC/ST/OBC/PWDs in IT under the program, 'Manage Your Life with IT'.

The Screen Reading software has also been installed on all the computers given to PWDs (staff as well as students).

The cell had its orientation programme in the month of August to introduce freshers with the cell-members, student team and conveners. Student-elections for various posts were conducted and a new team was formed to take charge of organising activities and events. Informal interactive and counselling sessions were held between freshers and senior cell members to build an open and strong bonding among them.

In our pursuit to sensitise and to provide exposure on societal issues, a talk and interactive session was organised in the month of September on the topic, 'The Role of Student in Social Space'. Consultants from the company AT Kearney addressed some such issues, enriching the students. The speakers were also the founding members of an NGO called CSG – Consulting for Social Good, India. It is an organization formed by undergraduate students of IIT Delhi that partners with non-profit organizations on short term solution oriented projects. CSG links talented students who are eager to learn and gain new experiences with non-profit organisations who are often constrained by limited resources. This creates a mutually beneficial relationship, yielding powerful results. The students had a very fruitful interaction with the speakers and learned a lot from their experience.

The EOC students participated as volunteers in 'National Convention For Youth with Disabilities'. They also represented KNC in events organised by NCPEDP (National Center for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People).

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