

Report 2012-13

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The last session has been an eventful one with the cell being able to contribute further to not only general awareness but also the sound development of minds and mindsets in college.

As is the norm, we initiated new members with the help of an orientation at the very beginning of the session; the Cell was overwhelmed with the brilliant response. Our first event was an interaction amongst the students in the chaupal regarding the sensitive issue of Child Sexual Abuse, the session was chaired by Ms. Malobika, Dr. Urna Dutta and Dr. ShobhanaWarrier (faculty members) and saw great response from the student body about the trauma of abuse and psychological impact of such incidents on the development of the mind. Following this, WDC held a seminar on sexual harassment and another on Female Foeticide by the Centre for Social Research by Dr. Manasi Mishra on the 24th of September. A lecture by Prof. Mary John on 'The Continued Relevance of Feminism in India ' succeeded this on the 18th of October.

We received the honor of holding a screening for Mr. Nakul Sawhney's critically acclaimed film, *Izzat Nagari ki Asabhya Betiyaan* which provided us with an insight to the condition of women in Khap ruled villages, the atrocities committed on couples who brave these tyrannical organizations to exercise their freedom to choose spouses as well as the bravado of organizations and many persons fighting against the issue. The documentary was an eye-opener indeed. Apart from the seminars and lectures, we also promoted a signature campaign by CSR against Female Foeticide and collaborated with the Sexual Harassment Cell in another signature campaign for a feeder bus from college to the nearest metro stations.

Our first event this year has been a lecture, again in collaboration with the SHC by Ms. Sehba Farooqui, a well-known women's right activist and the Secretary of the Delhi state unit of AIDWA. WDC is also initiating a protest for women's safety associated with the college. The Cell is tirelessly working to achieve women's upliftment and development (aptly so) and shall continue with the endeavour.