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The academic year was a busy one for Women Development Cell of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics.

The first activity conducted by the forum was a Self Defence Workshop organized in association with Podar Judoka Club for students of the junior college section where students were taught basic self defence tricks and given training to save themselves from danger. The Women Development Cell also conducted a Menstrual Awareness Programme for girls of standard 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of Local Municipal Schools and taught them about menstrual hygiene and health. The students reached around 150 girl students from 6 schools around Wadala and Byculla.

This year, the students celebrated International Women's Week that started by paying obeisance to Savitribai Phule, books about women empowerment and biography of inspiring women's were displayed in the college library, a small speech by one of the student members, chocolates and handmade gifts were given to female faculties as a token of respect.

On International Women's Day the cell, under the guidance of the Department of Students Development, University of Mumbai organized a district level Self Defense Training Program for students, it was conducted in college with the theme being 'Generating Equality and Realising Women's Rights'. Students attended seminars on Menstrual Health and Cyber Safety, this last event of the year ended with a Judoka Training Workshop conducted by Sensai Patil and his Podar Judoka Club team. The sessions helped them gain knowledgeable insights not only about self defence against physical predators but also defence against cyber crimes and health issues.