

## **WOMEN DEVELOPEMENT CELL- ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15**

### **Activities conducted during the year 2014-15:**

#### **EVENT 1 : WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL ORIENTATION**

**VENUE** : R.A.PODAR COLLEGE

**DATE** :12TH AUG, 2014

The program started with a presentation by the Secretary of WDC for 2014-15, Ruchi Shenoy on, "What is WDC?" and its importance and role in Colleges, and the introduction of Committee members of WDC of the Academic year 2014-15. The Joint Secretary then showed a glimpse of the past activities conducted by WDC which included the WDC fest as well. The event experienced a crowd of more than 120 students & about 10 teachers, Principal & Vice- Principal, two members of Associated NGO- ARMMAN.

The Professor-in-charge of WDC, Prof Tejashri Patankar, welcomed the Committee members with a bouquet. This was followed by an enlightening speech by the Principal of R.A.Podar College, (Prof) Dr Shobana Vasudevan on the topic 'Women of Strength'. After the Speech, Prof Tejashri Patankar explained the students the procedure on how to lodge a complaint to the WDC in case of any harassment they experience/witness.

The event was graced by the members of ARMMAN (The Associated NGO) who showed the students a presentation on "What is ARMMAN?" What are the projects of ARMMAN for the betterment of ladies from the rural as well as urban areas and how they help women? They shared their experience on how women face problems during pregnancy & how we can help those ladies. Miss Disha, from ARMMAN explained to us how the students can help in spreading awareness, for examples by conducting street plays, flash mob etc. Many students showed their willingness to work for the good cause and registered themselves with WDC. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Chanda Kathuria.

#### **EVENT 2 : POSTERS FOR CREATING AWARENESS AMONG GIRLS IN COLLEGE**

Posters were put up in the college as a part of creating awareness among the girls. The posters aimed at creating awareness about the Women Development Cell. Posters on sexual harassment of women were put up in the Ladies Common Room as a part of the same.

#### **EVENT 3 : INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY PROGRAM**

**VENUE** : AUDITORIUM

**DATE** : 10TH DEC, 2014

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, students and teachers from colleges in and around Matunga, namely R.A.Podar College, Dr. Ambedkar College, SIWS College, Khalsa College conducted a rally to spread the importance of Women and their rights. The participants then gathered in Podar College where skit was organized by the committee members of Women Development Cell of Podar College. The program began with the 'Ganesha Aarti'

and a welcome note by the Secretary of WDC of Podar College, i.e.: Ruchi Shenoy. The Principal of Podar College, Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan welcomed the guests with a bouquet and addressed the audience on importance of women in the society. There were various eye opening skits performed by students of Dr. Ambedkar College, SIWS College and R.A.Podar College on issues faced by women in the Society. This event witnessed a crowd of about 200 students from the colleges in the vicinity. The program ended with a vote of thanks by a committee member of WDC of Podar College, Ashna Wadhawan.

**EVENT 4 : SELF DEFENCE SESSION IN ASSOCIATION WITH FIRE AND SECURITY ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (FEEL SAFE)**

**VENUE : AUDITORIUM**

**DATE : 13TH DEC, 2014**

On the 13th of Dec, 2014, R.A.Podar College organized a self-defence training session in association with the Fire and Security Association of India. The theme for the event was 'Feel Safe'. The Principal of R.A.Podar College Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan welcomed the Members of FSAI and the trainer Mr. Rajesh Shirke. The program was divided into three sessions, the first session was an interactive one that stated the reasons why women become victims and the ways to avoid being one. After a tea break, the second session started which was a practical session, where Mr. Rajesh Shirke and his two professional accompanists demonstrated the techniques to be used while in danger. The third session was about First Aid to be provided by the lay people to the victim in case there is an emergency and the ambulance doesn't reach on time. There were about 50 students present for the event. The event ended with a vote of thanks by the Chairperson of WDC, Prof. Mrs. Tejashri Patankar.

**EVENT 5 : WORKSHOP ON STREET PLAY**

**VENUE : AUDITORIUM**

**DATE : 28TH DEC, 2014**

A unique Sunday was spent by the First year junior college students and NSS volunteers of R.A.Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Matunga by conducting an informative and very unique workshop on street plays by ARMMAN, an NGO. The workshop was started by the delegates of ARMMAN (Advancing Reduction in Mortality and Morbidity of Mother, children and neonates) and Prof. Chanda Kathuria at 10:30. Information was given briefly by Miss. Shubhangi and Mr. Mandar on the founding of ARMMAN and projects related to the NGO. A project called "Mmitra" is a voice message service on mobile phone for urban poor pregnant women in their local language to take the required care and precautions during pregnancy to ensure good health of mothers and their babies.

After this informative session, we proceeded with the workshop with Mr. Rajesh and Mr. Siddhivinayak by conducting some interesting games through which we formed groups. Every group was given a different topic to form a street play of 2-5 mins slot in fifteen minutes. Important tips and interesting songs were taught to us by Mr. Rajesh to attract the crowd while performing the street play. A demo street play was performed by the students which included the important aspects

of street play such as calling, acting, voice modulation, conclusion and unique ways to end the street play on “Mmitra”.

In this way, we accomplished an informative but still a very different workshop from others. The FYJC students and NSS Volunteers of R.A.Podar College joined hands for another social cause called “Mmitra” with “ARMMAN” NGO.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2014-15**

<b>Faculty- in Charge</b>	Ms. Tejashree Patankar
<b>Secretary</b>	Ruchi Shenoy
<b>Joint Secretary</b>	Vineet Shah & Sanket Srinivasan
<b>Treasure</b>	Ashna Wadhwan