

## **WOMEN DEVELOPEMENT CELL- ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16**

### **Annual Report 2015-16**

#### **Event 1-** Inauguration of Sanitary Vending Machine and Incinerator

**DATE-** 5th August 2015

**VENUE-** Ladies Common Room

On 5th august 2015 at 10.30am the Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Incinerator was inaugurated by Vice Principal Mrs Kavita Jagoo. The students were then explained the importance of the correct use of the machine and the vice principal then demonstrated on how the machine works. Miss PradhnyaN demonstrated the use of the incinerator. R A Podar College is the first college in Mumbai to install both a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and the Incinerator. The Vice Principal then explained to all the female students the aim behind installing these machines is to inculcate a greener, hygienic and sustainable way of life among the students.

#### **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-** Zonal level workshop on 'Implementation of the Sexual Harassment At Workplace Act, 2013' (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal)

**Date:** 27th & 28th August 2015

**Venue:** Auditorium & G1

The Women Development Cell of R A Podar College of Commerce and Economics in association with the Women Development cell, University of Mumbai jointly organised a Zonal Level workshop on the implementation of the "Sexual Harassment Of Women at Workplace( Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 "and issues related in implementing it on 27th August 2015. The event was inaugurated by the honorable Vice Chancellor of Mumbai University Dr Sanjay Deshmukh. The primary objective of this training workshop was to acquaint the participant teachers with details on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and it's implementation procedure. The speakers for the event were Dr Sharda, Director, Population First, Advocate Ms Neha Kabir an activist belonging to the Human Rights Law Network and Dr Kranti Jejurkar, Chairperson, University Women Development Cell. This event witnessed a participation of over 35 different professors from colleges across Mumbai.

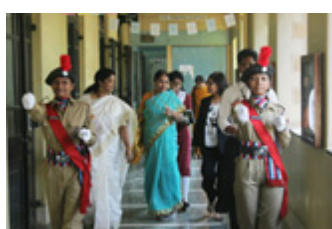
#### **Event 4-** A talk on "Empowering Oneself to Achieve Success in Society"

**Date:** 10th December 2015

**Venue:** G1

On 10th December 2015, the Women Development Cell organized an event "Chemistry behind empowering oneself towards success in society", which was presided over by Ms Manju Ganeriwala. She has held various important positions in the state of Virginia, United States of America and she is currently the Treasurer

of the state of Virginia. The event started by an opening address by the Women Development Cell chairperson Mrs. Tejashree Patankar who further elaborate about the accomplishments of Ms. Manju Ganeriwala, then our principal Dr Mrs Shobana Vasudevan spoke a few words of appreciation thanking our guest for taking out time for the event, and handing over a memento as a token of appreciation. The podium was taken over by Ms Manju Ganeriwala, she spoke about how an individual can empower themselves rather than waiting for something to do the same. The various C's like conviction, courage, commitment, communication were the points further explained by her. After having talked about her way up the ladder of success, the students and Ms Ganeriwala had an interactive question and answer session. The students asked questions ranging from cultural difference in the two countries to family. After the session was over Ms PradnyaNadkarni gave a vote of thanks to our guest for the day.



**Event 5-** Posters for raising awareness about bathroom etiquettes.

**Date:** 12th January 2016

**Venue:** Ladies Common Room

The members of the Women Development Cell prepared posters about good bathroom etiquettes and these posters were put up in the ladies washroom and the ladies common room of the college.

**Event 6-** Poster making competition and 'Reveal your collections' events, co organized by Hobby Circle and Women's Development Cell.

**Date:** 27th January 2016

**Venue:** Auditorium

In the exhibition event, the participants can display their interesting collections in the college premises. In poster making competition, the theme is 'MODERN WOMAN'.

**Event 7-** Inter College Hygiene Programme

**Proposed Plan**

- WDC members shall visit 5 BMC schools around Podar College on 8th and 9th Feb, 2016 and brief students on Women Hygiene and Safety.
- The activities covered under this programme are: showing documentary film 'Maitri' which is on menstruation cycle and its hygiene for the girls of standard 5th to 7th.
- For boys and girls of standard 8th and 9th a topic will be given to enact a skit.
- Topics for the skit plays are as follows:
  - o Creating values and respect of every age
  - o Women safety and security
  - o Personal hygiene
  - o Molestation (precautions and protection tips to girls)
- Every session will last for 2 hours.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2015-16**

<b>Faculty in charge</b>	Tejashree Patankar
<b>Secretary</b>	Ashna Wadhawan
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