

**SHIVAJI COLLEGE**  
**WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL (WDC)**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

Throughout the 2022-2023 academic session, the Women Development Cell of Shivaji College provided students with a variety of opportunities. From shedding light on gender abuse to engaging them in fun activities like stand-up comedy, the Women Development Cell organized it all.

**SEMINAR ON SOCIETY, ABUSE AND GENDER**

On November 1, 2022, the Women Development Cell hosted a seminar on "Society, Abuse, and Gender." The keynote speaker was Ms. Shubhika, co-founder of FIFE. Ms. Shubhika, was introduced, and the motive of her anti-swear brigade was defined. Throughout the discussion, it was stated that the root cause of people swearing was anger issues, a history of abuse, a lack of empathy, and consent issues. The session concluded with an interactive question-answer segment.

**SEMINAR ON LEGAL AWARENESS**

On January 27, 2023, the Women Development Cell organized a seminar on Legal Awareness, with guest speaker Ms. Mansi Gupta, an advocate by profession. The speaker touched on sensitive topics such as sexual assault and harassment and explained various provisions in the Constitution, the ICC Committee, and helpline numbers to be contacted by women in need. The seminar concluded with an interactive doubt session.

**SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP FOR GIRLS**

The Women Development Cell collaborated with the Crime Against Women (CAW) Cell of Delhi Police and organized a 10-day "Self Defence Workshop" for all female students of Shivaji College from February 6 to 15, 2023. The training sessions were conducted under the guidance of female police personnel from the CAW Cell. The classes were designed to psychologically and physically equip female students to deal with eve-teasing, harassment, and domestic abuse at any moment.

**JOKES AND CLAPS: STAND-UP COMEDY COMPETITION**

The Women Development Cell organized an inter-college stand-up comedy competition, "Jokes & Claps," on February 8, 2023. The theme of the competition was "Women and Society," and around 15-16 candidates participated. The comedians used humour to emphasize the various gender issues prevalent in our society, like patriarchy, female foeticide, and misogynistic stereotypes.

## **FACE PAINTING COMPETITION**

On February 8, 2023, the Women Development Cell organized an intra-college face painting competition. The theme was "Women and Society," and the objective was to encourage students to showcase their views on the theme by using their creative skills. Judges evaluated the winners of the competition based on the creativity of the artist and the message their paintings conveyed.

## **BOOK TITLE COMPETITION**

The Women Development Cell of Shivaji College organized a book title writing competition on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The theme of the competition was "Role of Man and Woman: Same or Different". Participants were asked to come up with a suitable name for the book according to the theme and give a brief explanation about the relevance of that name.

## **BOOK COVER COMPETITION**

On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, the Women Development Cell of Shivaji College organized an intra-college book cover designing competition. The theme of the competition was "Role of woman and man in society: similar or different". Students put a mixture of their intellectual thinking and creativity to make the best possible designs for the book cover.

These numerous programs and events were engaging, entertaining, and educational all at the same time. These actions show how committed the Women Development Cell of Shivaji College is toward the empowerment of women. The college administration deserves kudos for promoting such initiatives on the college level.

## **NOOR'23 ANNUAL EVENT**

"NOOR'23", the annual event of the Women Development Cell (WDC) of Shivaji College, University of Delhi, was organized in the college premises on 22nd March 2023 from 10 am onwards. The morning session of the programme included motivational talks by Ms. Dakshita Das (Head, Gender Budget Cell, Government of India) and Ms. Priyanka Singh (IRS Officer). The stage also showcased the potential of the students, who presented self choreographed dance recitals as well as a self- directed stage play, entitled '*FASAANA*', which was about the relevance of family values and other relationships in our day to day life. For the evening session, the Member of Parliament Mr. Ram Kripal Yadav was the invited Dignitary and Mr. Shashi Bhushan Kumar Singh, Director General, Home Guards, was the chief guest.

The highlight of the event was the conferring of the Jijabai Achievers' Awards, through which consistent efforts have been made by the WDC to boost the morale of individuals doing exemplary work towards social welfare & other issues which are of great importance but are mostly ignored by the public, at the grass root level. This years Jijabai Awardees were Mr.

Alok Dixit, Mr. Surya Prakash Rai, Ms. Amrita Sarkar, Ms. Archana Dwivedi and Mr. Anupam Kamal.

The annual book of the Women Development Cell entitled '*Purak*', on the theme of 'Role of Man and Woman : Same or Different', was also released by the dignitaries.

"NOOR'23" was a way of celebrating the resilience and strength of people everywhere, on the idea that everyone has the potential to make a difference and it concluded with a lots of happy memories and strong message for the society.