

GENDER SENSITISATION PROGRAMMES
2019-2020

GOVERNMENT VICTORIA COLLEGE
PALAKKAD



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Gender Sensitization

Gender sensitization has a prime place among the values fostered and policies implemented by the college. The institution has undertaken all possible measures for the safety, security and equity of the female students in terms of administrative policies, infrastructural facilities, curricular and extra-curricular activities. Having a greater proportion of female students, the institution ensures equal representation of girls in students' bodies like the Students Union, clubs and associations. The members of the female staff also have a strong role to play in decision-making bodies of the college like the college council and the IQAC. To cater to the large proportion of female students and staff, the college has facilities like well a functioning Girls Hostel, Common Room for Girls and a Day Care Centre.



The active engagement of the Women's Development Cell of the college along with the commendable work put in by the counselling unit and the various departments and clubs of the institution in the direction of gender sensitisation is noteworthy. A brief outline of the various programmes held during 2019-20 are summarized.

Inauguration

The academic year focussed on gender sensitization and legal awareness for all the students of the college. The **inauguration of Women's Cell** activities was held on 19 September 2019. The event was inaugurated by **Inspector of Police (Women's Cell) Ms. Meenakumari** in the presence of the Principal, Women's Cell Co-ordinator, other guests and students.

Parivarthan –YouTube Video

The students' first venture was a **Youtube Video called " Parivarthan"** which was a survey that recorded the responses of the students and teachers towards Feminism. The video showed mixed responses and highlighted the need for further sensitisation regarding gender in and around the campus. The video can be seen at the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dsve3wmL2MA>

Classrooms Campaign against Sexual Harassment

To counter increasing crimes against women, workshops to Women's Cell volunteers on the UGC norms against sexual harassment inside the campuses during October and November. The Sexual Workplace act 2013 guidelines, Saksham Report of UGC and the Samagati Report of the Higher Education Council were discussed. The reports were summarized and print outs were made available to the students who in turn undertook **intense class campaigning** on a daily basis covering all the classes inside the campus. The campaigning was also done through Whatsapp and Facebook groups.



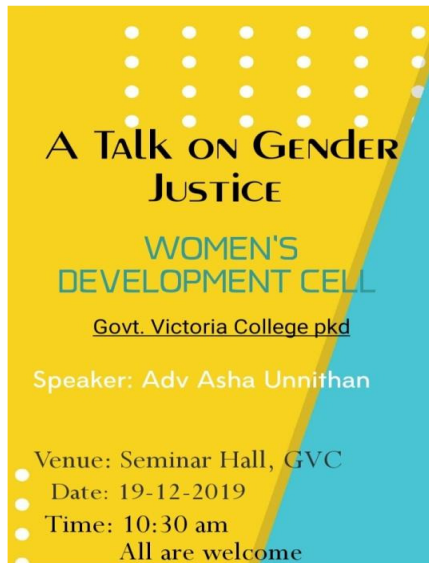
Talk by Dalit Feminist Activist

On 5/12/2019, a talk was held for the students of the college at the Vineetha garden, GVC. The talk with a thrust on the issues experienced by the marginalised groups of our college including the Dalit and the Adivasi students was delivered by the **Dalit feminist activist Mriduladevi Sasidharan**. The title of the talk was "Linganeethi: Pooripikenda Samavaakyangal".



Seminar on Gender Justice and Legality

On 19/12/2019 a seminar on Gender Justice and Legality was held. The class was taken by the popular **High Court Advocate Asha Unnithan** at Seminar Hall. The class focused on rising crimes against women and the need to bring the culprits before law. The Sexual Workplace Act of 2013 was elaborated in detail by Ms.Asha. The students also cleared doubts regarding judicial matters during the interaction.



Seminar on Gender Justice

On 21/01/ 2020, we hosted a seminar conducted jointly by Women's cell, Kerala, Women's Development Corporation and Janani Charitable Trust. The resource person Adv V.P.Rejina talked about the need for Gender Justice. In the next session Mr.Prasad Rajappgal deliberated on the importance of health in gender justice.

