

## POTENTIA – SXIE WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL

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On 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019, St. Xavier's Institute of Education organized a seminar on 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women' in presence of honorary guest Principal Dr. Sosamma Samuel, YWCA co-ordinator Mariam Prasad, prominent personalities from Crime Against Women Cell like Shri Rajendra Dabhade, DCP, Shri Vikram Singh Bhandari, Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) along with the team, Crime Branch Mumbai and student body. The seminar was organized by the Women Development Cell committee members and coordinated by, Dr. Shadab Paloji, Dr. Vini Sebastian and Mrs. Nishi kumar

Principal Madam was called upon to address our Guests of honor. Madam also spoke about POTENTIA putting some light on Women's Safety. Ms Atiya Patni the Women Development Cell 'POTENTIA'. Ms. Aiman Kazi introduced the Active Members of POTENTIA and Ms. Annam Mansuri spoke about the POTENTIA logo. Objectives of the Cell were given by Ms. Sweta Narayani broadening the action plan towards achieving the said objectives.





Prof. Mrs. Nishi Kumar welcomed all the resource people who were present and requested Mrs Sangeeta Punekar, a Child right Activist from Sneha Foundation, to begin with their session. Madam spoke about importance of women in society and the need for safety of women in this patriarchal society. Madam also spoke about empowering women and persuading them to move out of the Culture of

Silence that Women practice. Madam proposed that the programme 'Police Didi' that Mumbai Police has initiated needs to reach masses and if we as citizens become more responsible will lead to a change in our society.



Next guest we had was honorable Mr Rajendra Dabhade, DCP, Crime Branch Mumbai. Sir presented a thin book which stated all the Acts regarding the women's safety, which according to him is a must for teachers who come across number of children every day. Sir spoke about the need for Awareness of Laws and effects that are caused due to its negligence.

Another guest we had for the day was Hon. Shri Vikram Singh Bhandari, Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Mumbai, gave an elaborated session on POSCO Act, 2012, and the enforcement of this Act. Sir also called for attention on Cyber Crimes in which teenagers are mostly affected. Sir provided us with helpline numbers of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), a Legal aid.



Our last guest for the day was Hon. Shri Yatin Game, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA). Sir spoke about Authorities/Committees of NALSA under which all other committees fall. Sir also mentioned Sneha Foundation, associated with Legal Services, which plays an important role in acting as a bridge between these legal services



and people. Similarly Sir wants the teachers to act as a bridge to reach maximum people who are in need of any such legal assistance. Sir ended his speech with students to reflect upon it.

With this the programme came to an end and it was followed by a vote of thanks for conducting such as enlightening session.

