

Report on Women Development Cell Program held on 8th March 2018

At St. Xavier's Institute of Education, International women's day is celebrated in a very special way, given that the majority of the staff and students are women. The college Women's Development Cell organised an interact with members of the Crime Against Women Cell of the Mumbai Police to mark the occasion.

The event started at 11:30 am. Ms. Kalpana Chavan began the session by briefly introducing the audience to the history of International Women's Day. She then introduced the guests for the day Ms. Borade , Mr. Sanjay Sonavle, and Mr. Ramesh. One of the students gave a gist of the cell and it's origin. The guests were presented with roses as a token of appreciation for taking the time out to address the students at SXIE.

Ms. Borade presented the role and functioning of the Crime against women cell and the different interventions being made to deal with the current situation. The various helpline numbers were given and forwarded on various WhatsApp groups by the students. The different schemes, awards and provisions, currently available were also spelled out by them.

She spoke about the need for awareness and presence of mind when caught in such situations. Following this there was an open interactive session where students pished questions and theses were aptly dealt with. The vote of thanks was proposed by Omar. The program ended at 1:10 pm.

Reflection:

The Mumbai Police were being communicated for the program for few months as they were busy and there were special cell only meant for them. But once they agreed they were very alert and took steps to make the session effective.

On 1st March, the group of inspectors, sub inspectors, and constables came to understand the context of the institute, learner profile, infrastructure and the requirement of the course. This stayed with me as a prominent observation as in B.Ed. course we promote teaching in context, understanding the need and development.

On 8th March, the session conducted was not in form of talk or one sided lecture but an open forum of question answers, participation, of encouraging sharing of experiences and answering questions. Different integration of laws for women and children were focussed upon and a comprehensive picture presented.

Learning Outcomes:

We learnt from their focussed earnestness the sense of conscience and commitment.

We also learnt how instead of one way talk and lecture method, a session was made interesting with dialogue, discussion, interaction and sharing of examples.

Students were also sensitised after the session as the questions asked were reflective and critical, not just general questions.

The commissioner of police also joined the team incidentally teaching us about team work, commitment and service. No monetary reimbursement or even conveyance was accepted showing their professional ethics and code of conduct.

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