

ILS GENDER STUDIES CELL (estb. 2011)

(A) Brief Introduction of the Cell:

The Gender Studies Cell (GSC), a Student's initiative, was launched with the Women's Studies Center to create gender awareness through its various activities amongst the students. It aims to increase sensitivity among students around issues of gender and have meaningful conversations.

(B) Faculty In-Charge: Dr. Deepa Paturkar and Ms. Bhavna Wanre

(C) Student members: Jafreena Cassad, Shishya Goyal, Shruti Jayaprakash (V B.A. LL.B.), Anshu Deshpande (IV B.A. LL.B.), Nauman Beig, Dipti Deshpande (III B.A. LL.B.).

(D) Details of the activities conducted by the Cell during Academic year 2019-20:

Student Seminar: Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019.

Resource Person: Nauman Beig

Date: 14th October 2019

Brief overview of the activity: Provisions of the Bill were discussed, along with its historical context. The session also had a short skit on shattering gender stereotypes, which was performed impromptu with the help of a couple of attendees, under the guidance of all the members of the cell.

Nos. of Participants: 15

Movie Screening: 'Purl' and 'Hurdles'

Resource Persons: Shishya Goyal and Shruti Jayaprakash

Date: 25th January 2020

Brief overview of the activity: The movies shown brings to light the subtle yet profound ways in which sexism unfolds in the workplace, and various revolutionary landmarks in Women's Rights across the globe. This was followed by a spontaneous discussion on the various gender related issues.

Nos. of Participants: 12

Student Seminar: Dear Sir/ Ma'am: Current Gender Neutrality Trends

Resource Persons: Jafreena Cassad and Anshu Deshpande

Date: 2nd March 2020

Brief overview of the activity: A lively discussion ensued, wherein not only were current norms discussed, but also means of changing mindsets. The attendees were able to put forward their views and to debate upon divergent points of contention.

Nos. of Participants: 8

One day Training Program on Gender Sensitization: 'Women Empowerment: Hearing the Unheard Voices'

Resource Persons: Nauman Beig and Jafreena Cassad (in collaboration with the Legal Aid Cell)

Date: 6th February 2020

Brief overview of the activity: The Program addressed why gender sensitization is essential. Gender sensitization helps eradicate the perception of men and women on rigid gender

division of labour and other orthodox practices related to gender. The Program also highlighted the issue of sexual harassment at workplace and the provisions of the Act of 2013. The Program concluded after a panel discussion by prominent women leaders of today.

Nos. of Participants:

Essay writing competition on “Current Gender Laws”

Date: 4-16th September 2019

Brief overview of the activity: Students were encouraged to write and submit their opinion-based essays substantiated with factual backing. Upon completion of the ten-day deadline, the submissions were put to a stop and the winners were chosen. Apart from a certificate for their effort, the winners were also rewarded with their articles being published on the Blog.

Nos. of Participants:

(E) Additional Information:

The Gender Studies Cell has also started their own independent and wholly student managed Blog, as of this academic year, and is always on the lookout for good authors with succinct views on Gender Laws. It also acts as a platform for people to initiate sympathetic dialogue, and a medium to address the same.

(F) Photo with captions (Name of parent, dates, name & designation of person in photo, Please attach 4 – 5 Photographs).



Training Program on Gender Sensitization on 6th Feb 2019

(Left to Right/Above): Dr. Swati Shirwadkar, Ms. Geetali, Dr. Devika Singh, Dr. Suvarna Nilakh, Ms. Prachi Kulkarnee, Ms. Lata Bhise, Ms. Madhura Sawant, Ms. Divya Mittal

(Left to Right/Below): Nauman Beig, Varad Kohle, Tanushri Joshi, Ashwini Sanap, Jafreena Cassad



Left to Right: Anshu Deshpande, Shruti Jayaprakash, Jafreena Cassad, Shishya Goyal, Dipti Deshpande, Nauman Beig



Session on the Transgender Bill, 2019 taken on 14th October 2019



Announcement of the winners for the essay competition on Current Gender Laws