

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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1. WDC Orientation Programme on September 9, 2024

Orientation of New Volunteers:

The programme aimed to welcome and orient the new batch of WDC volunteers for the academic year. It provided them with an understanding of the Cell's objectives and their role in promoting gender equality and social awareness on campus.

Acknowledgement and felicitation of Former WDC In Charges:

As a mark of respect and gratitude, the programme included a special segment to honour the contributions of former WDC in charges. Ms. Manisha Sharma Ma'am and Dr. Mukta Jain Ma'am, former WDC in-charges, were felicitated for their outstanding service and inspirational leadership. The In charge Dr. Anita Agarwal Recited self-composed poems .

Unveiling of WDC Volunteer T-shirts:

The official launch of the WDC volunteer T-shirts was a symbolic and energizing moment. The T-shirts represented the unity, identity, and collective commitment of student volunteers toward gender-sensitive action.

Screening of Gender Sensitivity Film:

A short film focused on gender sensitivity was screened to provoke thought and awareness. The film highlighted key issues such as respect, inclusion, and the need to challenge societal gender stereotypes. It led to meaningful discussions among attendees and was highly appreciated for its educational value.

2. Eye Check-Up Camp on September 20, 2024

As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign, dedicated to promoting health, hygiene, and community well-being, the Women Development Centre (WDC) and NSS units of Dyal Singh College, Karnal, organized a highly impactful Eye Check-Up Camp on September 20, 2024. The initiative was designed to benefit not only students and staff but also members of the local community. The camp was met with overwhelming participation and enthusiasm, reaffirming the college's commitment to fostering a healthier and more informed community.

3. Nukkad Natak "The Power of Her Vote", on September 30, 2024

On September 30, 2024, the Women's Development Centre (WDC) and the National Service Scheme (NSS) and of the college collaboratively organized a powerful street play (Nukkad Natak) in the college courtyard to raise awareness about the significance of women's participation in the electoral process. The performance, titled "The Power of Her Vote," was

conceptualized and directed under the guidance of Dr Anita Agarwal, Convener of WDC, with active direction and coordination by dedicated student volunteers Anubhavi and Karan.

4. Series of Extension Lectures on October 24, 2024

WDC in collaboration with ICC organised a series of three extension lectures to raise awareness among students on critical issues related to sexual harassment, women's rights, and legal safeguards, thereby promoting safety, sensitivity, and empowerment among the youth. Principal Dr. Ashima Gakhar inaugurated the session and underscored the importance of educational institutions in fostering a safe and respectful environment for all genders.

Session by ASI Namna (Representative, Karnal Police Department):

ASI Namna delivered an informative lecture focusing on the legal aspects of women's safety. She provided an overview of key laws protecting women against sexual harassment and violence, and emphasized the importance of prompt reporting and law enforcement in ensuring justice and deterrence.

Session by Shri Umesh Chandra (Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Karnal):

Shri Umesh Chandra explained the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, highlighting its significance in addressing child sexual abuse. He discussed how the Act ensures confidentiality, mandatory reporting, and child-friendly procedures to protect minors.

Session by Ms. Isha Chaudhary (Assistant Block Resource Coordinator, BRC Office):

Ms. Isha Chaudhary spoke on the broader theme of women's empowerment, emphasizing education, economic participation, and access to resources as the pillars of self-reliance. She encouraged students to challenge gender norms and actively contribute to creating equitable opportunities.

5. International Conference on Inclusive Green Economies: Women, Entrepreneurship, and Environmental Concerns, on February 07, 2025.

Women Development Centre and Departments of Commerce and Zoology of Dyal Singh College, Karnal, successfully hosted a Multidisciplinary International Conference on Inclusive Green Economies: Women, Entrepreneurship, and Environmental Concerns on February 7, 2025, in hybrid mode. Sponsored by ICSSR and supported by DHE Haryana and IUCN CEESP, the conference explored intersections of gender, sustainability and entrepreneurship. With 491 participants from 18 states and 7 countries, the conference featured expert talks, technical sessions, and an exhibition.

6. Awareness talk on sexual harassment and its prevention, February 13, 2025

On February 13, 2025, the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and the Women Development Centre (WDC) of Dyal Singh College, Karnal, successfully organized an awareness talk on sexual harassment and its prevention. The session was graced by Chief Judicial Magistrate Ms. Iram

Hassan, who delivered a powerful and insightful address, focusing on the legal safeguards and preventive mechanisms available under Indian law to combat sexual harassment. Drawing from her judicial experience, she emphasized the importance of timely reporting, institutional accountability, and the role of youth in fostering a culture of respect and safety.

7. Celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2025:

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Women Development Centre (WDC) and the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Dyal Singh College, Karnal, came together to host a series of engaging activities such as Poster Making Competition, Quiz Competition and a vibrant Kavi Sammelan and a Samman Samaroh to honour and recognize the invaluable contributions of women in various fields.