

Report on the awareness programme titled “Empowering Minds, Empowering Futures”

The Gender Sensitization Seminar held at St. Xavier’s College, Burdwan on 13th Sept’ 22 aimed to foster awareness and dialogue on gender issues among students and faculty. Organized by the Internal Complaints Committee in collaboration with the college administration, the seminar sought to promote a campus culture that values respect, equality, and inclusivity for all genders.

Objectives of the programme:

- To raise awareness about gender stereotypes, biases, and discrimination.
- To facilitate discussions on the importance of gender equality in academia and society.
- To provide strategies and tools for promoting gender sensitization within the college community.
- To empower participants to become advocates for gender equality in their personal and professional lives.

Program Highlights:

- Keynote Address:* The seminar began with a keynote address by Mr. Rahul Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, St Xavier’s College, Burdwan in gender studies, who provided an overview of key concepts related to gender sensitization and its significance in promoting social justice.
- Panel Discussions:* A panel discussions featuring students of different departments explored various dimensions of gender equality, including education, leadership, and combating gender-based violence.
- Open Mic Session:* An open mic session provided a platform for students to share personal experiences, stories, and perspectives on gender-related topics in a supportive and respectful environment.

Outcomes of the programme:

- Increased awareness and understanding of gender issues among participants.
- Enhanced capacity for critical thinking and analysis of gender dynamics in academic and social contexts.
- Strengthened commitment to promoting gender equality and creating a more inclusive campus environment.
- Establishment of ongoing initiatives and activities to continue the conversation on gender sensitization and support gender equality efforts at the college.

Conclusion:

The awareness programme titled “Empowering Minds, Empowering Futures” was a resounding success. By raising awareness, challenging stereotypes, and empowering individuals to advocate

for change, the seminar contributed to the college's commitment to fostering a culture of respect, diversity, and inclusion for all genders. Moving forward, it is essential to build on the momentum generated by the seminar and continue working towards a more equitable and just society for everyone.

Few Glimpses of the event:





Keynote speaker providing an overview of key concepts related to gender sensitization and its significance in promoting social justice.



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