CENTRE FOR GENDER EQUITY STUDIES (WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CELL)

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Ujjwala Summit 2026

Name of the event:	The Ujjwala Submit 2026
Type of event:	Summit
Objectives of the event	The objective of The Ujjwala Summit 2026 was to empower women by celebrating their diverse achievements and potential across all professional and social fields. By bringing together influential dignitaries and participants, the event sought to honor "Nari Shakti" and explore leadership, policy, and inner growth.

The student members of WDC and the Centre for Gender Equity Studies attended the Ujjwala Summit 2026 on 20 March 2026 which was conducted in the NDMC Convention Centre from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The Summit was organized with the inspiring vision of empowering women and celebrating their strength, achievements, and potential across all fields. The event beautifully brought together influential personalities, including dignitaries like Smt. Rashmi Singh (IAS), Smt. Manju Gupta, and Smt. Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar, to honor the spirit of Nari Shakti. The ceremony commenced on a serene and spiritual note with a Saraswati Vandana, followed by a meaningful engagement where attendees shared stories of women who inspire them. The official inauguration featured the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the esteemed guests, symbolizing knowledge and hope, while Programme Director Smt. Arpita Singh elevated the atmosphere with a powerful Durga Mantra and honored the dignitaries with traditional cotton shawls.

The summit was enriched by insightful sessions and spiritual reflection, including a special meditation session conducted by Sister BK Yeshu to offer a moment of calm and inner connection. Key speeches highlighted the limitless potential of women, with Smt. Manju Gupta emphasizing how women are redefining success across industries and Dr. Bipin Kumar sharing

insights on the necessity of female empowerment for a progressive society. The morning concluded with a Plenary Panel Discussion on "Women Leadership, Policy & Viksit Bharat," featuring diverse perspectives from leaders like Smt. Neeru Yadav, known as the 'Hockey Wali Sarpanch,' and Shri Sunil Jaglan, recognized for the 'Selfie with Daughter' initiative.

A major highlight of the summit was the Nari Shakti Award Ceremony where exceptional women such as Dr. Alka Mittal, Shipra Mishra, and Prof. Swati Pal were recognized for their outstanding contributions to society. The day was truly a proud and inspiring moment for all JDMC Students as the Principal of JDMC, Prof. Swati Pal, was honored with the Nari Shakti Award. Her graceful presence and powerful words lit up the entire event, leaving everyone motivated and filled with admiration. She continues to be a symbol of strength, wisdom, and empowerment for us all. She spoke about the history and journey of JDMC. She shared her personal experiences of growing up in a supportive family with her sisters and how it shaped her personality. She emphasized the importance of mental health and discussed how social media often creates insecurity and unrealistic beauty standards, especially related to fairness. She also talked about her literary works, including *Living On* and *Forever Yours*.

Following a networking lunch and cultural performances, the afternoon transitioned into interactive workshops and masterclasses led by experts like Smt. Vandana Saxena and Dr. Neeru Johri. The event concluded with a certificate distribution by Smt. Neeru Yadav and Smt. Arpita Singh, followed by a valedictory session where Event Coordinator Mr. Saurav Kumar delivered a Vote of Thanks, summarizing the key outcomes and next steps for the initiative.



Glimpses from the Ujjwala Summit



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National Webinar on "Reclaiming the Future: Women, AI and Digital Rights"

Name of the event:	National Webinar on "Reclaiming the future: Women, AI and Digital Rights
Name of the organiser:	Organised by CEQUIN in partnership with YUVAA, Point of View and Centre for Social Research
Type of event:	Webinar
Objectives of the event	The objective of the webinar was to create awareness about the intersection of women, AI, and digital rights, and to highlight the challenges and opportunities faced by women in digital spaces. It aimed to promote understanding of online safety, data privacy, and inclusive technology while encouraging participants to engage in building a more equitable and gender-sensitive digital environment.
Speakers of the Event	Shohini Banerjee (Knowledge Specialist (GBV & Technology)) Neha Khanna (Campaigns Manager) Jyoti Vadehra (Lead – Digital Trust & Safety | Head, Media & Communication) Nida Ansari (Communication & Partnerships Manager) Mariyam Sara (CEQUIN)

On the occasion of International Women's Day 2026, a National Webinar titled "Reclaiming the Future: Women, AI & Digital Rights" was organized under the leadership of CEQUIN, in collaboration with Yuvaa and Point of View. The webinar was conducted online via Zoom on 18 March 2026, from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

The session featured a distinguished panel of speakers including Shohini Banerjee (Knowledge Specialist – GBV & Technology, Point of View), Neha Khanna (Campaigns Manager, Yuvaa), Jyoti Vadehra (Lead – Digital Trust & Safety Head, Media & Communication, CSR), Nida Ansari (Communication & Partnerships Manager, CEQUIN) along with Mariyam Sara (CEQUIN). Each speaker brought diverse insights from their respective fields, contributing to a multidimensional discussion.

The webinar focused on the intersection of women, artificial intelligence, and digital rights in the contemporary world. The speakers addressed key concerns such as online safety, gender-based violence in digital spaces, data privacy, and the ethical implications of AI. They emphasized the need for inclusive digital policies, awareness among users, and stronger safeguards to ensure safe online environments for women.

The discussion also explored how AI can both empower and marginalize, depending on its design and implementation. The panel highlighted the importance of gender-sensitive technological development and the inclusion of women's voices in policy-making and innovation processes. Real-world examples and case studies were shared to illustrate the challenges faced by women in digital spaces, as well as the opportunities for growth, leadership, and participation.

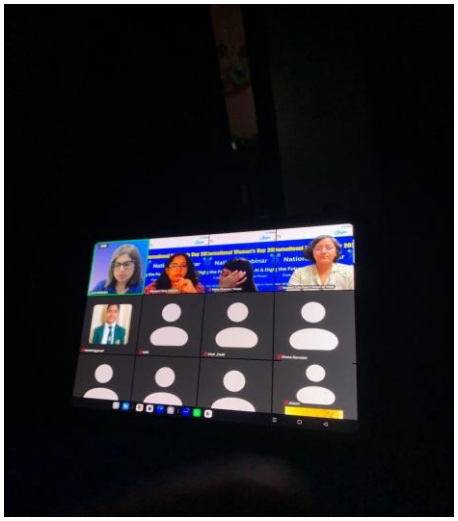
The session was interactive, allowing participants to engage with the speakers, ask questions, and share their perspectives. It encouraged critical thinking about the role of technology in shaping social structures and highlighted the responsibility of individuals and institutions in creating an equitable digital future.

Overall, the webinar proved to be highly informative and thought-provoking. It successfully raised awareness about digital rights and inspired participants to contribute towards building a safer, more inclusive, and equitable digital ecosystem for women.

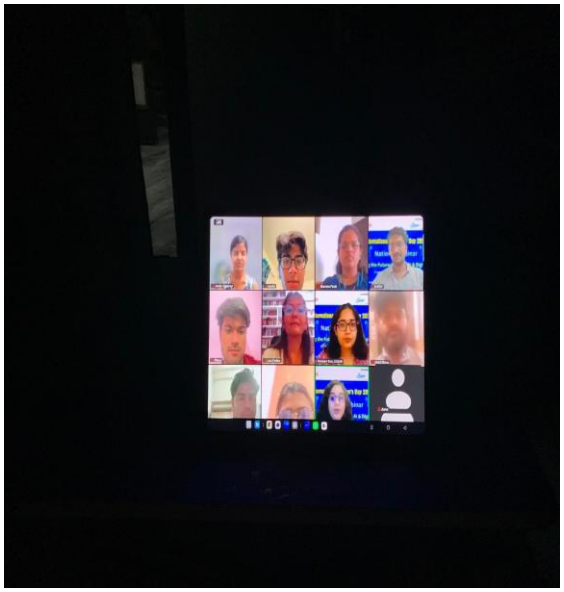
The webinar concluded on a meaningful note, successfully fostering awareness and dialogue on women, AI, and digital rights. Through insightful discussions and active participation, the session highlighted the need for inclusive, safe, and equitable digital spaces. It inspired attendees to become more informed, responsible, and proactive in advocating for women's rights in the evolving digital landscape.



Poster of the National Webinar on Reclaiming the Future: Women, AI & Digital Rights



Glimpses of the National Webinar on Reclaiming the Future: Women, AI & Digital Rights



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Health Check-Up Camp

Name of the event:	Health Camp
Name of the organiser:	National Service Scheme & Center for Gender Equity Studies in collaboration with TIRATH RAM SHAH HOSPITAL
Type of event:	Health Check-Up and Sensitization
Objectives of the event	The primary objective of the health camp was to promote preventive healthcare and create awareness among students about common yet often overlooked health issues. The event aimed to assess students' knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding HPV vaccination and also spread awareness about conditions such as anemia, thalassemia, and PCOD, particularly in the context of young adults.

On 25th February 2026, the National Service Scheme (NSS) and the Centre for Gender Equity Studies of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a Free Health Check-Up Camp in collaboration with Tirath Ram Shah Hospital (under their CSR programme). The camp was held in the college auditorium at 10:00 AM with the objective of promoting preventive healthcare and spreading awareness about women's health and general well-being among students.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Vrinda Kapur, Director of the Centre for Gender Equity Studies, who greeted the gathering and emphasized the importance of accessible healthcare and informed awareness among young adults. Dr. Indu formally introduced the initiative and elaborated on the purpose of organizing the camp. She explained that the programme aimed not only to provide free medical check-ups but also to assess and enhance students' knowledge regarding crucial health concerns such as anemia, thalassemia, PCOD, and other lifestyle-related conditions.

The medical team and staff from Tirath Ram Shah Hospital were present on the stage and efficiently arranged the tables and necessary equipment for conducting the check-ups.

Ms. Pouriangthanliu, Programme Officer, NSS extended her ardent support and dedicated guidance, ensuring the smooth and successful execution of the health camp.

As part of the awareness initiative, a pre-test form was first distributed to assess the existing knowledge of students regarding these health conditions. Dr. Indu from Tirath Ram Shah Hospital sensitized students, further focusing particularly on PCOD (Polycystic Ovarian Disease). She explained how modern lifestyle patterns, including irregular diet, lack of physical activity, and stress, contribute significantly to the rise of PCOD among young women. Preventive measures such as maintaining a balanced diet, regular exercise, stress management, and timely medical consultation were discussed in detail. The session encouraged students to adopt healthier routines and seek early diagnosis when required.

Following the awareness lecture, the health check-up began. Students underwent basic health screenings conducted by the hospital staff in a well organized queue. Aadhar Card was a mandatory requisite. The environment remained disciplined and supportive, ensuring comfort and privacy for participants.

After the completion of the check-ups and awareness session, a post-test form was distributed. This was aimed at evaluating the enhancement in students' knowledge after the lecture and medical interaction. The comparison between the pre-test and post-test responses will help measure the effectiveness of the intervention and awareness programme.

The Health Camp proved to be an enriching and meaningful, collaborative initiative.



Poster of the Health Camp



Glimpses from the Health Camp



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Capacity Building Workshop on the Socio-Economic Impact of GST Reforms on Consumption Patterns of the Middle and Neo-Middle Class

Name of the event:	Capacity Building Workshop on the Socio-Economic Impact of GST Reforms on Consumption Patterns of the Middle and Neo-Middle Class
Name of the organiser:	Department of Economics, Janki Devi Memorial College (JDMC) in collaboration with Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS) and Women Development Cell (WDC)
Type of event:	Capacity Building Workshop
Objectives of the event	The objective of the workshop was to help students understand GST reforms, their structure, and their impact on the economy and society. The workshop especially focused on how GST has affected the consumption patterns of the middle class and

	neo-middle class, and how it has influenced women as consumers and entrepreneurs.
Sponsored By	Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education

A Capacity Building Workshop focused on Goods and Services Tax (GST) and its impact was organised by the Department of Economics, JDMC, in collaboration with the Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS) and Women's Development Cell, JDMC, on 20 February 2026. The workshop was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education. The main aim of the workshop was to help students understand GST reforms, their structure, and their impact on the economy and society. The workshop especially focused on how GST has affected the consumption patterns of the middle class and neo-middle class, and how it has influenced women as consumers and entrepreneurs.

The workshop brought together professors, policy experts, economists, and students. It provided a valuable platform to learn about GST in a simple and practical way, and helped students understand how tax policies affect our daily lives.

Inaugural Session

The workshop began with the inaugural session, where Prof. Pal highlighted the importance of financial literacy. She explained that in today's time, understanding taxes and financial systems is very important for students, especially for women who often manage household expenses. She discussed how GST has changed consumption patterns. For example, some essential items like mobile phones have become more affordable due to tax rationalisation. However, certain services like eating out in restaurants have become more expensive due to higher service tax rates. This means families now need to plan their expenses more carefully. She also explained that GST has increased transparency in business. Honest businesses benefit more now because the system is more organised and digital. GST has also supported the growth of online shopping, allowing small businesses to sell their products across India. Another important point she highlighted was women empowerment. She explained that GST has made it easier for women entrepreneurs to start and run businesses. Women are now playing a bigger role as consumers, business owners, and decision-makers. She concluded by appreciating the efforts of JDMC, CWDS, ICSSR, and

WDC for organising such an informative workshop. She encouraged students to stay informed about economic policies.

The introductory address was also delivered by Prof. N. Manimekalai, Director of CWDS. She explained the role of CWDS in promoting women's studies, research, and policy awareness. She described GST as a major reform that replaced multiple indirect taxes with a single tax system. She also discussed its gender impact, especially how taxation affects women and the importance of spreading awareness.

Technical Session I: GST Structure and Reforms

This session was conducted by Shri Saurabh Kumar (IRS), Director, GST Council. He explained that before GST, India had many taxes like VAT and service tax, which created confusion. GST simplified the system by introducing one tax and Input Tax Credit, which reduced tax burden. He also explained that GST is a destination-based tax and is managed by both central and state governments. GST processes are digital, which improves transparency and makes tax filing easier

Technical Session II: Consumption

Patterns and Gender Dimensions

The session was delivered by Dr. Shilpa Chaudhary, Professor, Department of Economics, JDMC. She explained how GST has affected consumption patterns and households. She demonstrated that earlier tax systems were more difficult and often affected middle- and lower-income households more. GST reforms have helped reduce taxes on essential goods, which has increased savings for families. She also provided a gendered perspective on GST. GST has helped reduce the cost of some essential goods used by women, which supports household savings. She discussed the concept of the "pink tax," which refers to higher prices for products used by women, and how GST reforms are helping reduce such inequalities. She also explained that GST has supported women-led businesses, especially in sectors like textiles, handicrafts, and small enterprises. This has created more opportunities for women entrepreneurs.

Panel Discussion

A panel discussion was conducted with experts from different sectors to discuss the impact of GST on industries and markets. Prof. Chanchal Chopra explained that GST is an important reform that has strengthened India's tax system. She mentioned that GST has increased tax

revenue and improved the overall structure of the economy. She also explained that organised sectors like manufacturing, services, and e-commerce have benefited more from GST.

Shri Shashank Priya explained how GST replaced multiple taxes with one unified system. He discussed how digital tools like e-invoicing have reduced tax evasion and improved compliance. He also mentioned that GST has reduced taxes on essential goods, which benefits women and low-income households.

Dr. S. P. Sharma explained that GST helps strengthen India's economy and supports long-term growth. He said that a stable tax system increases investor confidence and supports economic development.

Dr. Srihari Nayudu discussed the challenges and future of GST. He explained that while GST has many benefits, there is still a need to improve compliance systems and simplify procedures further.

Interactive Session

An interactive session was conducted where students and participants asked questions related to GST reforms. Some important issues discussed were:

- GST implementation and timing
- Tax rate differences on various goods
- Input Tax Credit issues
- Impact on prices and consumers
- State government revenue concerns
- The experts answered these questions and explained that GST reforms are continuously improving and will benefit the economy in the long run.

Valedictory Session

The valedictory address was delivered by Dr. Trisha Jolly. She summarised the key points discussed during the workshop. She emphasized the importance of understanding GST and its impact on society, especially on women and economic development. She encouraged students to stay informed and actively participate in discussions related to economic policies. The session ended with a vote of thanks to all speakers, organisers, and participants.

The GST workshop was very informative and helpful for students. It helped them to understand the structure, reforms, and impact of GST in a simple and practical way. The workshop explained how GST has simplified the tax system, increased transparency, and supported economic growth. It also highlighted how GST has positively impacted women by supporting women entrepreneurs and improving household savings. Overall, the workshop provided valuable knowledge and increased awareness about GST and its role in building an inclusive and strong economy.



Poster of the Capacity Building Workshop on GST



Glimpses from the Capacity Building Workshop on GST



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Charm Craft Workshop in Collaboration with Impreneurs

Name of the Event	Charm Craft Workshop
Name of the organisers	Women's Development Cell and E-Cell
Type of the Event	Intra College Event
Objective of the Event	To celebrate Women Entrepreneurship Day by highlighting and supporting a young female entrepreneur who creates handmade charms, and to conduct a charm-making workshop where students learn the craft using materials provided.

Name of Affiliator with designation	Janvi Jhamb, Founder of Aura Crafts
Teacher Convenor	Dr.Vrinda Kapur (Women's Development Cell) Dr.Shalini Singh (E-Cell)

A Charm Craft Workshop was organised on Women's Entrepreneurship Day, 19 November 2025, as a collaborative event between the Women's Development Cell and Impreneurs, the E-Cell of the college, to celebrate creativity and promote women-led entrepreneurial initiatives. The workshop began at 12:00 PM and was conducted by Janvi Jhamb, a young entrepreneur who designs handmade charms. She was warmly felicitated by Dr. Vrinda Kapur and Dr. Shalini Singh for her inspiring journey. After the introduction, materials were distributed to all participants, who were then divided into small groups of 10 people. Volunteers guided them through the charm-making process, creating an interactive and engaging environment. Students learned how to craft simple charms using beads, pearls, and wires, gaining insight into the work that goes into handmade products.

Learning Outcomes

The workshop enabled students to develop hands-on craft skills by learning how to create handmade charms using beads, wires, and connecting rings. It encouraged creativity and design thinking as participants experimented with different combinations and patterns. Working in small groups helped them build teamwork, communication, and collaboration. The session also provided valuable insight into small-scale entrepreneurship by showing how simple handcrafted items can form the foundation of a women-led business. Overall, the workshop helped students appreciate the skill and effort behind handmade products while inspiring them to explore their own creative interests and entrepreneurial potential.

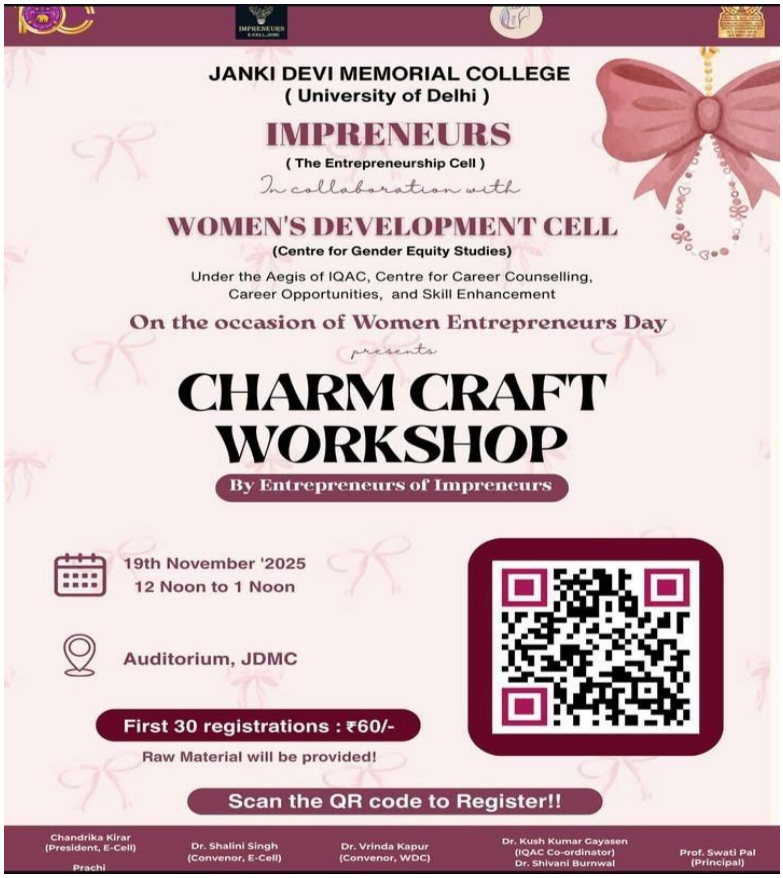
Objectives Achieved

The event successfully met its objective of promoting women entrepreneurship by providing visibility and support to a young female craft-maker. Students actively participated in a hands-on workshop where they inserted beads into wires, molded the ends, created small pairs, and connected them using rings to form their own finished charms. This activity not only enhanced

their creativity and teamwork but also encouraged them to appreciate small-scale businesses and the dedication involved in handcrafted work. The workshop helped participants understand the value of skill-based ventures and inspired them to explore their own creative interests.

Conclusion

The Charm Craft Workshop was a simple yet impactful initiative that beautifully blended creativity with entrepreneurial awareness. Participants enjoyed crafting their own charms while gaining an understanding of women-led small businesses. The collaboration between WDC and E-Cell added depth to the event, emphasising the importance of supporting young women entrepreneurs. A feedback board was also placed at the venue, where every participant wrote their thoughts and reflections about the workshop, adding a meaningful interactive element to the event. Overall, the workshop served as a thoughtful and engaging celebration of Women Entrepreneurship Day, leaving a positive and memorable impression on everyone involved.





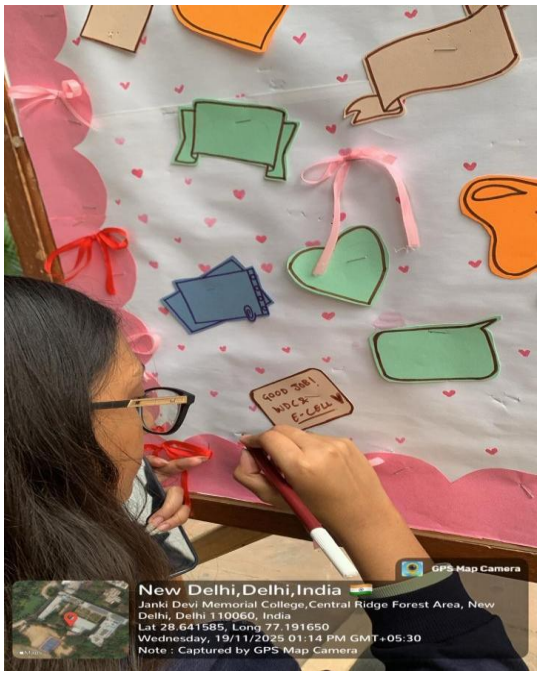
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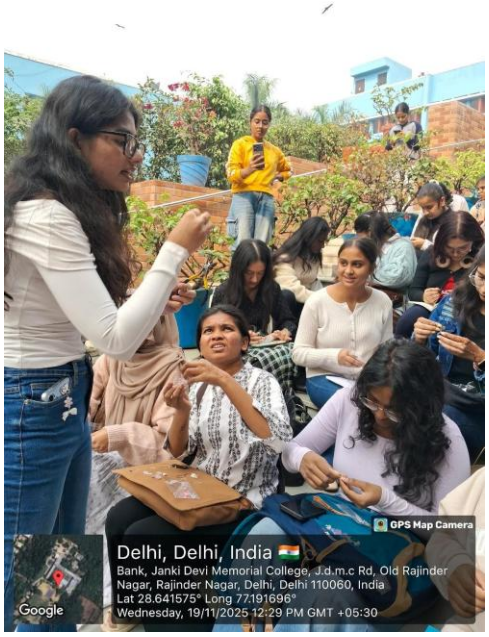
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Seminar on "Empowering the Future: Holistic Development of Girl Child through Education and Health" to celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child

Name of the event:	Seminar on the Occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child titled "Empowering the Future: Holistic Development of Girl Child through Education and Health"
Name of the organiser:	Women's Development Cell (WDC)
Type of event:	Seminar
Objectives of the event	The objective of the seminar was to celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child through a discussion of the holistic development of the girl child via a focus on education and health
Speakers of the Event	Dr. Rashmi Singh and Ms. Samyukta Subramanian

The Women's Development Cell (WDC) of the college organised a seminar titled "Empowering the Future: Holistic Development of Girl Child through Education and Health" to celebrate International Day of the Girl Child on 13 October 2025. The session was graced by two eminent speakers — Dr. Rashmi Singh and Ms. Samyukta Subramanian — who shared their valuable insights on gender equality, empowerment, and women-led development.

Principal's Address

The event opened with a deeply inspiring address by the Principal, who began by thanking the guests and everyone who contributed to making the day special. She reflected on the question — "Why do we need a particular day for the girl child?" — and explained that while every day should be a celebration of girlhood, such occasions serve as important reminders of the work that remains to be done.

She noted that every moment should make us think about the girl child, but now she truly understands why reminders like this day are necessary — they encourage reflection, action, and renewal of our commitment to gender equality.

Speaking about the college's vision, she shared that the goal of the institution has always been to empower women — not just through education, but through awareness, independence, and self-belief. She proudly said that the college represents a family of daughters, where sisterhood, support, and confidence thrive.

The Principal shared personal reflections from her own life, mentioning that she never felt the need to have a brother, as her family of daughters was complete in itself. Yet, she also touched upon societal perceptions — how her mother preferred not to live with her daughters because of certain traditional beliefs that women, even without financial independence or formal education, should not depend on their daughters. This, she said, reflected the deeply ingrained social conditioning that continues to shape women's lives.

She then spoke about the privilege of education, urging students to recognise how fortunate they are to study in an environment that values equality. "There are so many women who are not as privileged as we are," she said, giving examples of domestic helpers and countless others who do not have access to education or opportunities.

She reminded the students that while college life offers numerous opportunities, many of us fail to use them fully because of distractions or momentary pleasures. She encouraged everyone to

prioritise what truly matters — “When it comes to education and health, we owe something to ourselves.”

The Principal concluded her address by reading an excerpt from her own work titled “Universe as It Should Be”, leaving the audience moved and inspired to reimagine a world built on equality, compassion, and empowerment.

Address by Dr. Rashmi Singh

The first speaker, Dr. Rashmi Singh, expressed her gratitude for being invited and shared that visiting the college made her feel deeply nostalgic. She recalled that her mother had been a professor at J.D.C.W.C. College, Patna, Bihar, and returning to an academic environment evoked fond memories of her early years. Dr. Singh mentioned how grateful she felt to her parents for giving her the opportunity to study and grow — an opportunity that many girls are still denied.

She began by acknowledging that much of the information about women’s empowerment is already available on the internet, but what truly matters, she emphasized, is the experience that people bring with them — the lived realities that go beyond statistics and data.

Dr. Singh highlighted that there are numerous programmes and schemes for women, focusing on their development and empowerment, but questioned whether we are doing enough to bring about real change. She discussed social discrimination against women, which begins at an early stage of life, and stressed the importance of nurturing girls into productive citizens through education and awareness.

She raised important questions:

“Are we doing enough?”

“Do we have a more targeted approach to women’s empowerment?”

“Are we viewing development through a gender lens?”

Dr. Singh noted that 75% of girls drop out after senior secondary school, a statistic that reflects the urgency of addressing structural inequalities. She urged the audience to develop the ability to look at life through a gender lens, as “little things make a big difference.”

She pointed out that though India has laws, schemes, and programmes, many people remain unaware of them. For example, even simple initiatives like the construction of public toilets for women are essential steps toward inclusivity and dignity. However, she reminded students that empowerment requires active engagement — “We must know what is actually happening, not just react when something goes wrong.”

Emphasising the idea of women-led development, Dr. Singh acknowledged that despite progress, challenges persist — including the early marriage of girls and lack of education. She spoke about the PCPNDT Act, the Right to Education Act, and the need to report early signs of insecurity or abuse rather than ignore them.

Dr. Singh encouraged students to look beyond themselves, asking them to reflect on how they can become more productive members of society and use their privilege to help other girls gain similar opportunities.

She also mentioned the difficulty the government faces in connecting directly with communities, and urged young people to engage with Anganwadi centres and childcare initiatives, which are the foundation of social change.

She ended her address with a thought-provoking reflection on mentorship, noting that many girls who have fought and survived gender-based challenges need mentors — people who will listen, guide, and support them. She concluded by saying that although gender discrimination is narrowing, we must continue to ensure that both "Gati and Disha" — direction and momentum — go hand in hand.

Address by Ms. Samyukta Subramanian

The second speaker, Ms. Samyukta Subramanian, began by thanking the Principal, faculty members, and the WDC for inviting her to this meaningful event. She congratulated the organisers for creating such a thoughtful platform and remarked that "every day should be celebrated as the Day of the Girl Child."

Ms. Subramanian shared that the recognition of the Girl Child Day began in 1975, highlighting how far the movement for gender equality has come — yet reminding everyone that much more remains to be done. She stressed that change must begin early, especially during the 0–6 year age group, since this is when values and gender roles start forming.

She shared her experience of visiting Anganwadi centres, where she saw women supporting each other to ensure that no child, especially no mother, goes hungry. During her address, she also played a short video showing children playing — one scene depicted a boy bringing vegetables, while a girl asked him what he would eat. The boy responded aggressively, while the girl remained silent. Ms. Subramanian used this example to illustrate how gender roles and behavioral patterns are ingrained from a very young age.

She explained that by age six, children begin to form opinions about each other's intelligence and roles. Citing a study from France, she mentioned that by Class 1, boys are already seen as better at mathematics than girls — even though at birth, there is no difference in ability.

She also shared conversations with mothers at Anganwadi centres who, when asked why girls should study, replied that it was so they could "get married into a good home." This, she pointed out, shows how deeply embedded societal expectations limit girls' ambitions from the very beginning.

Ms. Subramanian spoke about how toys, responsibilities, and expectations differ by gender, reinforcing stereotypes. She stressed that women's unpaid domestic labour is still unrecognised and undervalued. She commended organisations like Pratham, which focus on quality education, and shared that Dr. Rashmi Singh is her role model, particularly in her work with teachers and mothers.

She emphasised that the content children consume — whether through books, shows, or activities — must be free from gender bias. She highlighted the power of motherhood networks, calling groups of mothers "truly empowering."

Proudly, she mentioned that over 96% of rural girls are now enrolled in schools, a figure higher than that for boys, showing a positive shift in rural education trends. However, she cautioned that education must also be gender-responsive, ensuring that girls not only survive but thrive.

She concluded by urging everyone to create an environment of equality, engage actively in changing mindsets, and involve both men and women in the mission of empowerment. She ended her speech with words of encouragement and hope, wishing all the students to become "Champions for Change."

After this, there was a question-answer session, where students asked questions and Ms. Subramanian answered. Prof. Sudha Upadhyay also gave her point of view. The session came to a close with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Vrinda Kapur.

Learning Outcomes

The session enabled students to develop a deeper understanding of gender equality and the importance of empowering the girl child through education, awareness, and opportunity. They learned how early interventions and inclusive policies can shape a more equitable society and were inspired by the real-life experiences shared by the speakers. The event also encouraged participants to think critically about gender-based challenges, appreciate the efforts of women

leaders in social development, and recognize their own potential to become advocates of change and equality within their communities.

Objectives Achieved

The event successfully achieved its objective of spreading awareness about the significance of the International Day of the Girl Child and promoting dialogue on gender equality and empowerment. Through the inspiring talks by Dr. Rashmi Singh and Ms. Samyukta Subramanian, students gained valuable insights into women-led development, early education, and societal change. The session fostered empathy, reflection, and a sense of responsibility among participants, motivating them to actively contribute toward creating an inclusive and equitable society.

Conclusion

The event was both enlightening and inspiring, filled with meaningful discussions on women's rights, empowerment, and education. The audience gained a deeper understanding of how small actions, awareness, and mentorship can contribute to building a more equitable society.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Principal, faculty members, WDC, and both the distinguished speakers for sharing their insights and experiences that will continue to inspire students toward building a more inclusive and empowered future.



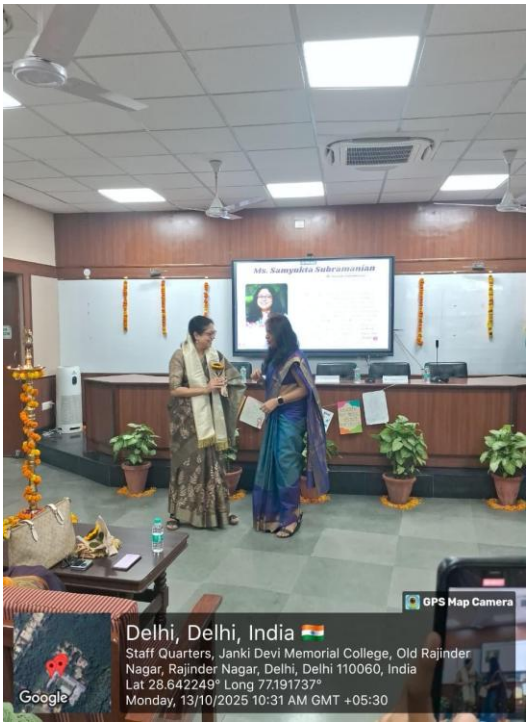
Poster of Seminar Conducted on the Occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child



Principal, Prof. Swati Pal, Addressing the Audience during Seminar on the Occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child



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The Principal, Speakers and Faculty Members of WDC at the Seminar on the Occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child



Display of Students' Art Work on the Occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child

Inter-College Conventional Debate Competition in Collaboration with Rhetorque to Celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child

Name of the event:	**Inter-College Conventional Debate Competition to Celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child**
Name of the organiser:	Women's Development Cell (WDC) and Rhetorque
Type of event:	Competition
Objectives of the event	To initiate a dialogue and critical thought on issues surrounding gender equality, empowerment, and holistic development of the girl child.
Judges	Robin Ahuja and Sneha Mohanty

The Centre for Gender Equity Studies and Women's Development Cell organized an Inter-College Conventional Debate Competition in collaboration with Rhetorque, the English Debating Society, on the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child on 13th October, 2025 in the Seminar Room. The event aimed to foster dialogue and critical thought on issues surrounding gender equality, empowerment, and holistic development of the girl child.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students representing various colleges across Delhi University. The event served as a platform for debaters across colleges, to express their perspectives, challenge societal stereotypes, and advocate for gender-sensitive progress through the power of words.

The panel of judges consisted of Robin Ahuja and Sneha Mohanty, both eminent personalities in the field of debating. They were felicitated by the President and Vice President of Rhetorque as a gesture of appreciation.

The motions for the debate competition centered around themes celebrating the empowerment and advancement of the girl child, encouraging participants to present diverse viewpoints rooted in reason, empathy, and conviction. Each participant was allotted four minutes to present their

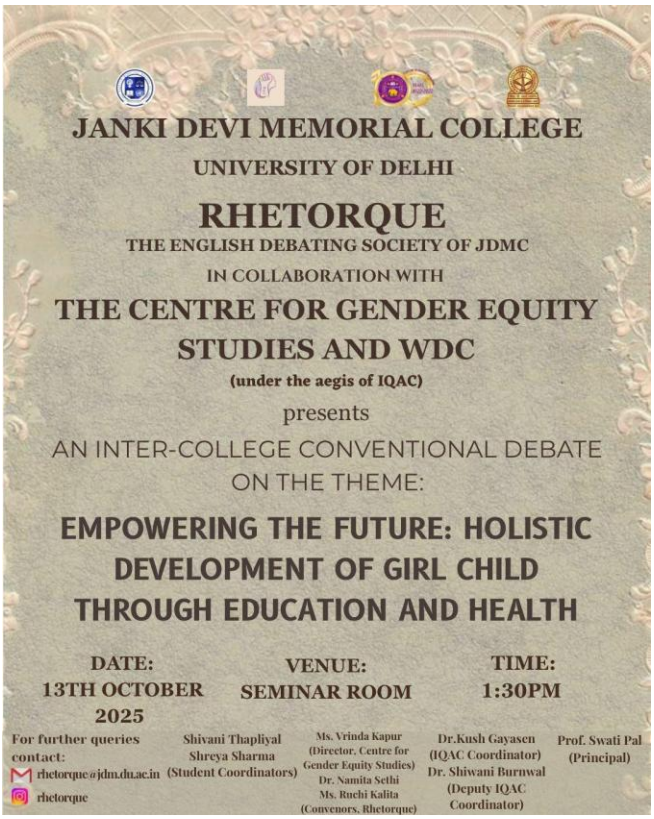
arguments, followed by a one-minute interjection session, promoting a spirit of intellectual exchange and critical engagement.

The participants showcased exceptional oratory and analytical skills, making the session both thought-provoking and enriching. Their speeches reflected depth, awareness, and passion, echoing the true spirit of the International Day of the Girl Child.

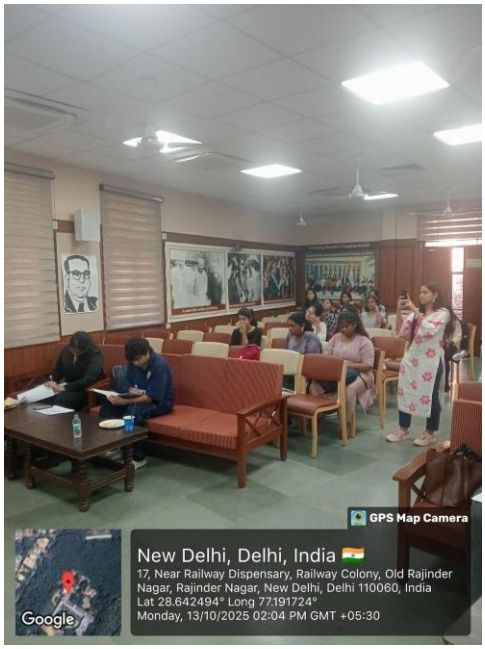
After a series of compelling rounds, the judges deliberated and announced the following results:

- First Best Speaker :Anshika Jha
- Second Best Speaker: Kriti Anand
- Third Best Speaker: Nidhi

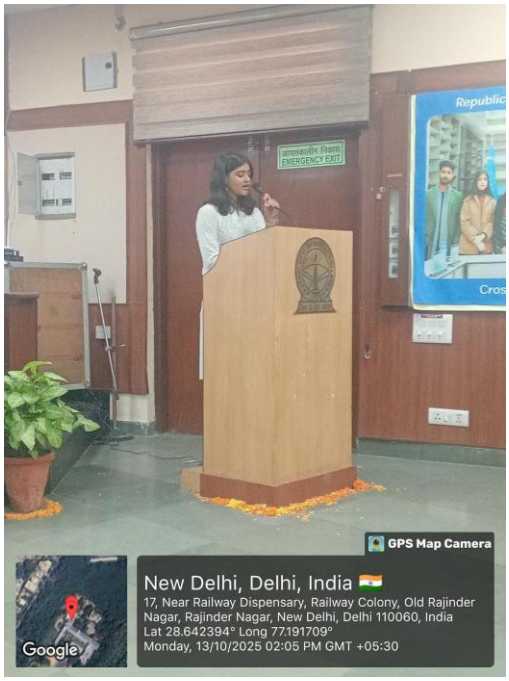
The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks to the judges, participants, and the organizing team of Rhetorque for their efforts in making the event a success. The competition not only celebrated the power of speech but also reinforced the message that empowering the girl child is vital for building an equitable and progressive society.



Poster of Inter-College Conventional Debate Competition Held to Celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child



Glimpses of Inter-College Conventional Debate Competition Held to Celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child



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Seminar on "Safety of Women in the Era of Cyberfraud and Scam"

Name of the event:	Seminar on "Safety of Women in the Era of Cyberfraud and Scam"
Name of the organiser:	Women's Development Cell (WDC)
Type of event:	Seminar
Objectives of the event	The objective of the seminar was to to highlight the challenges of women's safety in the era of cyber frauds and scams, while inspiring awareness and collective action against such threats.
Speakers of the Event	Sh. H.S. Randhawa, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Counter Terrorist Force SWAT, Special Cell, Delhi Police

The Women's Development Cell of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a seminar on "Safety of Women in the Era of Cyber Fraud and Scam" on 3 September 2025. The event, a blend of insightful discussions and real-life perspectives, aimed to highlight the challenges of women's safety in the era of cyber frauds and scams, while inspiring awareness and collective action against such threats.

The session began with Ms. Vrinda Kapur, Director of Centre for Gender Equity Studies, felicitating the guest speaker, Sh. H.S. Randhawa, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Counter Terrorist Force SWAT, Special Cell, Delhi Police. With his vast experience in law enforcement and expertise in cyber laws and security, he addressed the gathering and shared valuable insights on the growing challenges of cybercrimes and their impact on women.

In his talk, Sh. Randhawa emphasized the growing threats of cybercrimes in today's digital age, particularly those targeting women and students. He explained that the primary objective of cyber awareness is to educate young people about the safe use of technology, the risks involved in internet and social media usage, and the preventive measures that can help individuals avoid

becoming victims of cybercrimes. He stressed that careless sharing of personal data online often leads to its misuse, which can have long-lasting consequences. The psychological effects of unsafe online behavior, such as depression, anxiety, and stress, were also highlighted, showing the link between digital exposure and mental health.

The speaker provided detailed insights into common forms of cyber threats that students and women are vulnerable to. He explained how unsecured WiFi networks expose users to data theft and why mobile devices should not be set to auto-join unknown connections. He elaborated on vishing, or voice phishing, where fraudsters extract sensitive information like PINs or OTPs over the phone, and smishing, where deceptive SMS messages are used to trick people into sharing financial details. Similarly, he cautioned against downloading unverified apps and unsafe browsing habits that can compromise devices and personal information.

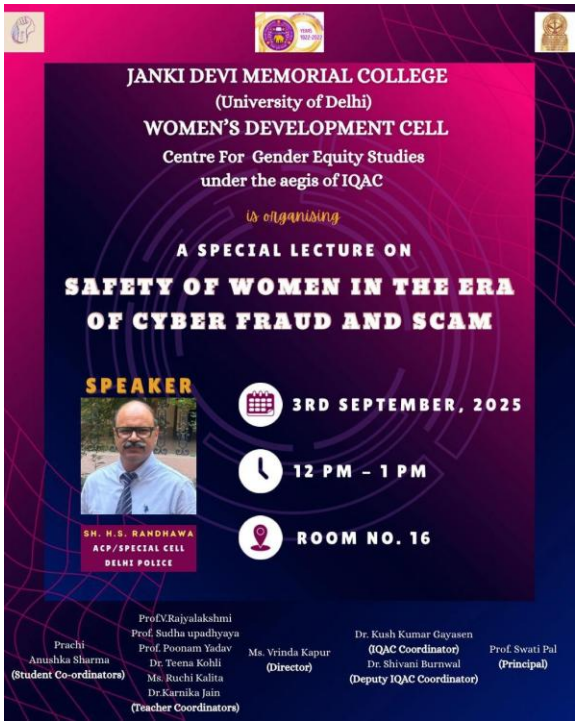
Sh. Randhawa also spoke about the Cyber Swachhta Kendra initiative, the evolution of cybercrime over the years, and the differences between traditional crimes and cybercrimes. He placed particular focus on social media crimes, which disproportionately affect women and young students, urging everyone to be vigilant about their digital footprint.

The session concluded with Sh. H.S. Randhawa emphasizing the urgent need for cyber awareness, particularly for women who are often the prime targets of online scams and frauds. He highlighted the importance of safeguarding personal data, being cautious while sharing information on the internet, and understanding the psychological impact of cyber threats such as stress, anxiety, and depression. The discussion also touched upon the evolution of cybercrime, the role of social media in enabling such offenses, and the significance of antivirus protection, cyber laws, and government initiatives like Cyber Swachhta Kendra. His closing remarks served as a reminder that digital literacy and responsible online behavior are essential tools for protection in today’s technology-driven era.

This seminar served as an eye-opening experience, sensitizing students to the risks of cyber fraud and the urgent need for digital vigilance. It left a lasting impression by encouraging responsible online behavior and creating awareness about cyber laws and security measures. Overall, the session was informative, engaging, and highly relevant in today’s digital era.

The seminar concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session, where students and teachers interacted with the speaker and clarified their doubts. The entire session proved to be highly informative and eye-opening, offering practical knowledge and tools to ensure safety in

the digital world. The event formally ended with Ms. Sudha Upadhyay thanking Sh. H.S. Randhawa for his enlightening and valuable address.





Posters of Seminar on "Safety of Women in the Era of Cyberfraud and Scam"



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