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WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL

Annual Report for Academic Year (2024-2025)

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1. Orientation Program

Orientation Program of the Women Development Cell was held on 27th July 2024 which proved to be a meaningful and impactful initiative, reaching out to 101 female students. The session successfully highlighted the WDC's pivotal role in promoting gender equality, student safety, and emotional well-being. Participants were introduced to the array of support mechanisms offered by the Cell, such as counselling services, mentorship, and a secure platform for open dialogue. This not only deepened their understanding of the WDC's mission and operations but also empowered them to voice their concerns confidently. The interaction with WDC members fostered a sense of trust and reassurance, reinforcing that a supportive community is always complimentary. Ultimately, the program strengthened the students' connection with the Cell, equipping them with the awareness and assurance needed to seek guidance whenever required.

2. Gender Week Celebration "SHODHINI"

a. Day-1: Her Path Her Power Celebrating Success Stories

As part of the "Shodhini" Gender Sensitization Programme, the WDC and IQAC of Jogeshwari Education Society's College hosted a panel discussion titled "Her Path, Her Power: Celebrating Success Stories" on 7th October 2024. Six accomplished women from diverse professions shared their inspiring journeys, motivating 113 students through engaging conversations. A felicitation ceremony honored the speakers, and the event set a powerful tone for the week-long initiative promoting gender awareness and equality.

b. A Talk on "Gender & Health"

A seminar on sexual health awareness led by Dr. Smitha Moorthy, a seasoned gynaecologist was organised on 8th October 2024 at Jogeshwari Education Society's College. Attended by 125 students, the session covered key topics like safe sex, contraception, STIs, HIV/AIDS, consent, and mental health. The interactive seminar aimed to dispel myths, promote empathy, and empower students with essential knowledge for informed, healthy choices.

c. 'No Means No' Know Your Legal Rights

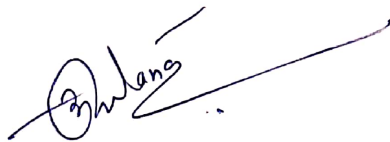
On 9th October 2024, as part of the "Shodhini" program, the session titled "*No Means No – Know Your Legal Rights*" was conducted by Adv. Vishal Saxxenna. He offered an in-depth discussion on legal rights, with a focus on women's safety, consent, and protection against harassment. The session covered crucial topics such as public vs. private rights, legal safeguards for couples, and the legal implications of stalking and harassment, empowering students with essential legal awareness.

d. Panel Discussion: 'Rape Culture & Masculinity'

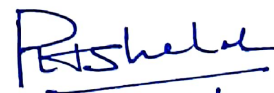
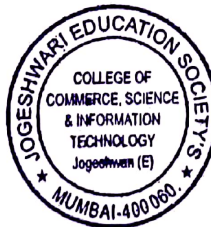
A panel discussion on rape culture and masculinity was held on 10th October 2024 and was moderated by Hasina Khan with Ms. Urmila Salunkhe and Ms. Divya Taneja. The speakers emphasized the need for collective action to achieve gender equality and reform discriminatory personal laws. Hasina Khan highlighted that the movement goes beyond abolishing triple talaq, aiming to ensure personal laws protect individual rights. She also stressed the importance of addressing root causes of gender-based violence to dismantle rape culture and promote gender justice.

e. Session on Self Defence Training

The self-defence program held on October 11th, 2024, at JES Turf empowered 52 girl students with practical skills to enhance their personal safety and confidence. Led by instructors Mr. Atharva Bhalerao and Mr. Purvesh Tawade, the session included interactive training in basic strikes, blocks, and evasive techniques. Hands-on practice boosted participants' confidence, emphasizing the importance of self-protection and continued empowerment initiatives.

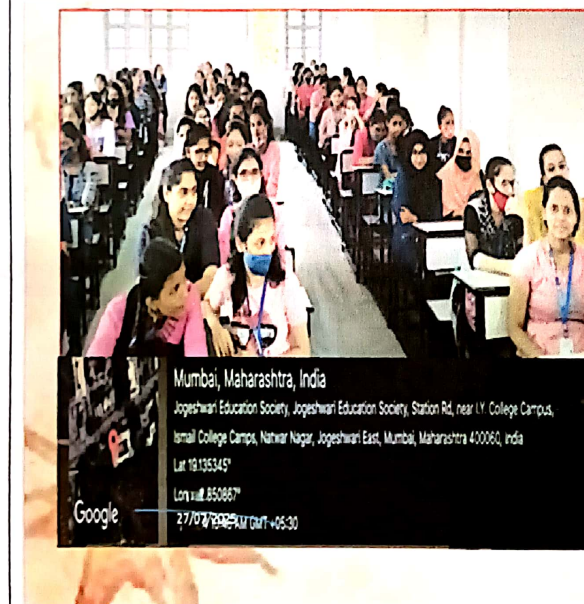


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Glimpses:



WDC Orientation
27th July, 2024





