

## **Annual Report of Women's Studies Centre 2016-2017**

To enable the women to stand in the great task of National development and to make them know about their role and status in today's social, economic, educational, legal, cultural and political spheres, the Women's Studies Centre is constituted. It is intending to promote and strengthen women's studies through teaching, research, dissemination of knowledge and field action. The Centre has accepted the social responsibility to spread the feminist perspective, develop and empower the women.

Women's Studies Centre arranges the programs relating to gender issues. The academic deliberations on values like equality, co-operation, tolerance, generosity, truth, justice and excellence are promoted during value education. The Centre has brought out a categorical documentation project on National Perspectives of Women Rights'. It is in a book form which is available for reference in Library.

Women's Studies Centre is instrumental in arranging various community-oriented programs of the College. It encourages the students to undertake community-oriented activities like social work, health-hygiene awareness, adult education and literacy, blood donation, AIDS awareness, environmental awareness and so on. It had established linkages with NGOs and other agencies for organizing various programs. It also undertakes consultancy services on women related issues. Following activities were conducted:

### **1. One Day Seminar on Women Empowerment – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 -**

Women's Studies Centre of the College conducted one day seminar on Women Empowerment on 20.10.2016. Mrs. V.C. Dandime, API, CAWC, Latur was invited as the Chief Guest of the Seminar. The Seminar was divided into two sessions. The seminar was planned to ignite the deliberations for bringing the gap between the law and ground realities and to discuss the role of women in india's inclusive growth and how women empowerment can increase the velocity of inclusive growth, through capacity building.

Resource person highlighted on the social backwardness of the women which needs to be uplifted especially by controlling the increasing instances of crime against women.

2. **Counseling and guidance by Dr. Vitthal Lahane (Plastic and Burn Surgeon, Latur) at Girls Hostel – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017.** To provide the Psycho-social to girls students as it is a time when gender roles diverge sharply, girls and boys experience their lives differently. The world expands for boys and increase their freedom but narrows for girls who have less freedom. While both experience social and economic restrictions, girls face much more extensive limitations on their ability to move freely and to make decisions affecting their education, work, marriage and relationship. This age i.e. from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> year is a particularly vulnerable phase for girls who are exposed to the possibility of marriage, pregnancy, domestic work, sexual abuse exploitation, hindrances in education and health problems. Gender based discrimination has far reaching implications for girls and women in terms of education , job opportunity, health and nutrition, protection from violence abuse and exploitation. Recognizing this crucial area Dayanand College of Law in collaboration with other sister Institutions arranged a talk on ‘Once the opportunity is gone will never come again. Dr. Vithal Lahane was invited to highlight the emotional and career development perspectives. The program helped in empowering girls with proper knowledge to adopt positive practices, access preventive, curative and protective services. Girls were provided with a platform and free environment to take part in discussions and deliberations which made them ready to take proper decisions affecting their lives. More than three hundred girls participated from all Dayanand College.
3. **Guest lecture on the functioning of Lok Adalat – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017.** – To impart the practical knowledge about the working of Lokadalat where the cases

are settled amicably with the mutual consent of the parties and to make them know about the forums where the disputes are resolved outside the court, the lecture on lokadalat was arranged by Women's Studies Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Lokadalat helps the women to get justice through alternative Mechanism. It was a small step to enlighten the women students especially with the knowledge of their legal rights and with a capacity to use these rights in a meaningful manner. Lokadalat helps women in redressal of their grievances by providing prelitigation services which also facilitates speedy justice. Adv. Mrs. Chayya Malwad, Advocate Latur District Bar, Latur and Panel Member of District Legal Services Authorities Latur was invited to enlighten the students about the functioning of the Lokadalats.

4. **One Day Workshop on Sexual Harassment at Working Place – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017** – As per the instructions given by S.R.T.M.University, Nanded women's grievance cell and Women's Studies Centre of the College conducted one day workshop on Sexual Harassment at working place on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Senior Advocate Shri. Vishal Dixit, Latur District Bar was invited a Resource Person of the Program and delivered a keynote address on the same. It was organized to sensitize the staff and students about the complaint Mechanism Authorities and Remedies under the Act. Staff and 200 students gave their active participation. The program was coordinated by Dr. Mahajan S.A.
5. **Essay competition on "Importance of Women's Employment" at girl Hostel on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017** – on the eve of International Women's Day the Women's Studies Centre of the College organized an essay competition on Importance of Women's Employment at girls Hostel on 08<sup>th</sup> March 2017
6. **Rally on Women Empowerment – 08<sup>th</sup> March 2017** - International Women's Day is an annual celebration in the College by recognizing women's economic, political and social achievements. It also serves to highlight the ongoing struggle

for gender equality. On this occasion the Dayanand College of Law, Latur in collaboration with Women's Wing of Women Doctors Association, Latur organized a Rally to Empower Women and protested against women molestation.

Staff of the College, students and Doctors came on road together to force the world to recognize the inequalities which persist in the society. The purpose was to celebrate the inspiring and courageous work women around the world are doing to secure women's rights and shape more tolerant equitable societies.

Women rally was organized as a part of International Women's Day celebrations. Rally started at 7.30 am from town hall and reached Polytechnic Ground at 9.00am. Girl students raised slogans demanding empowerment of women by giving them equal rights and checking violence against women. The participants also carried boards giving messages of "Beti Bachao Beti Pado", save girl child.

More than Two hundred girl students and 200 Doctors actively participated in the rally and made it success.

Dr. Kulkarni Jyotsna and Dr. Mantri Sarita, Dr. Kalyan Barmade, Dr. Deepak Gugale, Senior Doctors were presents (Guests of the Program) said that women uplift themselves, their families and communities and each other; they should dream big and believe that they can achieve anything; Now, they are ready to play bigger role in the Country's Development. The program was over by the speeches of Dr. Kulkarni and Dr. Mantri Sarita at Polytechnic Ground by 10.30

7. **A Talk on "Women in the changing world of works – 09<sup>th</sup> March 2017** - On the eve of Women's Day the College arranged a talk on "Women in the Changing World of Work" Mrs. Nayan Rajmane (MA, B.ed, M.Phil) a social activists and

writer, Latur was invited as the Chief Guest of the Program. She delivered a speech on the topic women in the changing world of work. She highlighted on the Women's Economic Empowerment. Despite, recognizing progress, structural barriers continue to hinder progress. Women in all professions face sticky floors, leaking pipelines and broken ladders, glass ceilings and glass walls. At the current pace, it may take 170 years to achieve economic equality among men & women – according to estimates from the world economic forum's latest Gender Gap Report said the Guest. The program was held on 08.03.2017 at 10.30am to 1.00pm. Principal, whole hearted welcome the Guest and extended warm welcome to everyone.

She brought the dark pictures of realities happening against women in the societies which made everyone very emotional. She discussed the height of vulnerability of women being tortured by her near ones. Women will be suppressed while selecting fields (area of study)

Address gender gaps in accessing good quality jobs is not just the right thing to do from a human rights perspective. Stability security decency is required from State side. It can be strengthened by equal remuneration, Women higher education, open pathways to good jobs, career progress, removal of inequalities, tolerant equitable societies, sharing burden strengthen women's collective voice, active role of NGOs and so on.

The program was concluded by presenting write ups and poems on women's issues. Proactively students came up to express their views Dr. S.T.Suryawanshi, Asst. Professor delivered his speech on importance of women. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. S.A. Mahajan, Librarian. Both the programs were co-ordinated by Dr. P.P.Nathani, Asst. Professor of the College.

8. **Installation of Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine – 08<sup>th</sup> March 2017** – At Dayanand Girls Hostel Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine was installed on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Ms. Anita Mamadge, Social Activists was invited to guide the girl students about the health and hygiene issues. Medical awareness on Menstruation was provided to them.
9. **Legal Aid Camp at Chakur – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017** – Women’s Studies centre organized one day Legal Aid Camp at Chakur on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017. More than Two hundred students were taken to the camp. The objectives behind the camp was to empower villagers regarding issues involving the law. The centre took efforts to give public legal education to build public awareness about the law. 6 dramas were played on various contemporary issues to inform the villagers about their rights and to understand their circumstantial problems in detail. The drama’s were played on corruption, superannuation, dowry harassment, domestic Violence, Child Labour, Cashless Digital India and women empowerment. Lectures were also delivered on Right to Information Act, Consumer Protection, Lokadalats, Remedies under Domestic Violence, 498 A, Government Policies for farmers and so on. Groups of students provide an inexpensive services of basic nature like legal advice, Drafting of Petitions and other documents of legal importance. It is also for rendering legal services and resolving dispute of local people by Mediation. The visit made them to realize the reality of the society. This camp was a success and the centre achieved its objective of contributing to the society.
10. **Socio-legal Survey at Chakur – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017** – Socio legal survey was conducted at chakur with legal aid camp on the same day of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Students were grouped into ten ten students to conduct the socio legal survey. The purpose of the survey was to establish good relationship with the people so that they could openly discuss their legal issues with us and we could satisfy

them with proper legal advices. The targeted group was vulnerable women and other victims to whom we can inform about their legal rights. Free legal advice to the public in general was provided during the camp. First hand information was collected and was analysed under the guidance of Dr. P.P. Nathani and Prof. Mrs. S.D. Panchal. Solutions for the disputes are given so that preventing them from reaching the court.

11. Women's Studies Centre nominated Two Teachers to participate in the Two Day National Seminar on "Women Empowerment" organized by Shivneri Mahavidyalaya, Shirur Anantpal, Dist Latur 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Both the teachers, Dr. P.P. Nathani and Prof. S.D. Panchal gave active participation and presented Research Papers.
12. **Free Medical Checkup camp at Dayanand Girls Hostel – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.** Dr. Ravi Tapadiya (MBBS, M.D.(Skin, VD, Leprosy) was inmates to conduct the camp. 175 Hostel inmates had their Medical Checkup.
13. LL.M. II year students were encouraged to opt women related topics for their dissertation Research work. Eight students successfully completed and submitted their research work on contemporary women issues.