

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTER

"PLANET 50:50 BY 2030 : Step it Up for Gender Equality"

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Women's Studies Centre of the Department of History, Providence College for Women was inaugurated on Mar 2nd 2016 by Rev.Sr.Mercy Jacob,Superior General,Sisters of St.Joseph of Tarbes,France and Juliana D'Souza, Provincial.The objective of the center is meant to achieve Sustainable Development Goal of Promoting Equality & Empowerment of Women. The centre's prime focus is to achieve Gender Equality, Empowerment of women and addressing diverse needs of women, enabling policies and enabling programmes of the government. The Women studies Centre have special focus on most marginalized/ disadvantaged women in the society. These include women from Schedule Caste and Tribes, women with disabilities, women living in unsafe environments, domestic violence, women living in conflict areas, Women in conflict with law, Homeless, destitute & abandoned women, uneducated & unskilled single women, elderly & sick women etc.

A holistic approach to gender studies is envisaged. It encourages women's academic development and empowerment, the major objective being women's empowerment, the marking out and the definition of a female space.

The following are the thrust areas: Generating awareness towards women's issues

- * Gender sensitivity
- * Women's empowerment
- * Expression of the women's voice
- * Socio-cultural factors and marginalization
- * Legal rights of /for women

Conference on Gender Issues

The Women's Studies Centre realizing the importance of equipping the students in Gender sensitization programmes, encouraged the Undergraduate Students of History to present research papers in the two day Seminar organized by Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumpudur entitled Socio and cultural transformation among Women. This forum was designed to continue discussions and to create new discussions around feminism past, present and future. The forum acted as a platform to promote the equal and fair treatment for all individuals regardless of gender, race, class, sexuality, age, ability by engaging both the resource persons, research Scholars, students and communities in an open discussion



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Dr.Sangeetha, Director of Women Studies explaining the objectives of the Women's Studies Centre



Women's Studies Center's First step in sensitizing men