



CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

PT. RAVISHANKAR SHUKLA UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH

NATIONAL WORKSHOP : SAFE CAMPUS



INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF THE WORKSHOP

A two-day National Workshop was organized by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur on 22-23 January 2020 in Raipur in collaboration with Martha Farrell Foundation and PRIA. The workshop was facilitated by experts from Martha Farrell Foundation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Gender and Safety Audit of University campus should be made mandatory.
- The campus must be enclosed with boundary walls and should be guarded by security personnels.
- Installation of CCTV Cameras in the university campus including departments, connecting roads, checks points, gardens, forest areas should be done
- Organizing awareness programmes on gender and sexual harassment and must be made mandatory for all teachers, staffs and students.
- Educational sessions must be conducted using participatory approaches rather than regular lectures to ensure behavioral changes in participants.
- Nukkad Natak, ICT, and Community Radio should be used for creating awareness.
- Identification of areas lacking Gender savvy facilities (Coordinating with administration for installation for such facilities).
- Strengthening of ICC on urgent basis. They must be empowered with necessary knowledge and information.

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

To celebrate International Women's Day several activities were organized between 1st to 8th march, 2020 which included essay writing competition, training of self-defense techniques for girls, lecture on women's health, Walkathon for teachers, employees and students and short feminist film festival. These activities were organized by Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur. Training for self-defense was given by Prof. Rajeev Choudhary, School of Studies in Physical Education, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur. He trained the female students about the various skills of throwing techniques, hand techniques, leg techniques, holding techniques and gripping techniques which are helpful for self-defense. He also taught some useful moves of Judo. On 4th march a marathon "Walkathon" was organized. It started from Administrative block and ended in Physical Education department.

Honorable Registrar Dr. Girish Kant Pandey, Prof. Rajeev Choudhary, Prof. Reeta Venugopal, Prof. Privamvada Srivastava headed the walkathon. Professors of all the departments, employees, and students participated in this marathon with great enthusiasm. After finishing the marathon the participants played games on gender sensitization and through these games messages on gender issues were shared. An essay writing competition was organized. Students of the university participated in the event.



Self Defense Techniques class for girls

HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMME



A one day Health Awareness Programme on " Poly Cystic Ovarian Syndrome" was organized by Center for Woman Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, on 13th February, 2020 for creating awareness for PCOS which is a burning issue among the young girls. Dr.Gaivee Vinam Meshram, Junior Medical Officer (Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology), AIIMS, Raipur was the invited speaker of the awareness programme. Prof. Priyamvada Srivastava, Associate Director, CWS, Pt. RSU introduced the speaker. Dr.Gaivee explained in details about the symptoms and treatment of PCOS. This condition is seen in females of age group 18-40 years. Early detection of the condition is advisable for the treatment to reduce the further complications. Generally symptoms like having a disturbed menstruation cycle, excessive hair growth in facial area, chest, back and buttocks is seen, difficulty in getting pregnancy due to poor ovulation, thinning of hair of head, excessive weight gain and excessive acne etc. are observed in this condition. She further explained the modes of treatment of PCOS and encouraged for counseling and treatment for the same.

TOWARDS EQUALITY #EACHFOREQUAL

On the occasion of International Women's Day, today on March 08, 2020, a one-day program was organized on the theme Towards Equality #EachforEqual under the joint aegis of Women's Studies Center, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Oxfam India and Chhattisgarh Women's Commission. Secretary, Chhattisgarh Women's Commission, Mr. Abhay Devangan, Mr. Anand Shukla, Regional Manager, Oxfam India were present in the program. The program was conducted by Prof. Rita Venugopal, Director Women's Studies Center and Prof. By Aditi Poddar. The program was presided over by the Honorable Vice Chancellor Mr. Keshari Lal Verma.

The program was started with Kulgeet, after which Prof. Rita Venugopal, Director Madam started the program by welcoming all the guests present in the program. A large number of 200 teachers, guests and participants were present in the program. Present in the program Shri Abhay Devangan, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Women's Commission emphasized that the presence of women in public places should be looked upon with dignity and University should be encouraged to do research work on women-related topics. In the same episode, Shri Anand Shukla, Regional Manager, Oxfam India said that the Women's Studies Center should be given the status of a department and 33 percent women should be present in all the programs of the University.

Honorable Vice Chancellor Mr. Keshari Lal Verma while expressing his views on the above subject said that the number of women awarded in the university convocation was more. Which proves that in today's era women are no less than men. It has always been my priority that any committee formed should have 33 percent women.

The feminist film Trumpet was screened during the event and after the conclusion of the film, the perspective of the film was discussed in detail with the panelists. The film was appreciated by all the participants present. The panel discussion of the film featured Ms. Surbhi Singh, Senior Journalist, Raipur and Mrs. Urmimala, Program Officer, Gender Justice, Oxfam India. In the program, students studying in the university were awarded the outstanding outstanding female student of the university.



Outstanding female student of the university



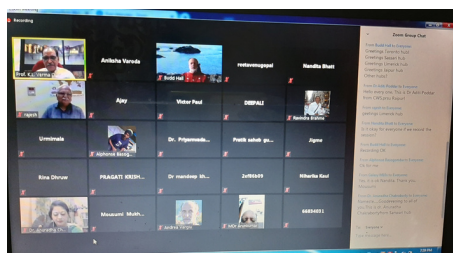
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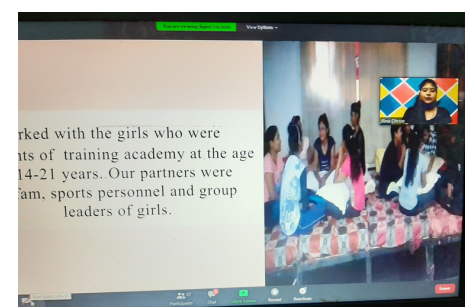
Walkathon for Teachers, Employees & Students



K4C GLOBAL CONSORTIUM WEBINAR SERIES: PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF RESEARCHERS



Sharing her experience as hub coordinator, Dr. Venugopal



Group Photo on National Workshop : Safe Campus



Group activities on National Workshop : Safe Campus

The K4C Raipur hub hosted the third webinar of the K4C Global Consortium Webinar Series. Called 'Sangwari' (going hand in hand), the Raipur hub was established in 2017 through a unique collaboration between Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University (PRSU) in Raipur, the State Planning Commission of Chhattisgarh and Participatory Research In Asia (PRIA). The session was moderated by Ms. Nandita Bhatt (Director-Operations, Martha Farrell Foundation & mentor of the Sangwari hub) and Dr. Priyamvada Shrivastava (Hub coordinator of Sangwari hub).

With the hub's focus on SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and violence against women, Dr. Reeta Venugopal (Hub Coordinator and mentor from the 2nd Cohort of the Mentor Training Programme) began the webinar by elaborating on the various activities undertaken by the hub since its inception. These include Participatory Safety Audits, Trainings on Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) techniques, workshop on Women Safety in the light of Kathua & Unnao Rape Cases, etc.

Sharing her experience as hub coordinator, Dr. Venugopal discussed the various challenges faced by the hub in promoting CBPR in the university. These ranged from logistical challenges such as the shortage of funds or creating buy-in from the administration to more practical ones witnessed on ground such as developing a rapport with the community. With its aim of preparing the next generation of community-based researchers, the Sangwari hub shared their experience as a K4C hub and showcased some of the work undertaken by their students.

Dr. Keshari Lal Verma (Vice-Chancellor, PRSU) shared how Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) can play a critical role in achieving the objective of social economic development through engaging in Community-University Engagement (CUE). Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University (PRSU) had undertaken a functional approach to community engagement by initiating a certificate course on community-based research which is open to all students from various disciplines.

Dr. Rajesh Tandon (Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research & Social Responsibility in Higher Education) shared the story of the evolution of the Knowledge for Change (K4C) Consortium. Noticing the lack of actual participation by community members to set the research agenda, he shared how along with his co-chair, Dr. Budd Hall, established the Knowledge for Change Global Consortium in 2017 with the main purpose of training the next generation of researchers.

Dr. Budd Hall (Co-chair, UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research & Social Responsibility in Higher Education) shared how the webinar and the presentations portrayed the belief held by both him & Dr. Tandon that research needed to be conducted on local issues by the local community. Each presentation tackled an issue faced by the people and engaged them in the process of finding a solution.

He further showed his appreciation towards the Vice-Chancellor of PRSU, Dr. Keshari Lal Verma, expressing his gratitude for Dr. Verma's unwavering support towards the activities of the hub. Congratulating the team at the Sangwari hub, Dr. Hall shared how the session can serve as an encouragement to the other hubs, be it on the front of the effective use of arts-based method or the use of mother tongue to reach out to a wider set of people.

CULTURAL EVENT AND GENDER EQUALITY "MELA"



PANDWANI PRESENTATION BY CHANDRIKA AND TEAM

Centre for Women’s Studies (CWS), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur, together with OXFAM India and State Women’s Commission organised a programme entitled, 'Towards Equality' for bringing people together to work for equality on 24th January at the auditorium of Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur. The day consisted of cultural expression to highlight issues of inequality and how to reduce them. A Gender Mela was also organised as part of the day. 24 January also happens to be National Girl Child Day, and the programme commemorated the day with a resolution for gender equality. Introducing the programme Mr. Anand Shukla, Oxfam India, said that in our society inequality exists and that too at extreme level and urgent action is needed to reduce it. Wealth accumulation has reached to an unimaginable level. Women are worst sufferers of this inequality. Delivering the keynote address Prof Keshri Lal Verma, Vice-chancellor, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur, said that youth have to play an important role in creating a conducive environment for women and girls. Now girls are getting education, but a lot needs to be done to bring gender equality.

A new positive thought can form a gender sensitive society. Prof. Reeta Venugopal, Director, CWS, Pt. RSU, Raipur said that all sections of the society especially the youth need to contribute to bring gender equality. Prakash Gardia, Oxfam India said that towards equality is a powerful message. We need to understand the causes and impacts of deep rooted inequalities in our society. He reminded of Nelson Mandela’s message that nobody should rest until the inequality comes to an end. Smt. Khileswari Kiran, Member, State Women’s Commission said that if every individual play their role to resolve gender inequality, then our women folk and our girl child would be greatly benefitted and they will earn more respect in the community. Women need to come out in all spheres. The society needs to create an environment, which helps in women and girls development.

The day started with cultural programmes. Ms. Chandrika, State level artist presented Pandawani on unpaid care work of women. She also gave the message that women’s and girl’s consent is necessary before taking any decision about them. Mono Act was performed by Priyal Parakh and Nitin Prajapati, NIT College, Raipur on gender inequality and how education plays an important role in reducing the inequality. A skit was performed by Ms Purnakshi and her team based on the theme of gender sensitization.

At last, a musical performance was given by Rhythm Queens Band. This band was a women band. They presented motivational songs dedicated to women’s empowerment. After the inaugural function a fair named "Equality Mela" was organized. Equality mela was a big hit with the huge number of visitors. The mela had various stalls for creating awareness about various gender roles in play way method. It also explained about the inequality created by gender norms and how it could be reduced and how men can play a major role in reducing gender disparities existing in our society. The visitors found the various activities of the mela interactive and engaging and simple way of understanding gender norms and how to break them. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Prof. Priyamvada Shrivastava, Associate Director, CWS, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.



keynote address Prof K. L.Verma, Vice-chancellor, Pt. RSU, Raipur



Culture Event



Farewell Ceremony Prof. Mitashree Mitra

Forthcoming Activities: Workshop on gender champions, Gender sensitization, and health awareness program

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