

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

PT. RAVISHANKAR SHUKLA UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR



PARTICIPANTS OF SHORT TERM PROGRAMME ON "GENDER SENSITIZATION"

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A short term course on "Gender Sensitization" was organized by Human Resource Development Centre, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur, in collaboration with Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur from 14th -19th , October 2019. The course was attended by twenty-six registered participants from across the country among them Twelve were outstations and fourteen were local participants. Fourteen resource persons delivered lectures. All the participants appreciated the course.

The resource persons for the course included Mrs. Nandita Pradhan Bhatt, Director, Martha Farrell Foundation, New Delhi, Dr.Harapriya Samantaraya, Head & Reader, Dept. of Home Science, Berhampur University, Berhampur, Odisha, Prof. Usha Dubey (Rtd. Professor of SoS in Economics, PRSU), Dr.Priyamvada Shrivastava Professor, School of Studies in Psychology, Pt.RSU, Raipur (C.G.), Mr. Tuhin Deb (Director, State Resource Centre, Raipur), Dr.Preeti K. Suresh Professor, Institute of Pharmacy, Pt.RSU, Raipur, Mr. Anand Shukla, Regional Manager, Oxfam India, Raipur (C.G.), Dr. Vinita Agarwal, Head & Professor, Dept. of Law, Govt. J. Yoganandam Chhattisgarh College, Raipur (C.G.), Dr.Preeti Singh ,Clinical Psychiatry, Psychiatry Dept. Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Medical College, Raipur (C.G.), Smt. Varsha Mishra , Additional Superintendent of Police, IUCAW, Raipur (C.G.), Dr. Basheer Hasan, Professor, School of Studies in Psychology, Pt. RSU, Raipur (C.G.), Smt. Manisha Tiwary, State Manager 181 Women Help line Chhattisgarh, Ministry of Women and Child Development Programme, Dr.MamtaSahu Member of Chhattisgarh State Commission for Women, India



Certificate distribution of Short term programme



Mrs. Nandita Pradhan Bhatt, Director, Martha Farrell Foundation, New Delhi delivering lecture on Gender issues Challenges In the Workplace



PMr. Anand Shukla, Regional Manager, Oxfam India, delivering lecture on Gender Sensitization in Higher Education

THREE DAYS TRAINING PROGRAMME

A Three days training programme on " Implementation of Gender Champion Guidelines through tools and training" was organized by Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur in collaboration with Oxfam India from 3rd -5th , December 2019. Students and teaching staff of various departments of the university attended this programme. In this context the Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, with support from Oxfam Chhattisgarh, proposed for the development of this gender audit tool.

The tool is designed during a workshop with the faculty members from university and affiliated colleges from five divisions of Chhattisgarh. The participants collectively identified areas of concerns with regard to gender and determined the scope of gender audit for educational institutions. The purpose of the tool is to help faculties, students and staff to assess the institutionalization of gender equality in the University and affiliated colleges. This tool will help educational institutions, their academic and administrative staff, students, stakeholders to conduct a preliminary gender audit without the support of a gender expert. The tool will be used to assess the institution on gender sensitivity parameters, to identify gaps and make relevant recommendations to mainstream gender into the agenda of these institutions.



Participants in State Level Convention on Right to Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)



Training programme

SEXUAL HARASSMENT & ITS AWARENESS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SPORTS BRIDGE REPAIRS NOW COMPLETE

Reena Dhruv & Kanchan Yadav

Student, Certificate Course on Comunity Based Participatory Research (CBPR)

Reena and Kanchan worked with girls residing in a training academy between the age of 14-21 years. Using the means of focus group discussions, role-plays, and art, they addressed the theme of gender discrimination and sexual harassment, with a special reference to the field of Sports.

Through these activities, Reena & Kanchan found that gender discrimination and harassment were prevalent at both the community level and familial level. This played a huge role in explaining the low number of adolescent girls pursuing sports professionally. During their study, they also discovered that the awareness of the girls regarding good touch and bad touch had increased after taking up sports. Despite these small feats, it was witnessed that many remained unaware about the policies, rules, and regulations as well as the redressal mechanism for the sexual-harassment.

After their analysis, Reena and Kanchan pushed forward the involvement of community in tackling issues such as sexual harassment. They further instigated the need to generate more awareness about the policies addressing this and recommended education of boys on the topic of gender.



ONE DAY PROGRAMME ON WOMEN CRIME



A One-day program on "Awareness of Crime against women" was organised on Wednesday, December 04, 2019, at the UGC Coaching Centre, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur. Prof. Keshari Lal Verma, the Honorable Vice Chancellor Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur graced the occasion as the chief guest and Ms Amrita Gore, member of defence committee were invited as special guests of honor. Assistant Superintendent of Police, Ms Yogita Khapade, Mahila Police Station in charge and Rajkumari Kamde and Professors of various departments of the university were also present.



Expressing outrage over the incident with Priyanka Reddy in Hyderabad, all the speakers, professors and students, discussed in detail the implementation of strict laws for such heinous crimes. Keeping a vigilant eye for incidents happening nearby was suggested by the speakers to avert mishaps. The Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Keshari Lal Verma informed all the people present about the security arrangements in the university campus and also demonstrated his commitment for the safety of the students. Prof. Abha Rupendra Pal, School of Studies in History, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur while expressing her views on the said subject emphasized on the need for training women in martial arts for their safety and value based moral education



Training Programme on Community Based Participatory Research

ASSESSMENT & AWARENESS OF ANTENATAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AMONG RURAL WOMEN OF CHHATTISGARH

Dr. Anuradha Chakraborty, Sunil Kumar Mehta, Preeti Rani Neti, and Aniksha Varoda, Student, Certificate Course on Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR)

For the identification of issues that were required to be addressed we visited the adjoining villages of Raipur. In the first visit to the village, we approached the village head, who is locally called "Sarpanch". He introduced us to community health workers of that area. These rapport-building meetings led to identification of antenatal healthcare services as a prime area of concern within the community. The team then approached the healthcare workers, the self-help groups, organisational heads and the women to engage them in focus-group discussions and interviews. This enabled them to gain a deeper insight into the problem.

As the research team, including both the students and the community members, undertook an assessment of government antenatal health care services such as Janani Suraksha Yojna, Prime Ministers Matri Vandan Yojna, etc. it was witnessed that while the community was aware about these government services, the challenge lay in availing these services.

There were issues in receiving money transfers as per MatriVandan Yojana. The local health care centers neither had proper equipment nor a health-care specialist as well as the difficulty in acceptance of the supplementary food provided to the pregnant and lactating women as per various Government schemes, etc. Sharing these findings with the community, recommendations were provided by the research team on the front of the improvisation in supplementary food as per local needs, taste and availability and advocating for better health care facilities at the local center.



SEMINAR ON GANDHIAN CONCEPT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

To mark 150 years of birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a one day seminar entitled, "Gandhian Concept of Higher Education: Its Relevance Today" was organized by Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, on September 4th, 2019. Students and teaching staff of various departments of the university attended this programme.

Programme was inaugurated by honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Kesari Lal Verma and he addressed the participants and described about the morals and principles of Mahatma Gandhi and explained how we can implement those principles in our lives. The welcome address was given by Prof. Reeta Venugopal, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.

This was followed by the key note address by Mr. Tuhin Deb, Director, State Resource Center, Raipur. He emphasized on the vocational training programmes of Mahatma Gandhi and encouraged to read the book, "Gandhi Marg" and "Young India" to deeply understand the philosophy of Gandhi ji. He also talked how Gandhi ji used to encourage to become self sustained and encouraged to learn and promote our national language Hindi.

Prof. Abha Pal, Head, School of Studies in History explained how Mahatma Gandhi was against the syllabus of those days that was forced to follow in India that promoted British and British culture. She talked about the thoughts and activities of Gandhi ji for complete unity and integrity of body, mind and soul in every individual and the value and vitality of social institutions by their capacity to foster growth. The motto of earning by learning and to make thread using charkha for weaving khadi was highly admired and followed in those times.

Retired Prof. Usha Dubey, School of Studies in Economics, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, explained how Mahatma Gandhi used to promote women's education and worked on education of children. She told that Gandhi ji strictly believed in bringing revolution from culture and practice by working on the set of principle and by having "simple living and high thinking".

An open discussion was held among the participants for better understanding of implementation of Gandhian principles and his philosophy in one's lives. Vote of thanks was given by Prof. Priyamvada Srivastava, Associate Director, Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur. To mark this occasion, tree plantation was done in the university campus



Tree Plantation



Participation of Students And Faculty in "Pinkathon Marathon"



Student project viva certificate course

Forthcoming Activities: Workshop on gender champions, Gender Sensitization & Equality, Health awareness program & gender audit

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