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## REPORT ON ONE DAY SENSITIZATION PROGRAM ON 'EVE TEASING , IMPACT AND REDRESSAL' 8TH MARCH, 2018

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A Brief Report

on

ONE DAY SENSITIZATION PROGRAM

### ORGANIZED BY GENDER CELL

#### Topic:

Eve Teasing, Impact and Redressal

**Date: 8th March, 2018.**

**Time: 10.30 AM**

**Venue: Room no.-18, Hiralal Bhakat College.**

#### **Organizing Committee:**

**Chairperson: Dr. Gautam Sen, TIC, Hiralal Bhakat College.**

**Dr. Suddhasattwa Banerjee, Coordinator of IQAC, Hiralal Bhakat College**

**Convener of Gender Cell: Amrita Biswas, Assistant Professor (History)**

## **Speakers:**

**Advocate: Adv. Satyabrata Bandyopadhyay, Rampurhat Court.**

**Prof. Syed Manuaruz Zaman, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, Hiralal Bhakat College.**

**Smt Sumana Ghosh , Guest Faculty, Department of Physical Education**

## **Participants:**

Students of all semesters of Hiralal Bhakat College

## **Introduction:**

The Gender Cell of Hiralal Bhakat College organized a one-day sensitization program on "Eve Teasing and Redressal" on 8.3.17 in Room Number 18 of Hiralal Bhakat College. It aimed to raise awareness about eve teasing, its impact on victims, and the legal mechanisms available to address it.

## **Sessions:**

The program included interactive sessions that focused on the various crucial topics .

- a) **Understanding Eve Teasing:** The session defined eve teasing and explained different forms it can take (verbal harassment, stalking, groping etc.), and highlighted the pervasiveness of the issue.
- b) **Impact of Eve Teasing:** This session explored the psychological and social impact of eve teasing on victims and how it affects their life.
- c) **Legal Redressal Mechanisms:** Advocate Bandyopadhyay informed participants about legal provisions to address eve teasing, including relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and how to file a complaint.

d) A **self-defense demonstration** was also included to equip participants with basic techniques to handle themselves in threatening situations.

### **Details:**

The program started with lighting of ceremonial lamp by honourable Teacher in Charge and respected speakers. In his inaugural address , **Dr. Goutam Sen, Teacher-in-Charge of Hiralal Bhakat College** expressed his elation about the fact that the college has organized such meaningful program on the auspicious occasion of International Woman's Day. He encouraged participants to share their experiences and talked about the challenges faced by women in public spaces.

Next speaker **Adv. Satyabrata Bandyopadhyay** talked about strategies to promote a safer environment for women within the college campus and beyond. He cleared some common misconceptions about eve teasing by clarifying that it goes beyond just a catcall or a stare. It encompasses all actions that make women feel intimidated and harasses. Socio-legal aspect of perverse actions like verbal abuse, stalking, unwanted physical contact also figured prominently in his speech. He also made the students aware about various sections of Indian Penal Code that can be used to address eve teasing, including Section 294 (Obscene Acts and Songs), Section 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), Section 509 (Word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman). He also focused on the need of reporting the incidents and building strong support systems to protect the victims .

The next speaker, **Prof Prof. Syed Manuaruz Zaman**, stressed how the social impact can be just as isolating. He talked about the social stigma attached with this evil, making the victims hesitant to share their experiences, fearing judgment or shame. This can lead to feelings of loneliness and a sense of being ostracized. It can also affect their trust in others, making it difficult to form healthy relationships.

**Smt . Sumana Ghosh, Guest Faculty, Department of Physical Education** stressed on the need of mental acuity and physical strength to face threatening situations. She made a small demonstration of self-defence techniques for students , in which she was assisted by two student volunteers

The program ended with vote of thanks by Amrita Biswas, Convener of Gender Cell of Hiralal Bhakat College.

**The camp facilitated group discussions to:**

Encourage participants to share their experiences (if comfortable) or stories they have heard about eve teasing.

Discuss challenges faced by women in public spaces.

Brainstorm strategies to promote a safer environment for women within the college campus and beyond.

**Participation:**

The program was attended by 120 students, of whom 70 were girls and 50 were boys. It was also attended by Teachers of various faculties and members of Non Teaching Staff of the college .

**Budget- Three Thousand Rupees**