Awareness Program on Gender Sensitivity for first year students

Topic: "Gender Sensitivity in Adolescents"

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Date: 24.05.2023 Time: 7pm Platform used: Google meet

Meeting link: https://meet.google.com/sny-xmay-icc

The Webinar on "Gender Sensitivity in Adolescents" was organised by the Internal Complaints Committee, Gender Justice Forum, and Equal Opportunity in association with IQAC for the first year students to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. The Internal Complaints Committee is constituted in, VTM NSS College for addressing and resolving the issues of sexual harassment at the college in pursuance of UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of sexual Harassment of Women Employees and students in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations 2015. Every year Internal Complaints Committee of the College organises Gender awareness program for the first-year students

The objectives of the program are

- 1. To increase awareness and understanding of gender roles, stereotypes, and discrimination.
- 2. To promote gender equality and respect for diversity.
- 3. To empower students to challenge gender biases and stereotypes.
- 4. To provide students with the skills and tools to make informed decisions about their relationships, sexuality, and reproductive health.
- 5. To encourage students to become advocates for gender equality in their communities.
- 6. To promote healthy relationships based on mutual respect, communication, and consent.

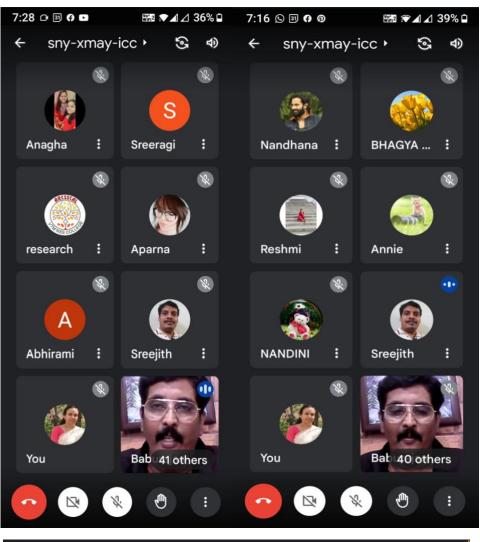
The webinar on "Gender Sensitivity in Adolescents" was conducted on 24.05.2023 at 7.00pm as an awareness program for the first-year students. Dr. B Jayaraj, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics. Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram was the resource person. The webinar started with prayer and Acharyanusmaranam by Hari

Krishnan, II BA Malayalam. The presiding officer, Dr Bijini B R welcomed all the dignitaries and participants to the program. The Principal, Dr V M Anandakumar delivered the presidential address. The resource person explained the general notions which are believed to be obeyed by girls and boys in the society, the psychological problems of adolescence and how to tackle these problems. The Council Secretary Sreejith P V and IQAC convenor, Shama Pillai felicitated the program and the webinar ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr Kalarani T G, Convenor, Gender Justice Forum by 8.30pm.

Outcome

This program helps the students is to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the diversity of human experiences which help them to create a safe and supportive learning environment regardless of gender identity.







Feedback

Most of the students are of the opinion that the talk was excellent and beneficial in raising the awareness about the gender sensitive issues of adolescence. About 88% students opined that they need more similar programs in future.

