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VISION

- ❖ Promoting all forms of gender equity that reflect the needs and aspirations of women and educating women students about gender based inequalities
- ❖ Empowering women through a feminist approach which would enable them to think more critically about their own lives & inspire them to work as active citizens for promoting social justice.

MISSION

- ❖ To be committed to the preservation, expansion and transmission of knowledge about women empowerment
- ❖ To extend support and expand research on women's issues and to promote networking, advocacy, skill based training and gender sensitization
- ❖ To teach the next generation that a strong woman will build a strong nation.

History of the Centre

The Centre for Women's Studies of J.B.A.S College for Women, (Autonomous) Teynampet, Chennai was established in September 2005 with the financial assistance of the University Grants Commission (U.G.C), New Delhi under the X Plan.

The Centre has the distinction of being the **first** UGC sponsored Centre among the Colleges in the Chennai City. The objectives of the Centre are **Teaching, Training, Research and Advocacy**. The Centre has continuously expanded its scope and creatively responded to the needs of staff, students and women.

OBJECTIVES

- The four cutting edge objectives of the Centre are Teaching ,Training, Research and Advocacy for the betterment of women.
- Developing / exploring data on issues of contemporary concern.
- Providing a forum for debate on Women's issues.
- Networking with women's groups, NGO's, academicians, research scholars and community in general.
- Building "Women's Studies" as an Epistemic Community.
- Creating awareness about the Legal Rights of Women

INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Centre has good infrastructural facilities.
- A library with a high quality collection of books on women.
- A class room with good furniture for conducting Non-Major-Elective classes, Special Lectures and Competitions.
- Internet Connection and landline facility
- Computers and associated facilities for smooth functioning of office.

TEACHING PROGRAMMES OFFERED:

The Centre offers two Non-Major-Elective inter-disciplinary papers for the UG Students of the forenoon Session under the OUTCOME BASED EDUCATION, during the III and IV semester. A Faculty member from the Department of Political Science handles the NME classes.

- (I) An Introduction to Women's Studies in India**
- (II) Women's Rights and Laws in India**

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR 2014-15

The **CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES** of the JBAS College for Women, Chennai has the distinction of being the **first UGC Sponsored Centre under Madras University**. It was established in 2005 Dr.S.Jameela is the Present Director of the Centre. The objectives of the Centre are Teaching and Training, Research, Field Action, Writing and Publishing, Dissemination (documentation), Networking and Advocacy for the uplift of Women. The Centre regularly organizes Inter- departmental Debates, Group Discussions Inter- collegiate competitions etc to encourage students for healthy interaction on burning women issues. Inter- departmental Entrepreneurial Competitions are organized to encourage them to become economically independent. Workshops, Seminars, Rallies, Refresher Courses are also undertaken.

INNOVATION IN CURRICULUM DESIGN:

The Centre has introduced the following two Non-Major Elective Papers for the UG students of the College under the Choice Based Credit System.

“Women’s Studies in India” and

“Women and Legal Rights”

SHORT TERM CERTIFICATE COURSES OFFERED:

The Centre conducted Short Term Certificate courses on:

MS Office and Internet programme for the Staff and Students of both the Forenoon and Afternoon sessions. Through these courses, students and staff have been trained with basic operating skills in Computer.

Effective Communication Skill and Personality Development Programme for the students of both F.N and A.N sessions of the College in collaboration with the Faculty of English and **de'arc HRD Chennai**. About **49 students** were trained through the programme which provides an opportunity to them to develop their soft skills.

COLLABORATION AND NETWORKING WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Dr.B.Madhana Rekha, Former Director, CWS was invited as a **speaker for the Panel discussion titled Quintessential Byways for Gender Parity and Empowerment** for the State Level Symposium on “ **Gender Economics- Challenges & Strategies**” held on **4th September, 2014** organised by the Dept. of Economics, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai.

Dr.B.Madhana Rekha, delivered lecture on **17th September, 2014** on the topic “**Women in Administration**” at the UGC sponsored **Refresher Course in Women’s Studies** organized by the Centre for Women’s Studies, University of Madras.

Dr. Rita John, Professor and Head Dept. of Theoretical Physics, University of Madras delivered Special Address. Mr. A. Vijaya Kumar, Founder President- Chief Mentor, India Trust, an NGO provided entrepreneurial training to the Students. Students eagerly interacted and expressed their interest to become women entrepreneurs.

Dr.B.Madhana Rekha, presented a paper on the topic “**Proactively Ensuring Safe Environment for Family, Social Institutions and Community**” in the **National Seminar on Impact of Violence on Social Institutions (Family, Education, and Community) in India**” held on **26th & 27th September 2014** organised by the Service and research Institute on Family and Children, Varadrajapuram, Chennai

Dr.B. Madhana Rekha, former Director CWS participated in the National Seminar on Economic Growth and Development Issues and Challenges organized by the Dept of Economics held on **6th January, 2015**

Special Lecture were delivered by **Dr. Salli Vargis, Ph.D Professor of History & Honors, Coordinator Georgia Perimeter College (Newton Campus), and Dr. George Vargis, Associate Professor of Political Science, Chair, Department of Business & Social Sciences,**

Dr.B.Madhana Rekha, former Director CWS presented and published a paper on the topic **A Quantitative Analysis of the Progress of Women Entrepreneurs through Self Help Groups in**

India in the Eleventh Biennial Conference on Entrepreneurship held on **18th -20th February 2015** organised by the Entrepreneurial Development Institute, Ahmadabad.

SEMINAR AND PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

- A Seminar on **“Gender Equality through Women Empowerment”** was organized on Friday, **12th September 2014** at the Golden Jubilee Seminar Hall. **Mr. Jam Khande**, B.E.(Elec), M.S., M.E. (USA), F.I.E.(Ind) **Director, Micro Small Medium Enterprises Development Institute, Govt. of India**, Chennai, delivered the Chief Guest Address.



Glimpses of the Seminar

- **International Seminar on Human Rights with Special Reference to Women and Minority Rights** was organized jointly in collaboration with the Depts. of Historical Studies, Political Science and Travel and Tourism Management as part of Diamond Jubilee celebrations and in commemoration of International Human Rights Day on 10th December, 2014. The seminar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Mr.K Chandru, Former Judge,

Madras High Court. Ms. J. Grey, QC (Queen's Counsel), former Chairperson, Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board delivered keynote address. Mr. Moosa Raza, Padma Bhushan Awardee, Chairman, S.I.E.T presided the Inaugural function.

- The Seminar Co-ordinator Dr. B.Madhana Rekha Former Director CWS introduced the panelists' for the Plenary and Interactive Session. Hon'ble Justice G.M. Akbar Ali, former Judge, Madras High Court, Dr.Sr.Annamma Philip, Former Chairperson,T.N. State Minority Commission, Dr. Sumayaa Dawood, Principal, Thassim Beevi Abdul Kade College for Women, Ramanathapuram and MS. Sudha Ramalingam, Advocate Madras High Court. The following member chaired the Plenary Sessions.
- Historical Perspective of human Rights- Dr.L.Selvamuthu Kumarasamy, Associate Prof., Dept. of History, Presidency College, Chennai
- Human Rights under International Law and Indian Law- Dr.B.Venugopal, Asst. Prof.Dept of Legal Studies, University of Madras,;
- Women and Human Rights- Dr.B. Prvin Kumar, Sr.Faculty, Business School, University of West of Scotland, UK
- Tourists and Human Rights- Dr.(Mrs) M.Thilakavathy, Associate Prof & Head, Dept. of History & Travel Management, Ethiraj College for Women
- Dr. Prateep V. Philip I.P.S , ADGP, Economic Offences Wing delivered the Valedictory Address. Mr. Munir Hoda, Secretary presided the Valedictory Function Georgia Perimeter College (Clarkston Campus), on the topics American Political System and **Women's Rights in America on 27th January,2015** in the College Library Hall.
- In commemoration of **International Women's Day** Inter-departmental Entrepreneurial competition was conducted on **9th March 2015** for the Students who were encouraged to put up stalls to provide training for women to become economically independent. About 22 Students from various departments and 2 Women Entrepreneurs participated in the competition. Dr.(Mrs). Shanaz Ahmed, Principal, J.B.A.S College for Women declared the stalls open.
- On **17th March,2015**, **Dr. Mrs Sanjida Haris**, MSc, MPhil., PhD former Principal, J.B.A.S College and **Dr. Catherine Bernard M.B.B.S, M.S** Founder Director, SERFAC (Service and Research Institute on Family and Children, Varadarajapuram, Chennai an NGO with a Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United

Nations were honoured and felicitated in recognition of the services rendered in the field of education and the uplift of Women in the society with **Women Achiever Awards 2015** by the **Chairman, S.I.E.Trust**.

- **Legal Awareness Programme for Women** was conducted on **24th March, 2015** jointly in collaboration with **Tamil Nadu Legal Services Authority, Chennai**. **The Most Hon'ble Lordship, Justice Akbar Ali and Advisor, S.I.E.Trust** delivered the Presidential address.
- Special Lecture on the following topics were arranged which was followed by an Interactive session consisting of panel of Advocates and Social Workers:
- Advocate Mrs. Adhilakshmi spoke on the topic "Violence against Women- Laws and Remedies."
- Advocate Mrs. B. Ajeetha spoke on "Young Women Issues and Challenges."
- Advocate Mrs. Sumitha Chakravarthi and Social worker spoke on "Women Rights and the Role of Legal Services."
- Mrs. Premalatha Samsom spoke on YMCA as a service Provider Cell.

BOARD OF STUDIES AND ADVISORY, MONITORING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Studies and IAMEC Meeting of the CWS was held on **27th March 2015**.

The former Director, CWS prepared the Curriculum and Syllabi for PG Diploma in Women's Studies to be introduced for the Academic year 2016-17. The Board passed and approved the Curriculum and Syllabi for the PG Diploma in Women's Studies.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The **Academic Council Meeting** of the College held on **22nd April, 2015** passed and approved the Curriculum and Syllabi for the PG Diploma in Women's Studies to be introduced for the Academic year 2016-2017.