

MYTRI –GENDER FORUM

MOTTO: # “TOGETHER WE CAN” - “GENDER EQUITY & EQUALITY FOR ALL”

Vision: create a world where solidarity prevails sans any gender discrimination.

M- Mannaniya

Y- Youth

T- Transcending (Transforming)

R- Redefining (Reconstructing)

I- Identity.

Mytri is a gender equality club which upholds its mission to promote gender equality among the student community by providing a forum as a friendly platform to discuss and achieve equality goals. Its aim is recreating a conducive environment so as to ensure gender equity and justice by means of certain gender mainstreaming activities there by striving to achieve and institutionalize gender equality. Its objectives comprise of facilitating various equity initiatives to raise awareness by garnering support and creating solidarity among the student community (by resorting to social networking & outreach programmes).

Activities envisaged:

- Facilitate discussions & debates on gender issues to garner support for gender equality.
- Provide information regarding gender rights and offer gender education against all types of gender discriminations.
- Challenge and change biased gender norms and stereotyping of gender roles by means of skits, mimes role plays, etc.
- Provide friendly platforms and myriad opportunities to facilitate level-playing fields irrespective of any gender barrier.
- Initiatives to change the imbalance of power in all realms of life through workshops and gender sensitization and awareness programmes.

Activity Report 2018-19

MYTRI stands for Mannaniya Youth Transcending (Transforming) Redefining (Reconstructing) Identity.

MYTRI, the gender forum tries to question identify and tries to go beyond inter-sectionalists of gender and the categorisation and compartmentalisation of gender identities. It attempts to interrogate and challenge structures of inequality, social constructs of gender, relations and systemic oppressions based on social inequalities. Major objectives of MYTRI:

- Change gender norms

- Break gender barriers
- Change in imbalance of power

It has been effectively implemented in our institution through some innovative initiatives. The forum plays a major role in creating amity among the students and motivates work together in all activities in all activities envisaged in the campus without any gender bias by accepting and respecting each other. The major initiatives of MYTRI provides level playing platforms for boys & girls to challenge gender norms. For instance skits, mimes, role plays etc. to create awareness change gender bias and to challenge stereotyping gender roles. Quiz competition, elocution competition on the topic 'gender equity', selection of gender champions through questionnaire and workshops organised for gender champs , flash mob for gender awareness, gender sensitization programme for 1st year students (entire BA BSC students +WSU students members and gender champs) provides gender education especially for WSU members and gender champs, facilities formal & informal discussion and debates on gender issues to raise awareness and garner support in the general public for gender equality and justice.

2018-2019

- Gender sensitization workshop for 1st year students (Organized by gender champs and WSU)
- **Cancer Awareness Class (24-10-2018)**

A class on Cancer Awareness was conducted at the Seminar Hall of the Mannaniya College of Arts and Science, Pangode on 24th October 2018. First year nss volunteers participated in the programme. The NSS Programme Officer Shijina A.S invited the gathering. Dr.Soosanna John from Gokulam Medical College, Venjaramoodu provide awareness on the breast cancer disease, detection of diseases and its treatment. Dr. Annie and Dr. Arathy assisted the programme. Dr. Jaseedha K, Associate Professor and HOD, Department of English and Women Study Unit Co-ordinator expressed vote of thanks to the audience.



- **Meet with Transperson (21-01-2019)**

The programme “Syamarathyakaliloode” i.e., meet with transperson was arranged in the Seminar Hall of the Mannaniya College of Arts and Science, The chief guest of the programme is Syama.S.Preetha, State Co-ordinator, Kerala Transgenders Cell. The talk created awareness on the problems faced by the transgender in the current world. They are facing many difficulties for education and occupation. Most of them discontinued their education due to the social and family problems. After the talk, a discussion was made with the students. The Programme Officers Asseem.J presided the meeting and Shijina A.S welcomed the gathering. Dr. Jaseedha K, Associate Professor of English and Women Study Unit Co-ordinator expressed vote of thanks.



