

Report on Orientation Programme of ASMITA - Women Development Cell

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University of Delhi**

The Women Development Cell (WDC), Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi, organised an Orientation Programme on 22 August 2026 with the objective of introducing students to the vision, mandate, functioning and activities of the Cell. The programme was organised to sensitise students towards issues related to women's empowerment, gender equality, dignity, safety, inclusion and equal opportunities and to encourage their active participation in the initiatives of the Women Development Cell. The orientation provided students with an understanding of the important role played by the WDC in creating awareness, facilitating dialogue and promoting a supportive and gendersensitive environment within the college. During the orientation, students were familiarised with the objectives and various areas of work of the Women Development Cell. It was emphasised that women's development is a multidimensional process that goes beyond education and economic independence and includes social empowerment, leadership, participation in decision-making, access to opportunities, personal dignity and the ability to exercise rights and responsibilities. The programme highlighted the importance of creating awareness among young women so that they can confidently participate in academic, professional and social spaces. Students were also encouraged to develop an informed understanding of contemporary issues affecting women and to contribute constructively towards addressing genderbased inequalities. A significant focus of the programme was on gender sensitisation. Students were encouraged to recognise gender stereotypes, prejudices and discriminatory practices that may exist in everyday social and institutional life. The orientation stressed the importance of mutual respect, empathy, equality and responsible behaviour in building a healthy educational environment. The significance of maintaining a safe and inclusive campus was also discussed, with students being encouraged to remain aware of institutional support mechanisms and to seek appropriate assistance whenever required. The orientation also focused on student participation and leadership.

Students were addressed by college Principal, Prof (Dr) Harpeet Kaur. She encouraged the students to actively engage with the programmes organised by the WDC, including awareness

campaigns, interactive sessions, workshops, discussions and other initiatives. Their participation was presented as an important component of making the activities of the Cell more meaningful and responsive to the needs and interests of students. The programme encouraged students to share their ideas and perspectives and to become active contributors to the broader objective of promoting equality and empowerment.

The programme was conducted with the guidance and support of the Women Development Cell team comprising Dr. Ruchika Sharma, Convenor; Dr. Shivangi Naithani Devi, Co-Convenor; Ms. Harsimran Kaur, Dr. Harwinder Kaur and Dr. Avneet Kaur, Members. The Office Bearers of WDC, 2026-27 were also introduced to the students.

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The collective efforts of the Cell members helped in creating an engaging platform for students and in familiarising them with the objectives and forthcoming initiatives of the WDC. The Orientation Programme successfully established an important foundation for continued student engagement with the Women Development Cell. It generated awareness about gender equality, women's empowerment, safety, dignity and social responsibility, while encouraging students to participate actively in initiatives aimed at creating positive social change. The programme reaffirmed the commitment of Mata Sundri College for Women towards fostering an educational environment that is safe, inclusive, equitable, respectful and empowering, and where students are encouraged to develop confidence, awareness and leadership capabilities.