

responsible is not only the job of police officers but of ordinary citizens as well.

Dr. Anju Jain, Dean Academic Affairs, G.M.N. College, Ambala Cantt chaired the First Technical session, in this session Sh. Sajjan Singh underscored that the driver of an automobile needed to drive the vehicle with utmost attention. He explored the behavioural concerns of road accidents and discussed the reasons behind increasing traffic mishaps.

Fifty delegates participated in the Seminar. Several participants presented their research papers in the seminar highlighting various aspects of road safety system. Mr. Pankaj Kumar revealed that the UN has declared this decade as the decade of road safety and emphasized the need to invent innovative techniques in this area. Ms. Ritu Mann in her presentation made an important point by linking road accidents with corporate systems and infrastructure. She pointed out that the entire GDP of a country was affected by loss of lives in accidents.

Dr. Anju Jain, the chair of the session, concluded by saying that being aware of the rules and practicing them should be first duty of every citizen of India. She added that rules had to be implemented properly in order to address the burning issue of road safety in India.

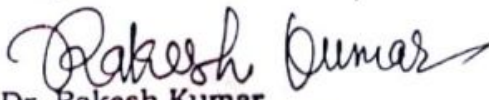
In the second technical session, several other participants shed light on different aspects of road safety in India. For example, the scholarly articles by Dr. Ritu Gupta, Dr. Niyti and Dr. Anuradha

dwelled upon the fact that children should be educated about their immediate traffic environment.

Valedictory address was presented by Dr. Karan Singh, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (ADRM), Ambala Division. He stressed the need to accord priority to safety parameters in road and rail traffic management. He highlighted that Haryana had dubious distinction of performing poorly in respect of enforcement of traffic rules and regulations. He explored that many more precious lives could be saved by following basic traffic rules and protocols. He concluded that holistic approach was needed to address the issues and challenges in road safety by plugging the loopholes in policy formulation, design, operation, management and monitoring of roads. Also, there is urgent need to generate adequate information relating to road safety measures and inculcate the desired behavior among the road users.

**A BRIEF REPORT
of
NATIONAL SEMINAR
on
RELEVANCE OF SWACHH BHARAT INTERNSHIP SCHEME:
A CLEANLINESS DRIVE IN HARYANA**

Gandhi Memorial National College, Ambala Cantt organised one day Inter-Disciplinary National seminar on "Relevance of Swachh Bharat Internship Scheme: A cleanliness drive in Haryana" Sponsored by Director General Higher Education, Haryana, Panchkula in collaboration with Organization for Social and Cultural Awareness (OSCA) on 22.02.2019. The Chief Guest of the seminar was Dr. Subhash Chander, Vice Chairman, Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, Haryana. Dr. D.S. Rana, Coordinator, NSS, Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra was present as a Key Note Speaker. The resource person of the seminar was Dr. Dharmpal, Assistant Director, IGNOU, Karnal and Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Government College, Chhchhrauli. The Valedictory address was given by Dr. Kapinder Singh, State Coordinator, NSS, DGHE, Panchkula. Swachh Bharat Abhyan is a National Level Campaign run by the Indian Government to cover all the backward villages, towns and cities to make them clean. This campaign involves the constructions of toilets, promoting sanitation programmes in the rural and urban areas, cleaning streets, roads to lead the country ahead. The seminar was successfully organised under the dynamic leadership of the Principal Dr. Raj Pal Singh and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Coordinator of the seminar, in collaboration with NSS units of the college. Total 163 delegates participated in this seminar to exchange their views. The delegates were from various Universities, Colleges, and Educational institutions from Delhi, Uttrakhand, Punjab, Chandigarh and Haryana.


Dr. Rakesh Kumar
Coordinator, National Seminar



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One-Day Inter-disciplinary National Seminar
on
CHALLENGES IN GENDER SENSITIZATION
at
Gandhi Memorial National College, Ambala Cantt.
(February 23, 2019)

Women safety is one big move taken into consideration by most nations. Gender issues like honor killing, domestic violence, rape, molestations, and immoral trafficking have been a hinderance in the development of a nation, especially India. Our society needs to get rid of gender bias and promote gender equality, which will make society harmonious, progressive, and prosperous. In order to deal with gender issues there is a strong need for gender sensitization, which refers to modification of behavior by raising awareness of gender equality concerns. A seminar on "Challenges in Gender Sensitization" was organized by Women Cell of Gandhi Memorial National College, Ambala Cantt. on February 23, 2019.



The aim of the seminar was to identify the challenges of gender discrimination and address the problems of stereotyping gender roles in cultural and social practices. This platform provided the academicians, experts, eminent scholars, researchers and students to exchange their ideas, knowledge, and research experiences on gender sensitization. A total of 160 delegates including teachers, research scholars, and students from various universities, colleges, educational institutions of Uttarakhand,

Punjab, Delhi, Chandigarh and Haryana participated in this seminar.

The Inaugural Session started in the Auditorium of the College with the lighting of the sacred lamp and floral tribute to Goddess Saraswati and father of the nation-Mahatma Gandhi by the Chief Guest, Prof. Vidhu Mohan, Punjab University, Chandigarh; Guest of Honour, Prof. Sonia Malik, Maharishi Dayananda University, Rohtak;



Resource Persons Dr. Ranjana, Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra; Prof. J.S. Bidlan, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra; Dr. Shaveta Gagneja, I.P. University, New Delhi; Dr. Ritu Lehal, Punjabi university, Patial; Dr. Rajpal Singh, Patron-cum-Principal, G.M.N. College, Ambala Cantt.; Dr. Anupama Sihag, Convenor-cum-Coordinator of the Seminar; Dr. Geeta Salwan, Vice-Principal, G.M.N. College; Dr. Anju Jain, Dean Academic Affairs, G.M.N. College, Dr. Ravneet Kaur, Organizing Secretary and other members of the organizing committee. The "She Team Captains" and "Gender Champions" of Women Cell were an integral part of the inaugural session.



The welcome address was read out by the Patron of the seminar Dr. Rajpal Singh. Dr. Rajpal Singh, in his speech highlighted about the importance of gender sensitization in youth. He also mentioned that girls are the pride of the nation and they are more dedicated as compared to boys. He shared his views about the need of seminars on such cross-cutting issues. He stressed upon the fact that G.M.N. College works towards gender equality and promotes girl education through scholarships to fatherless girl and distinction holders. He formally introduced the Chief Guest, Prof. Vidhu Mohan, P.U., Chandigarh and the Keynote Speaker, Prof. Sonia Malik, Maharishi Dayananda University, Rohtak.



The Coordinator of the seminar Dr. Anupama Sihag introduced the theme of the Seminar to the delegates and audience. Dr. Anupama Sihag mentioned that the seminar aims at promoting gender equality and removing gender stereotyping. She also mentioned that the aim and objective of this seminar is to sensitize the society towards gender equality and the seminar would focus on the prospects and challenges in gender sensitization. Dr. Anupama Sihag introduced the members of "She Team Captains" and "Gender Champions" of Gandhi Memorial National College to the delegates who have actively been participating in College, namely Mallika, Anju, Riya, Priya, Arun, Gautam, Kunal, Prachi, Avni, etc.



The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Sonia Malik, Maharishi Dayananda University, Rohtak. Prof. Sonia Malik in her Keynote Address maintained that gender sensitization begins at home. She also shared her self-composed poems with the audience regarding the Nirbhaya incident. Prof. Sonia Malik admired the role of young boys and girls for their participation, and appreciated the fact that today's youth support gender equality and walk hand in hand towards the upliftment of national prosperity.



She expressed that gender equality can be achieved by making the society aware by conducting various sensitization campaigns, lectures, workshops, seminars, etc. She also mentioned that it is the collective social responsibility of the individuals to work towards gender sensitization and minimize the crimes related to gender inequality, where domestic violence and lack of powers in decision making were important to count. The Chief Guest, Prof. Vidhu Mohan, Punjab University, Chandigarh delivered her presidential remarks and spoke about the challenges in Gender Sensitization.



The chief guest emphasized on the role of parents, teachers, and youngsters in changing in changing the mindset of the society with respect to gender stereotyping. She invoked M.K. Gandhi's efforts in reforming the Indian society by giving due respect to women. She mentioned that people need to change their mindset and thinking in order to bring about gender equality. She recounted several anecdotes from her personal life which kept the audience thoroughly engaged. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Rachna Khanna.



After the tea break, the first technical session was started, Dr. Ritu Lehal chaired the session and Dr. Shaveta Gagneja, I.P. University, New Delhi delivered her lecture as resource person of the session. She expressed her views about the legal aspects of gender sensitization by making the audience aware of the prevalent laws in Indian Constitution. She expressed her views about the misuse of laws related to sexual harassment. She also talked about transgender and asked the audience to give respect to these individuals of the society.



Sh. Sajjan Singh of G.M.N. College sensitized the audience about the need to accord equal dignity to women. He opined that gender sensitivity starts right from the childhood. Ms. Astha talked about the topic rape myths. She also spoke about being empathetic towards transgender community. After the paper presentations, Dr. Ritu Lehal summed up the session with some insightful views about the need of gender sensitization. After the lunch break, the second technical session was started. Prof. J.S. Bidlan chaired the session and Dr. Ranjana, K.U.K. was the resource person of the session. Dr. Ranjana expressed that this seminar is primarily to sensitize society towards gender equality.



She communicated that there is a need to have gender equality in judicial, economic, and socio-political spheres of life. Dr. Ranjana appreciated the college for sending such a proposal on cross-cutting issue that would benefit the society at large. She stressed that it is not only the girls we need to sensitize, but the boys who would be equally responsible for promoting and supporting gender equality. Dr. Satnam Singh shared the legal dimensions associated with gender equality and Dr. Shalini deliberated on the issue of women participation in politics.



Several other delegates discussed the issue of gender sensitization and the challenges that hinder the gender equality. Dr. Ranjana, Dr. Shalini, Dr. Poonam, Ms. Jigyasa, Ms. Vaishali, Dr. Anju Jain, Dr. Seema Rana, and Dr. Jyoti Sorout participated in the question answer session and made this session very interactive. Gender sensitivity is a debatable issue and opinions about gender equality were promoted, where reservation issues for women were supported by many delegates.



Some of them also believed that they are already empowered in all the spheres of life i.e. army, navy, politics, corporate, judiciary, sports, education, etc. it was also shared that this percentage of empowered women is less, and there is a strong need to empower women in villages and rural areas where women are treated as unequal. Lack of education and illiteracy was counted as one of the major reasons of failure to empower women in rural areas. Role of women in *Anganwadi* and *Panchayats* was also appreciated, and admired in the discussion. Overall the discussion on gender sensitization was fruitful for delegates and clarified their doubts in a healthy manner.



Due to the large number of registration and interactive sessions along with paper presentations by the delegates, four parallel sessions (before and after lunch) were organized as follows:

| Parallel Sessions | Paper Presenters | Venue | Session Chaired |
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| i. | 25 | Seminar Hall | Prof. Vidhu Mohan |
| ii. | 25 | R.N. 13 | Prof. Sonia Malik |
| iii. | 25 | R.N. 35 | Dr. Ranjana |

After a short tea break, Dr. Jasmine Heer, an eminent psychiatrist from Fortis Healthcare, Ludhiana delivered her valediction address. He elaborated the concept of stereotype generalization. She expressed her views on the socio-cultural concept of gender, and differentiated it from sex, which is inborn. Emphasizing more on gender inequality, Dr. Heer expressed that masculinity and femininity are the socio-cultural consequences of being a male or female. She elaborated on the need to break the stereotype regarding gender roles, because roles may differ from society to society.



In the end of the session, the delegates Ms. Oorja Paul, Dr. Pinky, Dr. Arti, Dr. Anshu, Dr. Amita, Mr. Kuldeep, Mr. Sandeep, Mr. Susheel, Mr. Devkaran and others gave their feedback and appreciated the arrangements, hospitality, discussions, and speakers of the seminar and declared it a grand success. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Anju Jain, Dean Academic Affairs, G.M.N. College. Dr. Anju Jain expressed her thanks to the Chief Guest, resource persons, DGHE (Haryana), Management of the college, Principal, delegates, students, organizers, teaching and non-teaching staff members of the college for their contribution and support for making the event successful.



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In the end, National Anthem was recited by the audience. The event was covered by newspapers the following day, emphasizing the importance of gender sensitization.

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One day international seminar was organized on March 16, 2019 by the Punjabi Sahitya Sabha, Gandhi Memorial National College, Ambala Cantt sponsored by Haryana Sahitya Academy,. Dr. Jaswinder Singh from Punjabi University, Patiala in his speech spread light on human interest and problems in a systematic way. Dr. Yograj Atiras from Panjab University and Dr. Ravinder Ravi from Panchkula on topic "Punjabi Kavita da Vartmaan te Bhavikh". In this seminar people from other countries were also participated. Sh. Ravinder sarao and Trilokveer from America and Dr. Pal Singh Dhillon from Canada participated in the seminar. Dr. Raj Pal Singh, Principal of college welcomed the intellects and said that Punjabi is a prosperous language. This seminar focused on humanity and literature of Punjabi Delhi University said that Punjabi literature must be an inspiration for the people of the society and progress in Punjabi literature. Prithvi Raj Thapar from Delhi, Sh. Prem Sahiul, Dr. Parveen kumar, Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Dr. Harsimran Singh Randhawa, Dr. Arvinder Kaur, Dr. Tilak Raj , Dr. Amrit, Sh. Manmohan Singh, Dr. Paramjeet Kaur, Parkash Singh , Prof. Neelam , Research Scholar Kaadambri , Prof. Davinder presented their research papers. On this occasion, Dr. Geeta Salwan , Prof. Sajjan Singh, Dr. Rachna Khanna , Dr. Rajendra, Dr. Manjeet kaur, Prof. V. K. Bindal, Dr. Ravneet Kaur, Dr. Anish and Dr. Dharamveer were present.

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