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## Meetings

### Advisory Committee Meeting (28.03.2017)



Dr. (Mrs) Uma Kannan, Vice President & Secretary, Thiagarajar College (Chairperson, Women's Studies Centre) chair the advisory meeting on 28.03.2017

Advisory committee meeting of the Women's Studies Centre for 2016-2017 was held on 28.03.2017. The UGC representative Dr. Payal Mago, member UGC Women's Studies Division, Principal, Shaheed Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women, New Delhi. The External Expert members, Dr. Sugantha, Lady Doak College, Madurai, Dr. N. Manimegalai director, Centre for Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Trichy and the internal members attended the meeting. M.Sc., Psychology can be started. Certificate Course in Health & Counselling. These Course can be concurrent tying up with hospitals recommended. MOU with other centre and tying up with university. Writing research proposal to UGC from the centre or in collaboration with the department. Three days refresher course for woman in women academic leadership can be planned.

## Short term Academic Courses

The Centre is offering two certificate courses viz.,

1. Women's Health and fitness
2. Life Skills for Women

from the academic year 2013 – 2014 for the girl students of the college.

## Post Graduate Academic Projects on Women's Studies

The centre supports PG student projects on issues related to Women's Studies by providing studentship for the preparation of dissertations. Projects on feminism in literary writing, feministic writers, Women empowerment and socio-political status of women in Tamil Nadu were selected.

The following PG students of the Departments of Tamil, English who worked on a topic related to women's issues for their academic projects were given stipend reimbursing the charges for preparing the dissertations. They were encouraged to publish their work in journals.

S No	Students Name	Academic year	Department	Title of the Projects
1.	M.Addakki	2016 - 2017	Tamil	சங்கரதாஸ் சுவாமிகள் நாடகங்களின் பெண்களின் நிலைப்பாடுகள்
2.	T.Vishnu Priya	2016 - 2017	Tamil	அ.மங்கையின் பனித் தீ நாடகத்தில் பெண்ணியச் சிந்தனைகள்
3.	V.Dhanalakshmi	2016 - 2017	English	Shashi Deshpande's That Long Silence : A Feministic Approach
4.	T.Nithya	2016 - 2017	English	Portrayal of Women in Gita Hariharans 'The Thousand Faces of Night' : A Critical Study
5.	R.Sangavi	2016 - 2017	English	Search For Self: A Critical Study of Female Characters in "Arranged Marriage"

## **Training Programmes**

### ***Gender Champions 05.08.2016***



**Dr.M.Eyini delivering the presidential address in the workshop on “Gender Champions”**

The Women’s Studies Centre of Thiagarajar College, Madurai organized a Workshop on “Gender Champions” on 05.08.2016 at 10.00 a.m. Around 200 students from various departments of the college participated in the Programme. Dr.D.AnbuGeetha, Assistant Professor, Department of Business administration introduced the chief guest and welcomed the gathering. Dr.M.Eyini, Principal of Thiagarajar College (Director, Women’s Studies Centre) gave the inaugural address. The resource person of the programme Dr.Kamalaveni, Assistant Professor, Department of Women’s Studies, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore gave an interesting speech on “Gender Sensitivity” and informed the students about Gender Equality and rights of women.

In the second session Mr.S.Prathiban, Branch Manager, Family Planning Association of India, Ellisnagar, Madurai gave an informative speech about “Violence Against Gender in India”. He gave many practical examples associated with Gender Violence. Gender Champions among UG women and men students were assigned the responsibilities of maintaining gender equity in the system. Mrs. K. Praveena, Lecturer in Economics proposed the vote of thanks.

### ***Healthy Life Style 28.09.2016***



**Dr.M.Eyini delivering the presidential address in the poster exhibition & Consultation on “Healthy Life style” on 28.09.2016**

The Centre organized a Poster Exhibition and Consultation on “Healthy Life Style” on 28.09.2016. Around 200 students from various departments of the college participated in the Programme. Dr.D.AnbuGeetha, Assistant Professor, Department of Business administration introduced the chief guest and welcomed the

gathering. Dr.M.Eyini, Principal of Thiagarajar College (Director, Women's Studies Centre) gave the inaugural address.

The resource person of the programme Mrs.V.Suganya Senior Dietician, Apollo Hospital Madurai addressed the gathering on "Healthy Life Style" I year UG students undergoing certificate course students presented the posters about women's health related topics and best posters were selected and the prizes were given to those students. On the conclusion part of the workshop Prof. K. Praveena, Lecturer in Economics proposed the vote of thanks.

***Cyber Crime and Net Security for Women  
06.01.2017***



**Mr. S.Srinivasa Raghavan, B.A.,B.L., explained the workshop on "Cyber Crime and Net Security for Women"**

The Women's studies Centre of Thiagarajar College organized a Workshop on Cyber Crime and Net Security for Women 06.01.2017. In this Programme,

Dr.M.Eyini, Principal Thiagarajar College welcomed the gathering. Dr.Uma Kannan Vice President of the college and chairperson of Women's Studies Centre emphasized the role of regulation bodies on cybercrimes.

Mrs.S.Anusha, Advocate, Madras High Court (Madurai Bench) briefed the programme. Mr. S.Srinivasa Raghavan, B.A.,B.L., explained the prevalence of cyber crime against Women and the laws dealing with the cyber crime. In the interactive session students reported incidences of cyber crime in bus, office and public places. The preventive measures were also discussed. A Short Film on Swashakthi was played to create awareness among students on cybercrime and net security. Dr.D.Anbugeetha, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration proposed the vote of thanks.

***Women's Rights for a Healthy Society  
27.02.2017***



**Dr.S.Kasi Delivering a guest lecture on “Women’s Rights for a Healthy Society” on 27.02.2017**

The Centre organized a guest Lecture on “Women’s Rights for a Healthy Society” on 27.02.2017. Around 200 students from various departments of the college participated in the Programme. Dr.M.Eyini, Principal of Thiagarajar College (Director, Women’s Studies Centre) gave the presidential address. The resource person of the programme Mrs. K. Praveena gave an interesting speech on “Healthy Life Style” and demonstrated how to take healthy food items in regular diet. She also listed diabetics causing food items and emphasized the need for a healthy life style.



**Participants for the Workshop on “Women’s Rights for a Healthy Society” on 27.02.2017.**

In the second session Dr.S.Kasi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics gave a speech on Women’s Rights in the twenty first century. He motivated the students by telling them the Success Stories of Some Women Leaders from the lower strata of the society and from the general public. In his

speech he advised the women students to develop their skills and to use them efficiently in order to succeed.

**பட்டிமன்றம் “பெண்களின் சுதந்திரத்திற்கு பெரிதும் துணையாக நிற்பவர்கள் ஆடவரா? மகளிரா? ” 22.03.2017**



**Kalaimamani.Dr.G.Gnanasambanthan flanked by the speakers**

The Centre organized a debate on “Women Liberation – was it given by Men or taken by Women?” on 22.03.2017. Around 200 students from various departments of the college participated in the Programme. Dr.M.Eyini, Principal of Thiagarajar College (Director, Women’s Studies Centre) welcomed the gathering. The judge for this debate Kalaimamani.Dr.Gnanasambanthan gave an overview on the topics of the and he introduced the speakers. Dr.C.Ravi argued that men only support to develop a women in the society. He explained the needs for developing women in a society and men told that men are the backbone

for women's liberation. Dr.N.Arun Nagendran countered Dr.C.Ravi's argument, citing examples in favour of his topic. Lilli Malar, I B.A., Tamil Student and Mrs.K.Praveena argued with supporting incidence to prove that men are the cause for Women's Liberation. On opposite side Ms.Selva Muthu Mari, M.Phil Chemistry student and Dr.S.Kasi, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics argued that only women support and work for their own liberation.



**Dr.C.Ravi Assistant Professor of Zoology participate in the debate on “Women Liberation – was it given by Men or taken by Women?” on 22.03.2017**

***Extension Programme on “Demonetisation & Swatch Bharath Initiatives” 14.02.2017***



**Villages of Poigaraipatti Panchayat listening to the talk “Swatch Bharath Initiatives” on 14.02.2017**

The Women's Studies Centre of Thiagarajar College, Madurai organized an Extension Programme on “Demonetisation & Swatch Bharath Initiatives” 14.02.2017. Around 70 poigaigaraipatti village peoples were benefited out of this programme. Mrs.K.Praveena, Lecturer in Economics introduced the chief guest and welcomed the gathering. Dr.M.Eyini, Principal, Thiagarajar College & also Director, Women's Studies Centre gave the presidential address. The resource person of the programme Mr.A.M.Michael Raj, District Informatics Officer, National Informatics Centre, Mdu educated the gathering on “Cashless Transaction” and he explained the various Central Govt schemes like building of a toilet in a village under govt schemes. Next Dr.P.Asokan, Head(i/c) felicitated the chief guests.

In the next session Mr.E.Tamiliniyan, Senior Manager (System), Indian Overseas Bank gave a speech on “Digital Banking and Cashless Transaction”. Next Mr.K.Praveen Kumar emphasized the social security schemes or women in the bank. He gave a form that can be used for women schemes in bank and focused each

schemes merits. In the Interactive Session village people arised so many questions and all such questions were clarified by the chief guest of the programme. planting Saplings were initiated after lunch.

The next session was hold by Dr.S.Kasi on “Swatch Bharath Initiatives”. He advised the people for Clean India through keep our home clean, closing water containers and the necessity of building toilets, throwing unwanted items in dustbins and cleaning weekly twice the water tanks. NSS Students gave a cultural fest. Ms.B.Mangayarkarasi, NSS Volunteer concluded the session with vote of thanks.

### **National Seminar**

*National Seminar on “Gender Challenges in Smart Cities: Interventions and Innovations through Cyberspace and ICT”29.03.2017.*



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A National Seminar on “Gender Challenges in Smart Cities: Interventions and Innovations

through Cyberspace and ICT” was organized by Women’s Studies Centre, Thiagarajar College on 29.03.2017. Dr.M.Eyini, Principal (Director, Women’s Studies Centre) welcomed the gathering in the Inaugural Session.

Mrs.Visalakshi Kannan, Founder and CEO, Raman Technologies, Washington, D.C., USA graced the occasion and delivered the Presidential Address on “What makes a country a super power”. She highlighted how the two major happiest countries in the world, Norway and Bhutan sustain their happiness through their people’s attitude apart from its rich natural resources and technological development. She concluded that, “To make a smart city a happy city, attitude of the people has to be changed positively”. Mrs.Visalakshi released the abstract of the seminar and Dr. Payal Mago, Member, UGC Women’s Studies Division, Principal, Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women, New Delhi received it. Dr.S.Kasi, Assistant Professor in Economics, Thiagarajar College, Madurai proposed the vote of thanks.



***Dr. Payal Mago, Member,UGC Women’s Studies Division Principal Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women, New Delhi delivering the keynote address in the National Seminar on “Gender Challenges in Smart Cities: Interventions and Innovations through Cyberspace and ICT” 29.03.2017.***

Dr. Payal Mago spoke on “Smart Women in Smart City Environment”. In her interesting and thought provoking speech she highlighted the needs for Women Empowerment in a Smart Cities. Ar.G.Balaji, Associate Professor in Architecture, Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai on “Skills Gap in a Smart City”. Listing out the opportunities available for youth in a smart city and how they can be groomed and trained in the necessary skill and sets required.



***Ms. Bimla Chandrasekar, Director, EKTA Resource Centre for Women, Madurai delivered the valedictory address in the National Seminar.***

Dr. D. Pandiaraja, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics, chaired the paper presentation session. 72 papers were presented by students, staff and various NGO representatives from different parts of the state.

Dr. A. Suganthi, Dean, Students’ Welfare and Co-Curricular Activities and Associate Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry, Thiagarajar College, Madurai gave the welcome address for the valedictory session. Ms. Bimla Chandrasekar, Director, EKTA Resource Centre for Women, Madurai delivered the valedictory address. Mrs. K. Praveena, Lecturer, Department of Economics, proposed the vote of thanks.

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