

International Women's Day Celebration

Report of International Women's day celebrated on 6th March 2020, Moot Court Hall, Umang Bhawan, Organised by Gender Sensitization Committee (GSC) Law Centre-I, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.

Theme: - "From pink and blue to a rainbow world- a semi centenary celebration of gender struggle"

The International women's Day, which falls on 8th March every year, was celebrated on 6th march 2020 at Law Centre-1. On the occasion, the Gender Sensitization Committee of Law Centre-1 organised the National Nukkad Natak Competition- UDGHOSH. The theme of the event was from pink and blue to a rainbow world – a semi centenary celebration of gender struggle". The Programme was attended by about 200 people including DU students, staff and outside guests.

The event started with lightening the lamp by Prof. Sarbjit Kaur, Professor-in-Charge, Law Centre-I, Dr Anu Mehra, Convenor, Gender Sensitization Committee (GSC), the guest of honour, Advocate Nandita Rao and Prof Ved Kumari and esteemed judges for the National Nukkad Natak Competition- Ms Niyati Rathor and Dr. Rajni Sisodiya.

The proceedings were initiated by Prof Sarbjit Kaur by delivering a welcome address. She welcomed the distinguished guests, colleagues and students to the programme. She welcomed the participants of National Nukkad Natak Competition whole heartedly and wished them the best for their performances. She emphasised that the social development of a country and welfare of the world at large can be achieved by ensuring maximum participation of women on equal terms with other genders in all fields. Prof Sarbjit shared many initiatives on the part of Law centre-I to ensure a harassment free atmosphere. Highlighting the importance of Nukkad natak, she said that it is a very effective way to put across message in an interesting manner, leaving an unforgettable impression on the minds of the audience.

Dr Anu Mehra welcomed the judges, chief guest, participants and all the GSC teachers and student members, volunteers and also shared the broad perspectives of the programme organized. She argued that we need to travel more distance to achieve complete gender equality. She familiarized everyone with the concept of GSC and its functioning. She specially thanked Prof Sarbjit Kaur for being a constant force of guidance and motivation and without whom the event wouldn't have been possible.

There were lectures and presentations by two eminent speakers on the occasions. Advocate Nandita Rao of Delhi High Court spoke about the idea of gender sensitization and equality. She held strong views on gender struggle and role of judiciary. She discussed how judiciary has helped women to overcome the discrimination created by patriarchal society through *CV Mutawa v. UOI* , abolition of triple talaq, *Geeta Hariharan* case and discussed about *NAZ foundation*, Article 15 and *Navtej singh Johar* case, and praised judiciary for recognising the rights of not only women but also of LGBT community. Nandita Rao argued being born women is a cause of concern and to even be allowed to stay alive, because female infanticide is prevalent in many parts of India. She concluded by saying that gender struggle is the inequality between the rights and opportunities; it is not the struggle between men and women it is a struggle between difference in opportunities and entitlement. She also spoke about the street play, the message it sends to the society, acting, singing, minimum time and the script. Street

theatre is the beginning of every young lawyer's voice; it gives us confidence to speak in front of strangers.

Prof Ved Kumari's followed up with her lecture on the theme. She presented a power point presentation about the original rainbow pride flag which was created in 1978 and originally had 8 colours. She also exhibited a very interesting video about the origin of colours. She talked about the relevance of pink colour which is used for referring females, which doesn't even exist in a rainbow, which pointed out the patriarchal society where the primary colour blue is referred for male and secondary colour pink for female.

The **National Nukkad Natak Competition, 'Udghosh'** was also organised on the day as part of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Law Centre-I in the year 2020. The theme for the competition was '**From Pink and Blue to a Rainbow World: A Semi Centenary Celebration of Gender Struggle**' with sub-themes including Gender Stereotype, Domestic Violence, Female Foeticide, Dowry, Sexual Abuse, Gender v. Sex, Sexual Harassment and Acid Attack.

In the National Nukkad Natak Competition, Asian Law College performed on the matter of sexual abuse: children and males which was marvellous and were the first runners up for the competition. Symbiosis Law School performed on the topic of gender sensitization which was fascinating and was the second runner up for the competition. Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce performed on the balance between logic and emotion, covering superstitions, LGBTQ, politics and mob lynching and won constellation memento for their amazing performance. Law Centre-I team performed incredibly amazing on the subject of eve teasing and acid attack and was declared the winners of the competition.

The event ended with prizes to the outstanding performers and vote of Thanks to all the stakeholders contributing to the success of the program.