

GENDER CHAMPIONSHIP CELL



SRI AUROBINDO COLLEGE (E) UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE SESSION 2019-20

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ABOUT GENDER CHAMPIONSHIP CELL

GENDER CHAMPIONSHIP CELL, the vision and initiative of one of our progressive alumni SAURABH SINGH PARMAR, which was found in September 2019 under the patronage of Principal (OSD) DR. NAMITA RAJPUT and guidance of Convenor DR. VIBHA BATRA, is a team of a group of responsible youth who believes that humanity must be the only criteria that matters and aspire to develop an egalitarian society. Team GC takes this as a responsibility to start the change and make this world a better place for human existence and not just sticking to two stereotypical sexes. Saurabh Singh Parmar believes-

"Be the change you wish to see in the world".

Gender Championship Cell SACE indomitably believes in the above maxim and strives to effectively implement the above words in our actions. We at Gender Championship cell, aspire to build an egalitarian society, a society characterized by social equality and equal rights for all people irrespective of their sexuality, where the word 'Humanity' sways the hearts of people raising above of all gender stereotypes. We might have conquered the sky and defeated the waves of the ocean but even after being in the 21st century we haven't conquered the gender dysphoria developed ages before due to lack of proper knowledge and understanding and with more of personal agony and experiences and blindly following those axioms we have crowned the LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and other sexualities) community as unnatural and threat for our civilization.



TEAM GENDER CHAMPIONS

RECRUITMENT DRIVE-1

Gender Championship Cell, being a new society in the college needed few hands to help us spread the word of humanity above all starting in the college campus, for which we conducted a recruitment drive consisting of 2 steps, firstly an online view screen process was done to check the thought process of the individuals participating and the final step was the personal interview round, in which our founding committee interviewed plethora of college students. The individuals who outperformed with their views for the need of an egalitarian society were selected as the members of Team GC. This recruitment was conducted on 18th October, 2019

HEART-TO-HEART CONCLAVE: #speakingheartsout

It is a monthly talk session where students, teaching and non-teaching staff of our college are invited to come forward and talk about their concerns, experiences or any other valuable point of view relating to the community and social justice. It provides a space to people where he/she can speak their minds without being in a fear of getting judged. With us we have our convener ma'am who is a worthy life coach and a stupendous counselor as well, to guide any of the audience who feels the need to get a direction out from his/her problem. We are working on making this as an inter-college event, that will serve as an opportunity to many unheard voices to get the chance of being heard. Also, we have launched this hashtag on our social media for letting people share their valuable suggestions and stories which they want to share with the society through us as the medium.

The first session of this conclave was called on 21st October, 2020.

EUPHEMISM: The Online Paragraph Writing Competition

Voice matters more, when it is raised 'for' someone. The strong perception matters, especially when it is presented 'for' someone. And something which matters is always prioritized by the team of Gender Champions, regardless of which community, sex, caste, or color you belong to. What matters not only for us, but for the people being looked down is 'your voice'. The Gender Champions society of SACE introduced its first ever alluring online event for the opinionated people! We are called it, EUPHEMISM. It's an online paragraph writing competition, where were required to present their views on the video we shared on the day of competition. Three best entries were awarded with digital certificate and online recognition on our social media handles. We welcomed paragraphs from 12 noon of 29th December to

midnight on 30th December 2019.



We end 2019 on a positive and successful note together with the thought-provoking opinions of like-minded individuals.

GENDER SYNOPSIS

Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow. In the effort of mastering the mastered, GC-SACE came up with an initiative in which we conducted a survey through Google Forms to understand the mindset and knowledge of individuals belonging to different age groups regarding the LGBTQIA+ community. The vision behind this survey was that this will help us to plan our future events and projects with and for different age groups of the society. And we proudly say that we got tremendous response from all age groups which resulted in the success of our survey to help us understand and plan our future endeavors.



KHANAK: Celebrating Gender Equality

'Gender incongruence isn't a mental illness, but surely homophobia is'. These were the words of Dr. Sanjay Sharma in his concluding speech at KHANAK.

The Gender Champions hosted its first event quite successfully and looks forward to advancing on this ongoing flow of change, to create a more non-binary gender inclusive society. The event witnessed the passionate participation of various college students and community members. Dr. Vibha Batra the Convenor, along with the Principal(OSD) Dr. Namita Rajput, was also an integral part of the event.

Monday, 10th February 2020 saw the coming together of various well known and established

members of the LGBTQ+ community on the event; KHANAK, the first event of the newly founded Gender Champions, the gender-inclusive society of Sri Aurobindo College (Evening).

The event commenced with the felicitation of guests. Followed by a performance by Meraki, the music society of the college. Jasleen, a gender-fluid person, beautifully initiated the dialogue, sharing their struggles and how they reached where they were. The event was further ornated by Sanshlesh's amazing classical performance.



Avantika, a trans-women, first to be granted the Indian passport without a clinical surgery, also shared her views on the scrapping of Section 377 and the 'Trans bill'. To loosen up a bit, it was

now time for some jokes, and Niraj Kejriwal, the Chief Overseer of GC, rolled out laughter with his wits.

Thereafter, The panel discussion on Sustainable development of the Mindset of the Society regarding LGBTQIA+ community, graced by Nevish, an asexual person, Naina, who's a lesbian and quite established in the hotel industry, working with The Kitty Su, Reyansh Naarang, associated with Nazariya LGBT and Rishu, a part of 'Harmless' hugs', was the highlight of the event, altogether the dialogue which had equal enthusiastic participation from the audience, started a discussion on all the burning issues faced by the



community. The panel more specifically urged two things, firstly, 'to accept', accept anything which goes beyond their understanding of behaviour or at least, be ignorant, if not understanding. Second, to learn and unlearn. Unlearn something every day and educate ourselves more about what we don't know.

The event was beautifully summed up by Dr. Sanjay Sharma in a small presentation. The venue was a sight to behold with the spectrum of colours everywhere, subtly giving out a simple message, the world's not black and white, it's a rainbow.

A student was quoted, "It's not about how I identify myself, it's about how you have no business in my identification". Rishu said, "Pinkwashing no longer works for corporates and they've to take actual measures to ensure inclusivity now". Niraj, the Chief Overseer acknowledged the audience and the guests, "this is what we wanted, Khanak was our platform, for you guys to start this dialogue, amongst us, to learn and unlearn".

QUARANTINE LOCKDOWN ONLINE COMPETITIONS: Decipher

The Reality & KALPIT- Let's Put Life To Imaginations

Gender Championship Cell, one of the vibrant society of SACE under the guidance of Dr. Vibha Batra is working towards building an egalitarian society and its work towards this cause hasn't come to a standstill due to the global pandemic covid-19.

We are working towards this cause with our digital initiative on various social media platforms, in this quarantine lockdown with #Day1, #Day2, #Day3 and continuing, we are spreading every awareness required to support the nation at this time and at same time is also working towards the aspired cause of our team. "Decipher the reality" is the name our digital initiative, it is a competition where every day a picture is uploaded at 08:00 PM sharp for an hour on our social media handles Instagram and Facebook and people express their views on the same in the comment section, direct entries through WhatsApp are also accepted. The pictures are complex and can be perceived in my ways, it gets people to brainstorm ideas of humanity above all in this quarantine time. The winner with

the best point of view is announced at 10 pm and awarded with a digital certificate as well. Also, we introduced an online story writing competition on called "KALPIT- Let's put life to imaginations", where we uploaded 4 pictures and the participants were asked to frame a story as per their perceptions and vision of those 4 pictures and the best story was announced as winner.

For 21 days constantly, we were trying our best to engage and reach the maximum people to connect with us to encourage them to think about the perspective of humanity above all. On an average, we were receiving 250+ consistent participations daily and 3000+ reach on our social media handles.

And we are very happy to see the positive response in huge numbers from the people and our goal to reach

the maximum audience to spread the word of equality is not on halt even in lockdown.



CONCLUDING STATEMENT FOR THE SESSION 2019-20

Introducing any concept to an environment which is not open about that particular idea is always a challenge, and yes we, the Gender Champions faced our set of challenges in establishing ourselves in the dynamics of Sri Aurobindo College(E), but we are contented to say that we have managed to create an impact of our presence with the goals we aspire to achieve and this has only been possible with the visionary and inspirational approach of Saurabh Singh Parmar and the always supporting attitude of Dr. Vibha Batra and the encouragement to keep moving by Principal(OSD) Dr. Namita Rajput.

Summing up, we feel gratified at stating that yes, the talk that was always under the carpet has finally started to attract the right attention of the students and teachers in the college and the need to discuss the intentionally ignored chats are finally been considered by many today, and we are obliged to work indomitably towards the purpose of directing our society towards an egalitarian society.

We say #humanityaboveall.

We express ourselves with #speakingheartsout.

We are Gender Champions.