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REPORT ON THE AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

An awareness programme on Women Empowerment was organized by the **PG Department of Social Work** in association with **IQAC** on **9th December 2024**, a day to remember the enactment of Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) in 2013 (POSH Act). The programme was held in the Conference Hall around 11.30 AM presided by the Principal, Dr. T. Prahalathan, the Chief Guests, Mrs. Usha, Extension Officer at Villivakkam, Mr. Naveen Chendhur, District Gender Specialist at Tiruvallur and Mrs. O. S. Santhana Lakshmi, HOD of Social Work.

The programme began with 'Tamil Thai Vazhthu' and Mrs. S. Saranya, Assistant Professor of Social Work welcomed the guests and participants to the programme. Our college Principal presented the keynote address setting the right tone of the programme along with his personal experiences. A memento and shawl was presented to the Chief Guest, Mrs. Usha and to Mr. Naveen Chendhur who graced the occasion with their valuable presence. Mrs. Usha explained the various schemes and provisions that are currently available for women belonging to SC/ST communities and the eligibility conditions for availing the benefits. She also emphasized the evil aspects of dowry system that is prevailing in our society.

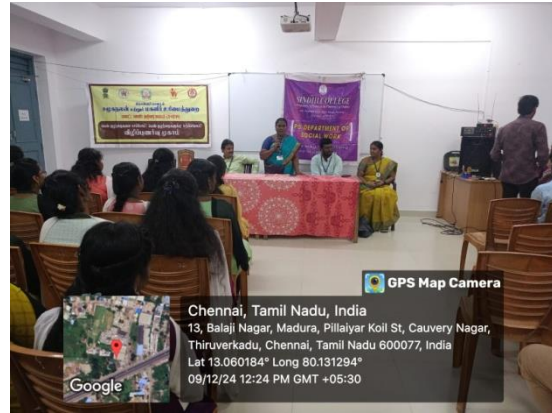
Mr. Naveen Chendur as a Gender Specialist began addressing the role and importance of women in our ancestral matriarchial society to the degraded version of the status of women in our society. He presented a brief overview of Vishaka Case in the State of Rajasthan that was the reason behind the enactment of POSH Act by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. He sensitized the students on prohibiting the demand of dowry and encouraged them to take responsibility in shaping a society where there is equality.

Mrs. O. S. Santhana Lakshmi, Head and Assistant Professor of Social Work provided her insights to the audience. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Ms. Deepa of II MSW and the programme concluded with the National Anthem.

HONOURING THE CHIEF GUESTS



DURING THE SESSION



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