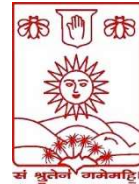


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Quarter 2

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Status Report as on 11th June 2021: Completed

Sr. no.	Tasks/Activities Planned for the Quarter	Tasks Completed		Tasks Ongoing	
		Start Date	End Date	Start Date	Expected date of completion
1.	Let's Share	13 th February 2021	13 th February 2021	-	-

On 13th February 2021 at 11 am, an online group discussion was arranged which was themed around 'Let's Share'. This event was aimed at creating an empathetic atmosphere of active listening, creating comfortable space and developing a critical perspective to look at social issues, especially Gender Based Violence and Gender Based Discrimination. The Head of Department of Archaeology Dr. Pandurang Sabale and Nodal Teacher for Gender Champions Dr. Amrita Sarkar were present in the discussion.

Initially, very few people joined, which the present members interpreted as less awareness and normalization of such issues on the student's part may have been a reason. The discussion expanded up to 20 students at the peak and 12 stayed throughout. Active participation from everyone was noticed. The discussion was given an ice breaker by defining what exactly does the term Gender Based Violence mean and its different types- physical, verbal, mental torture, educational and economic deprivation, etc. Dr. Amrita Sarkar raised questions as to why does this discrimination go unreported, to which the present participants tried to think upon. Victim shaming and unawareness of rights were brought out as one of the main reasons for this.

Students shared various personally observed and experienced instances of gender based violence and discrimination. Special mention of violence and discrimination faced in the academic field along with family spaces was brought up. This led the discussion to talk about instances of

curfew timings, its pros and cons and how it is discriminatory towards women. A student discussed instance of curfew timing in Delhi University, which he said was implied much partially in favor of men.

Specific gender roles and attributes , typical structured masculinity and femininity were looked at critically during the discussion and the responsibility of parents in developing a gender unbiased child during their socializing and learning years was mentioned as one of the best change makers in near years. A student shared his real life experience of how his mother fought this daily exploitation, discrimination and violence, not only did she raised voice against the injustice but she also raised her children single handedly. She taught them to never disrespect anyone based on gender and also tirelessly worked hard so as to give her daughters and sons a high quality education and treated them at par with each other. Her story and struggles did bring a ray of hope to all the participants and her life struggle was applauded for being an inspiration to many of us at present.

The group discussion 'Let's Share' was thus successful in creating a voice of dissent from the injustice, and in its aim of creating an empathetic environment amongst the students. It was felt that more such sessions; more such efforts are needed to contribute to the change.

Suggestions given by students-



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Gender Champion



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Gender Champion

Date: 11th June 2021.

Place: Deccan College, Pune.