

POST GRADUATE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR GIRLS
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COURAGE TO KNOW

Hum Hain- Society for Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination
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Aims

1. To provide a platform to the students where they can voice their opinions without the fear of being judged.
2. To organize various programmes, seminars, workshops etc. around the theme of gender equality and non-discrimination.
3. To create an environment where students gain confidence in their abilities.
4. To empower the students and prepare them for discriminatory situations.
5. To sensitize them regarding the rights of others.

Objectives

1. To be perceptive to various kinds of discrimination that plague our society.
2. To teach them the various tools of resistance without resorting to violence/ abuse.
3. To make the students more humane, kind and empathetic.
4. To make them aware of the legal aspects of domestic/ gender-based violence.
5. To encourage a free-flowing exchange of ideas for a holistic development of the society members.

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Orientation

The Orientation for Freshers of the Academic session 2017-18 was held on **23rd August, 2017** in the Auditorium. Around 200 students of BA I and approximately 60 students of B.Sc., BA II and III participated in the function. Students were introduced to the teacher in-charges and were apprised of the objectives, vision, and mandate of the Society, as well as the different events that are held throughout the year. Senior students staged a dramatic rendition of feminist activist Kamla Bhasin's poem, 'Azaadi, interspersed with short verses composed by BA III student Anushka Malik. This was followed by a PPT on the events held last year, in which events such as Joy of Giving, OBR and the interactive sessions (Samvaad) elicited much interest. All the students then divided into groups under group leaders of BA II and BA III and participated in discussions of issues pertaining to them, which they felt had maximum impact on their lives. The session ended with information given regarding the upcoming event /s in September.



Students attending orientation

Joy of Giving

The annual outreach charity event of the Society was held on **26th&27th September, 2017**, for which 4 planning meetings were held prior to the event. Students from all classes, (BA, B.Sc.,B.Com.), volunteered for organizing and conducting various stalls of home- cooked food, games, fun activities, etc. The teachers of the Department of English contributed in large measure, not just by donating cash, but also by preparing food items for sale. Bhavneet Romana, a well-known VJ and actor was invited as a guest and generated much excitement among the students. A total of Rs. 60000/- (rupees sixty thousand) was collected during the two-charity drive. Eighty (80) students participated in the activity. Of this Rs. 30,000/- was given to NGO Guru Asra Trust, a shelter and welfare home for orphaned and destitute girls, Rs. 10,000/-to NGO Jagori (JRCT,Sidhbari, Dharamsala) and Rs. 20,000/- to Sahyog, the College Society for providing aid to students of the College.



The committee members handing over a part of the proceeds of the Joy of Giving to the Guru Asra Trust

Film Screening and Discussion

On **11th November, 2017** a film, 'Armaan', was shown to students of Hum Hain, in the F.E. Lab. The film highlighted various issues faced by young girls, their aspiration and the challenges they face. Students(40) participated actively in a discussion that followed.

One Billion Rising

The Society's annual outreach campaign, One Billion Rising (OBR) was held on **7th February, 2018** as part of 'Chandigarh Rising'. Held for the sixth consecutive year, 'Chandigarh Rising' is a major public event initiated by SanjhJagori Chandigarh (an NGO) in partnership with PG Govt. College for Girls, Sector - 42, PG Govt, College for Girls, Sector-11, Centre for Social Work, Department of Women Studies Panjab University and the Chandigarh Police. The event commenced in PG Govt. College for Girls, Sector-42 followed by a presentation in PG Govt, College for Girls, Sector-11 and culminated at Panjab University, Chandigarh, drawing huge crowds and applause. Students of PGGCG-11, presented a flash dance based on popular Bollywood numbers, the lyrics have been re-scripted highlighting the strengths and achievements of women their condemnation of harassment and abuse by men, and the assertion of their Fundamental Rights to dignity, security, respect and security. Around 250 students attended the activity. The exuberance and energy of the young girls combined with their call to claim their spaces make their life choices and usher in the spirit of 'azaadi (freedom) and 'falaudi' (fearlessness).



Students performance at the Student Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh as part of the OBR event

Outcome

The students gained immensely from each of the activities. The discussion following the film screening was very animated and the students talked about the various ways in which they felt discriminated against in their personal lives. The Joy of Giving gave them a chance to showcase their talent and at the same time use it for a good cause. The students were particularly excited about the One Billion Rising event and participated enthusiastically in huge numbers.