

## **Department Of Human Development and Family Empowerment**

### **Department Association Report (2017-18)**

- **Legal Awareness Programme - February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Department of HDFE will be organizing a Legal Awareness Programme for students of B.A Prog. (HDFE), on the topics “Domestic Violence”, “Sexual Harassment” & “Property Rights” on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11 am in the Seminar Room.

- **Ongoing Project Work**

B.A Programme students of III Yr. (HDFE) as part of their course in Children with Special Needs, along with the faculty teaching the course have collaborated with Centre for Sight, New Delhi to initiate a student-faculty project on screening of white eye reflex in children of neighbourhood communities. This project will be part of their formal evaluation for the course. The students are involved in conducting a preliminary examination of children’s eyes by clicking a flash photo using their smart phones. It helps in screening the presence of any white reflex in the eye which is an early sign of Retinoblastoma (a life threatening eye cancer in children), and which is completely curable if detected in time. The project is targeted to have an outreach of approximately 1500 children through the MCH Centres in the community where after screen, the children identified with any visual disability or abnormality would be referred to CFS doctors for further check up. The participating students will be issued acknowledgement certificates by the HDFE Department and Centre for Sight collaboratively.

- **World Cancer Day – February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Strides for Retinoblastoma Awareness**

The Department of Human Development And Family Empowerment(HDFE) successfully launched an awareness campaign on Retinoblastoma(a life threatening eye cancer in children)at [Janki Devi Memorial College](#) on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.The campaign was planned with the help and guidance of Dr. Vikas Menon (Consultant, CFS, New Delhi) .The Students and Faculty took a pledge to spread awareness about the cause and also about detecting Retinoblastoma with the help of a smartphone. To take this awareness initiative ahead the Department of HDFE in collaboration with Centre For Sight and Womenite on World Cancer Day that is, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 organized “[Strides for Retinoblastoma Awareness](#)”. More than 200 people including Students, Faculty, Parents and Friends joined us in the awareness walk led by a 19 year old survivor. The walk started from JDM College towards old Rajinder Nagar, Shankar road, Ganga Ram Hospital and back to the college. We would like to thank Dr. Mahipal Sachedev

(Chairman, Medical Director, CFS, New Delhi), Dr. Swati Pal (Principal, JDMC), Harshit Gupta (Founder, Womenite) and his team along with Delhi police for their cooperation and support.

- **First lecture of the Lecture series on Disability was presented by Dr Sumit Monga – January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Department of HDFE as part of its Lecture Series on Disability organized first of its special lectures on **Visual Disability, titled: 'Visual Disabilities in Children'** which was delivered by Dr Sumit Monga on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Tuesday) at 9.30 AM, Seminar Room.

Dr Sumit Monga is a Consultant at Centre for Sight, New Delhi and specializes in Pediatric ophthalmology, Strabismus and Neuro-ophthalmology.

The lecture was a very comprehensive presentation on visual abilities in children and covered areas of visual milestones, visual acuity, forms of visual disabilities, their prevention, causes, assessment of vision loss, mobility training available to children, rehabilitation facilities and educational implications.

- **Puppet & Mask Making workshop – January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Department of HDFE organized a workshop on 'Puppet and Mask Making' on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11 am in Room No. 5. The workshop was conducted by Ms Bhawna Sharma, a puppet expert from Central Institute of Education Technology (C.I.E.T) department under National Council of Education Research and Training (N.C.E.R.T). She demonstrated the preparation of cloth and paper puppets and ways of operating them. Students learnt the skill of making paper puppets of fox, crow, rabbit and turtle. They also learnt to develop paper masks of cow and lion. The workshop was a great success as it enabled students to channel their creativity in a variety of ways.

- **Children's Week Celebration – November 7<sup>th</sup> to November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

An exhibition of students' work was organized by the Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at JDM College Auditorium to mark the culmination of an eventful Children's Week Celebration. The week was inaugurated with the launch of an awareness campaign on Retinoblastoma in collaboration with Centre for Sight, New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017. There were a number of other activities organized over the next week on various themes associated with children and child development. These were:

- Poster Making
- Slogan/quotation writing
- Film screening
- Creating awareness pamphlets/ placards
- Presentation of Case Studies

- Group Discussions

All the work done by the students over the Children's Week was put on display at the exhibition on Children's Day i.e. November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It was conceptualized and managed by the students of HDFE. They had developed creative ways to express issues of Child's health, Child Rights and development.

- **Awareness campaign on RB – November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Launch of Awareness campaign on Retinoblastoma**

The Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE) successfully launched an awareness campaign in collaboration with Centre for Sight (CFS), New Delhi on Retinoblastoma (a life-threatening eye cancer in children) at Janki Devi Memorial College on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The launch event was organized in the seminar room of the college at 10.30 AM.

The campaign covered the following activities:

- A sensitization lecture and presentation on Retinoblastoma delivered by Dr Ritesh Narula (CFS).
- A 19-year old survivor's account of battling with RB.
- Presentation by Dr. Bhumika Rathore from CANKIDS that focused on Fight RB India movement.
- A pledge by the students and faculty of JDMC to fight against Retinoblastoma.
- Silent march by the students in the college campus to show solidarity for the cause and spread awareness.

Dr. Vikas Menon, consultant, Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery and Ocular Oncology, Centre for Sight, New Delhi; has been exceptional in his role as the Mentor of this campaign and in providing immense support and cooperation in organizing it.

Dr Santosh Honavar, Director, Medical Services, CFS Group & Director, Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery, Orbit and Ocular Oncology, Centre for Sight, Hyderabad; in the capacity of an Advisor of this campaign, has been instrumental in conceptualizing the campaign and offering his methodical guidance on the initiative.

The campaign received an overwhelming response from the students as well as the college faculty. Students' across disciplines attended the talk in great numbers and participated enthusiastically in preparing badges and placards for the campaign 'Fight the White'. It has been an extremely gratifying and enriching experience for us to learn and share more on the issue. The campaign also received media coverage in the print and online social media.

- **Special lecture on ‘Gender & Patriarchy’ – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

The Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE) organized a special lecture on 'Gender & Patriarchy', which was delivered by Dr Ruby Bhardwaj, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, JDMC on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 1.30pm in Room No. 5.

The lecture was attended by the students of B.A Programme (HDFE). It covered a wide range of themes related to the concept of gender and patriarchy and the ways in which patriarchy influences gender roles and stereotypes. The lecture was very well received by all the students and they participated with great enthusiasm.

- **Special lecture on ‘Wheel of Violence’ – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE) in collaboration with the Women’s Development Centre organized a special lecture on ‘Wheel of Violence’ on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, delivered by Ms Khadija Farooqui, a human rights activist and lawyer. The lecture covered the areas of violence, the various forms in which manifests in a woman’s life, the constitutional articles that ensure gender equality, right to life and liberty for all. The speaker also explained the significance and salient features of one of the most powerful laws prohibiting all forms of violence against women, The Domestic Violence Act 2005. The talk was mainly attended by the students of HDFE and Sociology, who participated actively and made the session very interactive.

- **Special lecture on ‘Children on difficult circumstances’  
By an expert from the Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre (JAC) – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE) organized a special lecture on ‘Children in Difficult Circumstances’, which was delivered by Ms Deepshikha Singh, Sr. Manager, Institute of Juvenile Justice, PRAYAS JAC Society on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 9AM in the HDFE Lab.

Prayas is a Non-governmental organization based in New Delhi. It was founded in 1988 with an objective to provide protection, shelter and education to the neglected, street and working children and the marginalized groups.

Ms Deepshikha introduced Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre (JAC) as a National level humanitarian, gender sensitive and child focused development organization that has been running around 50 projects, 47 homes/shelters, 53 Vocational training centres across the country in 9 states/UTs directly serving about 50,000 children. Prayas works toward providing education, health care, institutional care and sustainable livelihoods to all the children in difficult circumstances and also facilitates rehabilitation of children who are sent under the JJ Act.

The lecture, which was primarily attended by the Semester V students of HDFE, also covered areas of child labour and Child sexual abuse with extensive discussions on the broad conditions leading to such offences and the related cases that the organization had come across.

It was an informative and insightful lecture covering a range of issues associated with the children in difficult circumstances and the role played by Prayas in rehabilitating them.

- **‘Joy of Giving’ Week (October 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**

The Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE) in collaboration with ‘Womenite’ NGO celebrated the ‘Joy of Giving’ Week or *Daan Utsav* from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The idea of celebrating this was to spread the joy of sharing. The main objective was to spend some quality time with the children or people in difficult circumstances.

In order to celebrate this, the students of HDFE along with members of ‘Womenite’ visited various organizations working for underprivileged groups over the week. These organizations were Prayas, Bal Sahyog, Cheshire Home, Jagriti Home, Sampurna and Viklang Sahara Samiti.

The team spent time with the people residing in these homes and did interactive activities like organizing drawing and painting competitions, talent shows, play activities etc. They also distributed some daily use items like clothes, eatables, stationery and toys to the residents, which were donated by the students and staff of JDMC and the members of ‘Womenite’. Our students brought back memories of happy faces and stories of amazing life experiences.

- **Institutional Visits to Bal Sahyog and National Bal Bhawan – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE) organized one-day institutional visits to Bal Sahyog and Bal Bhawan, for its students of B.A Programme Semester III on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Thirty three students of B.A Programme (HDFE), Semester III completed the visits. Students accompanied by two HDFE Department teachers, visited Bal Sahyog first where they were welcomed and introduced to the objectives and workings of the organization by their Executive Director – Ms. Anjali. Bal Sahyog is a Shelter home for boys between 9-17 yrs. of age. The members initiated the students’ on a range of issues related to destitute children, their rehabilitation and the states available apparatus to protect them and their basic rights. This interaction at a children’s shelter home was quite informative and one of its kind as it provided the necessary first

exposure to many of our students on the organizations working for the protection and development of children.

Thereafter, students visited National Bal Bhawan and were given an opportunity to closely observe the activities and training facilities that are available for recreation and overall development of children of all age groups. The institution offered a very wide range of activities for interest and knowledge building for children based on their individual talents and abilities. It also maintains museums on Indian art and cultural heritage and a well-functioning toy train for giving a recreational tour of the institution.

- **Collaborative Art-Making Workshop on ‘Gender Imaging’ – September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

The Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE) conducted a workshop on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 9 AM in the HDFE lab for the Semester V students of B.A Programme (HDFE). The workshop with the theme ‘Imaging Gender’ was aimed at creating collaborative murals by encouraging students to work and develop the art in small groups.

The workshop was conducted by Aditi Aggarwal, a freelance visual artist based in Noida. She is an accomplished artist in the field and is presently practicing at Lalit Kala Akademi’s Regional Centre, Garhi Studios as a Research Scholar.

The participants contributed ideas, designs and images to combine and improvise upon the art and its presentation in a way to address important concerns pertaining to gender such as child labour, female feticide, gender inequality etc. The collaboration happened not just at the level of participation but also on the level of execution while inclusion of varied mediums. The entire batch of B.A Programme, Semester V (HDFE) students participated in the workshop with great enthusiasm.

- **Workshop on Gender Issues by Womenite – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment (HDFE) organized a workshop on ‘Gender Issues’ in collaboration with *Womenite*: A youth led social initiative. The workshop was held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10 am at the JDMC Seminar room.

Ms. Kavya Mohta (a member of *Womenite*) was the facilitator of the workshop. She was joined by another member Mr. Rahul Gulati and the founder of the organization, Mr. Harshit Gupta. The founding member introduced the organization, its objectives and their work through a powerpoint presentation.

Thereafter, the facilitator initiated a discussion on various themes covering:

- Conceptualizing the terms such as gender, masculine, feminine etc.
- Highlighting the difference in socialization of boys and girls.
- Common stereotypes associated with gender
- Discussion on LGBTQ
- Brief history and concept of Feminism and other related connotations
- Perceptions of Feminism
- Sexual harassment and violence and how it affects both men and women

The workshop emphasized upon the need to be aware of one's own and others perceptions and stereotypes, being clear about the concepts associated with gender and the importance of developing a sensitive and inclusive approach to all gender types. It also included some interesting activities to bring out the common stereotypes faced by women students in everyday life.

The workshop was attended in large numbers by the II yr. and III yr. students of B.A Programme (HDFE). Few students from Bharati College also participated in the workshop. It was a very interactive two hour session with students eagerly coming forth to share their experience and opinions on various issues.