

## **WDC Events 2019 - 2020**

### **Workshop by Dr. Isha Khurana**

On 6 February 2020, infertility specialist and gynecologist, Dr. Isha Khurana, conducted a Workshop on "Medical Ethics and How it is Practiced", especially with respect to IVF techniques, surrogacy and single parenting.

### **Distinguished Speaker Series Lecture**

WDC organised a lecture on 19 October 2019 by noted activist Kamla Bhasin, on "Patriarchy and its Changing Nature" as part of this year's Distinguished Speaker Series.

### **Workshop on Abortion**

A day long Workshop on Abortion was conducted at JDMC on 28 September 2019 by YP Foundation to commemorate the International Safe Abortion Day.

### **Session on Rights and Dignity of the LGBT Community**

On 25 September 2019, a session on the "Rights and Dignity of the LGBT Community" was held in the Committee Room for the students doing the add-on course.

## **RISE - Bystander Intervention Program**

WDC has facilitated the annual workshops of the RISE-Bystander Intervention Program, implemented by the University of Münster, Germany, in collaboration with JDMC which began in September 2019, by lending financial support.

These workshops were successfully conducted for Sociology, History, Philosophy, Sanskrit, Mathematics, Political Science, English and Commerce departments.

## **Add-On Course on Gender Issues & Sensitization**

An Add-on Course on “Gender Issues & Sensitization” with a duration of 100 hours (over the course of 4 months) was launched on 22 August 2019 in collaboration with NGOs and Governmental organizations such as Delhi Police, Breakthrough Foundation, Cequin, DCW and others. It seeks to train students to do research and field-work on Gender-related issues.

The aims of the course are:

1. To provide conceptual clarity and to help evolve a common understanding of concepts and issues impacting women.
2. To create awareness about, and to encourage students to challenge patriarchal attitudes, behaviour patterns and institutions.
3. To raise awareness about women’s movements.
4. To educate students about laws relating to women.
5. To help them understand the functioning and limitations of existing institutions working for women.

The students also got the opportunity to do internships with Delhi Commission for Women and National Commission for Women and with NGOs like Cequin and Breakthrough. On successful completion of the course, students received certificates signed by all the participating organizations.

The Course received a tremendous response, with around 30 students having enrolled for it. Sessions were conducted by Breakthrough Foundation on the subject of “Media and Gender” and Journalist, DCW, Cequin and activist and Masooma Ranalvi conducted a session on “Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)”.

Students interned with the Delhi Commission for Women for one month from 10 October 2019 to 10 November 2019.

### **Lecture by Dr. Jyoti Bali**

A lecture was held on 30 August 2019 by Dr. Jyoti Bali, Medical Director of “Babysoon Fertility & IVF Center”, Delhi, a Clinic for Fertility health. She spoke to the students on the all-important subject of women’s reproductive health - the measures to take, precautions and other treatment options for improving reproductive health. She highlighted the common problems affecting a large number of women and hindering their chances of childbearing and childbirth, and pointed out the necessary precautions to counter these.

## **Lecture and Introductory Session by Khadija Farooqui**

A lecture and introductory session with students was conducted on 30 July 2019 by Khadija Farooqui, a Women's Rights activist and founding member of Women helpline, 181. Her focus was on the growing incidents of rape, especially aggravated rape in India despite the large body of laws designed to counter this horrific crime against women. She also spoke of the inadequate responses by the state and other stakeholders in this context.