



# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CELL

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Sri.Y.N.College, affiliated to Andhra University, is a reputed institution in this region. The Women Empowerment Cell of Sri YN College was started in the year 2003 to play a proactive role towards sensitization of the girl students towards gender issues in order to provide a congenial atmosphere in the college campus. The Cell aims at creating awareness among the girl students and the women staff members to achieve socio-economic liberation. It has been continuously striving for achieving gender equality and to sensitize the student community regarding the issues of eve-teasing, violence against women, female foeticide etc. The cell has been organizing group discussions, lectures and interactive sessions with experts in the relevant fields to motivate and create awareness among girl students. It seeks to empower women as decision makers and to achieve economic, social and gender justice. On International Women's Day, every year the cell invites and felicitates eminent women from different walks of life to motivate and inspire the girl students. It also looks after the wellbeing of the girl students by providing all the amenities they require to continue their education in an amicable and inspiring atmosphere so as to become bold and healthy future citizens.

The cell organized an awareness programme on Sexual Harassment and Self Defence training programme to the girl students through audio visuals. The students practically learnt some important and useful, easy techniques to defend themselves when they face any danger in their

day to day life. The cell has very useful DVDs, Audio CDs and Books which are quite useful to enhance the knowledge and awareness of the students on various women issues. On 19th September, 2017 the Women Empowerment Cell organized 'Train the Trainer Programme - Kishori Vikasam' (a scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls) in collaboration with the Dept of Women Development and Child Welfare. Fifty Girl Students of Final year Degree were trained as Peer Group Trainers. Smt. Ch. Suryachakraveni, DCPO, Eluru, Smt. Ch Indira, CDPO, Mogaltur, Smt. T.L.Saraswathi, CDPO, Akiveedu, Smt. V.Himabindu, Clinical Psychologist, District Hospital, Eluru, Sri. G.Venkayya, Training Coordinator, W.G.Dt., Smt. M. Nagamani, Health Doctor, Turputhallu, Sri. M.Subbarao, Circle Inspector, Narsapur attended the training programme as Resource Persons.

On 16th February, 2018 the Women Empowerment Cell organized "The International Women's Day" by inviting Smt. S.Rajyalakshmi, Member of Women Commission, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to address the gathering. She encouraged the girl students to be bold and courageous to achieve success in their lives. On 7th March, 2018 we celebrated International Women's Day. Smt. K. Vasundara (lawyer) gave legal awareness regarding women issues. On 8th March, International Women's Day, Smt. S.M. Maheswari attended SGS College, Jaggayyapeta as chief guest.

Thank you!