

Report on Bystander Intervention Program

Title: RISE- A Bystander Intervention Program Date: 25th September, 2019 Venue: Seminar Hall, Janki Devi Memorial College
Participant's Profile: A total of 46 students from 1st year Under-Graduate (Sanskrit Department) of JDMC along with 6 Faculty members participated in the program.
Description of the Program: A one day program on Gender roles, Healthy relationships and Sexual Violence was conducted in order to make participants aware of sexual violence and rape myths. Additionally, to engage participants as potential witness of sexual violence. The program was organised by Ms. Vandana Madan and conducted by Ms. Meghna Surana and Dr. Sonal Jain, in association with University of Munster, Germany. The content Provided by Niedar et al. was delivered and translated in Hindi for the better understanding of the participants. Various interactive methods such as role play, surveys etc. were used to engage participants.
Feedback: The participants found the program engaging and enriching. It gave them a clear understanding of sexual violence, victim blaming, and bystander intervention. Majority of the participants were thankful for creating awareness about an important, sensitive and yet less 'talked-about' issue. However, a few participants did not agree with few statements such as "girls can wear anything and not expect men to act". Those participants opined that girls should wear decent clothes and conduct themselves properly to avoid sexual harassment.
Future Perspective: Many Participants suggested that these programs should be organised for male participants and older generation. This was suggested to bring a change in the larger section of the society and also, the section which requires knowledge and grooming about sexual violence and bystander intervention the most.
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