

Vivekananda College

Women's Cell

Through a multifaceted approach, the Women's Cell at Vivekananda College plays a pivotal role in empowering women, promoting gender equality, and fostering a supportive and inclusive campus environment where all individuals can thrive and realize their full potential. The Cell plays a pivotal role in ensuring the holistic development and safety of female students within the campus environment.

It serves as a platform to address various concerns like advancement of women in academic, social, and personal spheres. Here's an overview of the functions and significance of the Women's Cell in our college:

- 1. Counselling and Support Services:** The Women's Cell at Vivekananda College offers counselling and support services to female students who may be facing personal, academic, or emotional challenges. Trained counsellors provide a safe and confidential space for students to express their concerns and seek guidance, helping them navigate through difficulties and enhance their overall well-being.
- 2. Skill Development Programs:** In line with its mission to empower women, the Women's Cell conducts skill development programs aimed at equipping female students with practical skills and knowledge that are essential for their personal and professional growth. These programs cover a wide range of areas including communication skills, leadership development, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.
- 3. Celebrating Achievements:** The Women's Cell celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of female students, faculty, and alumni to recognize their contributions to the college community and beyond. By highlighting success stories and role models, the Cell inspires other women to strive for excellence and pursue their dreams with confidence.
- 4. Networking and Collaboration:** The Women's Cell actively engages in networking and collaboration with other organizations, both within and outside the college, to amplify its impact and reach. By forging partnerships and alliances, the Cell can leverage resources, expertise, and opportunities to further its objectives and initiatives.

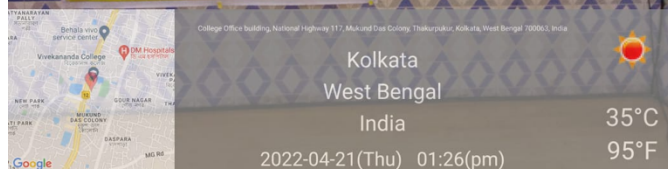
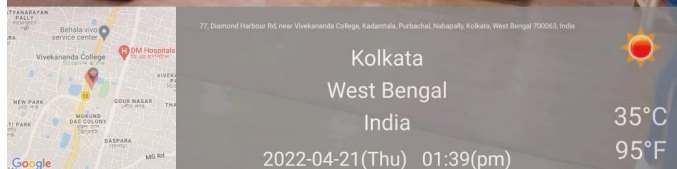
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Celebration of Women's Day by organizing a lecture by Sunanda Mukherjee by the Women's Cell.



A Workshop and hands on training programme was organized for a project sponsored by the National Commission of Women. It was conducted by the University of Calcutta in Collaboration with the Women's Cell and the department of Women's Studies, Vivekananda College. It was titled "The Red Dot and the Cycle of Birth: Reproductive Choices of Young Adults held on 21st April 2022.



A session on Gender Stereotypes held on 27th April 2019. A survey and questionnaire were discussed with the students.



6th March 2019

A seminar was organized by the Women's Studies department and the Women's Cell of our college. The title of the seminar was "Stop trafficking : I am not for sale ", it was followed by a debate on the topic "Ekhono bola dorkari /Amra Nari, amra pari".

SwayamSiddha, an organization working with rescued girls and also crusading against this evil in society by rescuing girls, brought three survivors who are now working with Kolkata Police, accompanying in raids to rescue trafficked girls and also helping in the identification of the traffickers, rehabilitating the girls who have been rescued in a hostile, unsympathetic society, unfortunately which includes family as well. One of the three was abducted from school at the age of 14, after being rescued



she at the tender age of 17 or 18 has helped in retrieving 6 more from a literal inferno. The warning that they gave was alarming, not only girls but boys too are at peril, for organ theft and that one should not trust even close people because danger may lurk in unsuspected quarters! I heard a young boy in the audience blurt out "what a sick society we live in! "

Unfortunately it is true! But awareness programmes must take place in various sections frequently and it is the onus of the right thinking people to lead from the front and bring about the necessary change!

An Inter-College *Mela* (fete) was organized on 1st February 2019, by SWAYAM and YUVA in collaboration with The Women's Cell and the department of Women's Studies. The focus of this initiative was to instill among the youth the gender neutrality, acceptance and breaking of boundaries or stereotypical dictums. The means used were games, debate, work challenges and shows aimed to break the divide.



