

REPORT

Name of the Event: Women's Day Celebration

Organized by: Women's Development Cell

Date: 12.03.2025

Venue: Shri Shikshayatan College

Number of Participants-

Teachers: 36

Students: 113

Resource Person:

Dr. Jhuma Basak

Training and Supervisor

Indian Psychological Society

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Events:

- Poster Making Competition
- Multi-Lingual Creative Writing Competition
- Cultural Performance
- Lecture

Brief Description of the events:

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Shri Shikshayatan College hosted a Special Lecture delivered by Dr. Jhuma Basak on the theme "Resistance and Agency in Women's Empowerment." Dr. Basak's discourse critically examined the dialectics of power and subversion embedded in the lived experiences of women navigating structures of patriarchy. She emphasized that the very act of women claiming pleasure is intricately mediated by socio-cultural prescriptions that often position pleasure as a conditional and morally regulated domain. Drawing from feminist theoretical frameworks, she explained how pleasure for women is frequently accompanied by residual guilt, shaped by internalized norms that dictate appropriate female behaviour.

A Poster Making and Creative Writing Competition was organized on International Women's Day, showcasing the artistic and literary talents of participating students. The Creative Writing

segment was conducted in four languages- English, Bengali, Hindi, and Urdu, allowing for a rich expression of cultural and linguistic diversity. Participants demonstrated remarkable originality and depth of thought, contributing to the overall success of the event.

Outcome:

- The lecture foregrounded a necessity of dismantling ideological constructs by the idea of “transgression” in order to foster genuine empowerment grounded in autonomy and self-affirmation.
- Following the declaration of results, the posters were exhibited for public viewing, providing an opportunity for attendees to appreciate the creativity and effort of the contributors.

Enclosed: Photographs

Pic 1: Teacher-in-charge; Dr. Papiya Chaudhury addressing the audience.

Pic 2: Convener WDC; Dr. Sharmila Ghosh delivering the welcome address

Pic 3: Speaker; Dr. Jhuma Basak.

Pic 4: Q&A session

Pic 5: Students participation in the Poster Making Competition and Multi-Lingual Creative Writing Competition



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Pic: 2



Pic: 3



Pic: 4



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