



CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES PT. RAVISHANKAR SHUKLA UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR

THE CWS UPDATE

STATE-LEVEL MEGA EVENT "CULTURAL EVENT AND GENDER EQUALITY MELA."

To commemorate the Global campaign for ending violence against women & girls and to spread the message that "Love is always violence-free", 16 days of activism program was organized by the Center for Women Studies. Centre for Women Studies (CWS), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur, together with OXFAM India and Aman Satya Kachroo Trust organized cultural events and gender equality fairs for bringing people together to work for equality on 5th December 2018 at the auditorium, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.

Students participated in various events with real and enthusiasm to convey messages on gender equality. Students and teachers were trained to become gender champions. The gender champions are responsible leaders who facilitate an enabling environment within the institution where girls are treated with dignity and respect. Various events were organized to spread the message on gender equality. Students conveyed their message on gender equality by making paintings, posters, rangoli, and through plays.

This state-level mega-event was inaugurated by Prof. Kesari Lal Verma, Vice-Chancellor, Pt. RSU, Raipur who appealed to the women & young girls to develop skills for becoming self-sufficient and economically independent. He encouraged the women folk for taking up higher studies in the field of their interest. He also gave the message on gender equality and encouraged division of work in household chores and asked the males to remove the "Gender tag" with the various jobs. Prof. Reeta Venugopal, Director, CWS, and Ms. Urmimala of Oxfam India, gave the message to promote gender equality in society.

The participating institutions in this event were Pt. RSU, Columbia Nursing College, Gurukul college, Agrasen college, Degree Girls College, Pragati College, Disha College, Ayurvedic College, and various other institutes of Raipur. The students of these institutes participated in various activities on Gender Equality and they participated in the cultural event and in the Gender Equality Mela. In all this event was a great success.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND CO-OPERATION WITH STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, CHHATTISGARH AND PRIA INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH IN ASIA) NEW DELHI, AS PART OF ITS UNESCO CHAIR

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education

Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University has been recognized Knowledge for Change (K4C) hub for training in Community Based Participatory Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. This initiative reinforces, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO Chairs) global leadership in the field of participatory approaches to research and community-university engagement. Centre for Women Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University has the distinction of being the pioneer in the country to take this initiative. The University is striving hard towards imparting quality education and research. Certificate Course on Community Based Participatory Research" fulfills the SDG 5goals, has been started from session 2018-19 by Centre for Women Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University in collaboration with State Planning Commission. Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University is the first in the country to start this course.

MENTOR TRAINING PROGRAM

The mentors attended a 21 week Mentor Training Program (MTP) based on online learning activities, a two-week face-to-face learning residency held at PRIA, New Delhi, and OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana (First Cohort) Victoria, Canada from 13th to 28th October 2018 and a fieldwork component on Community Based Participatory Research, an educational program developed by the Knowledge for Change (K4C) Consortium which is an initiative of the UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, under University of Victoria, Canada and PRIA, India.

Mentors of the certificate course

- Dr. Reeta Venugopal, Director, CWS, Pt. RSU, Raipur
- Dr. Lukeshwar Singh Gajpal, Associate professor, SoS in Sociology, Pt. RSU, Raipur
- Dr. Shailendra Kumar, SoS in Anthropology, Pt. RSU, Raipur



ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON “WOMEN SAFETY IN THE LIGHT OF KATHUA AND UNNAO RAPE CASES” DATE- 19TH APRIL 2018

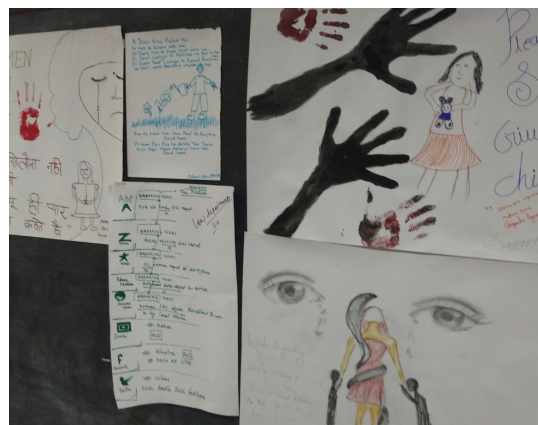
A participatory discussion on “Women safety in the light of Kathua and Unnao rape cases” was organized on 19th April 2018 in the seminar hall of Arts block, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur (C.G.). The program organized under the aegis of the Centre for Women Studies, PRIA and Martha Farrell Foundation, was intended to provide a platform for students and faculty members to engage in open discussion at the increasing frequency of horrifying rapes in the country.

The program started with the address by Ms. Nandita Bhatt, PRIA Martha Farrell Foundation. She invited the audience to express their feelings on the ghastly Kathua and Unnao rape cases which had shaken the whole country. The students unanimously expressed concern on the unabated incidences of rape in the country and Mr. Tikeswar Sahu of SoS in Psychology, Pt. RSU, suggested some possible reasons for the same. Ms. Shweta Prasad of SOS in Physical education expressed concern on the unsupportive role of society to the victim following such incidences. The importance of education for the creation of awareness against sexual violence was highlighted by Ms. Radhika of Physical Education.

Prof. Reeta Venugopal, Director, CWS highlighted the relevance of the discussion in the present context, while Prof. Aditi Poddar, Associate Director, CWS expressed her anguish at the horrifying Kathua case based on religious hatred. It was suggested that not only exemplary punishment must be given to all the accused who were involved in the rape of an 8-year-old Kashmiri Muslim girl within a Hindu temple, but also exemplary punishment must be given to the people who took out a rally in support of the accused unfurling the national tricolor. She further added that the tricolor is the country’s pride and cannot be used in support of people who support rapists. She also insisted on stringent punishments for people holding responsible positions in the government involved directly or indirectly in crimes such as rapes. The role of social networking sites in instigating lust among children and adults alike is also a major concern.

Prof. Priyamvada Shrivastava, Associate Director, CWS also expressed her views on the issue. The workshop included the awareness about the method of Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) as well as gender sensitization among students. Student participation was overwhelming. The expression of students in the form of oral presentations, painting, and poems was very encouraging.

The central theme of the workshop was sexual abuse of the child and young females. The outcome was in the form of suggestions from the students, for the heinous crimes and ensuring befitting punishment for the same. Of the total 90 participating students 17 conveyed their feelings and opinions through Painting and 15 through poems.



The Suggestions areas.

- Exemplary punishment to the culprit.
- People who support such case should also be punished.
- Social networking acts as insulation factor in the crime, as well as sensitization of the masses about gender equality.
- Awareness building amongst girls & boys.
- Self-defense training to be imparted to girl / women.
- Educating girls and boys regarding sexual harassment.
- Educating about how and to whom to report the incidents.
- Changing attitude of men towards women viz a viz sexual harassment.
- Awareness programs to be conducted.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON “ PARTICIPATORY SAFETY AUDIT (PSA)” IN COLLABORATION WITH PRIA ORGANIZATION AND MARTHA FARRELL FOUNDATION.

DATE - 07TH AUGUST 2018.

A workshop on Participatory Safety Audit (PSA) was organized on 7th August 2018 by PRIA and Martha Farrell Foundation in the community-based participatory hub (Centre for Women’s Studies), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.

The students were trained in mapping techniques as a research tool to collect information. The student used the mapping technique to locate unsafe areas in the university campus. The total no. of participants from the Youth Core Group was 40 (22 males and 18 females).

Recommendation received from the institutions/stakeholders:

- Sharing the findings of PSA with VC & Registrar.
- Providing safe and secured environment to students inside the campus. The following suggestions was shared with VC and Registrar:
 - Continuous Police patrolling at night.
 - Installing C.C.T.V. cameras in and around the campus to increase the security
 - Increasing the number of guards
 - Installing street lights to eliminate dark and unsafe area in the campus
 - Restricting outside people from entering university campus post working hours.
 - Close/block the road that goes towards the pond
 - Students should be responsible in creating and maintaining safe atmosphere. The miscreants are found among them.



ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON "FILM APPRECIATION" ON GENDER ISSUE IN COLLABORATION WITH OXFAM INDIA. DATE 24TH NOVEMBER 2018.

In the film appreciation tool kit students were shown film clips related to sexual harassment and were asked about their opinion. The students were also asked what they would have done in that situation. Through the use of film clips in Hindi, as well as through activities & discussion, this toolkit was used to generate discussion on gendered social norms and on sexual harassment in the workplace.

This tool was used as young people easily recognize and are able to identify the stereotypes and gender norms, both positive and negative, which are consciously and subconsciously affecting their minds. As it is promoted through social and electronic media they should be able to evaluate the impact of this exposure in their own lives.



WORKSHOP ON "COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH (CBPR)"

DATE - 6TH TO 8TH DECEMBER 2018

A three-day workshop on "COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH (CBPR)" was organized from 6th to 8th December 2018 in the seminar hall of Arts block, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur (C.G.). The program organized under the aegis of the Centre for Women Studies, State Planning commission, and PRIA.



LECTURE DELIVERED ON " IMPORTANCE OF CBPR METHOD " BY MS. NANDITA BHATT,



GROUP DISCUSSION



CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION

The topics covered by different experts are as below.

- Introduction to CBPR
- Field experience challenges of the field in CBPR
- Ethics and Values
- Approach of the traditional research techniques
- Importance of CBPR Method
- Difference between traditional research Method & CBPR
- Field study Impact Assessment & Process of CBPR from Field Study
- Story telling Method

TWO DAYS WORKSHOP ON "WAY TO CONNECT HIGHER EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY" IN COLLABORATION WITH STATE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PRIA. DATE- 6TH TO 7TH MARCH 2019

A training cum workshop was conducted. The students of the certificate course presented the process of the fieldwork conducted by them. It was discussed how institutions of higher learning can be connected to the community the students were given feedback on the fieldwork by experts.



**WORKSHOP CUM TRAINING PROGRAM: TECHNIQUES IN COMMUNITY BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH (CBPR)
DATE - 28TH -30TH MARCH 2019**

A three-day workshop on techniques in community-based participatory research was organized between 28th -30th March 2019 by community-based participatory research (Centre for Women Studies), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.

Graphic skills were taught to the students of Community Based Participatory Research. The importance of pictures in building up a proper narration of a social issue or a problem was taken up which helps the student in report preparation as well as sharing project with the community.



PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS BY THE CBPR STUDENTS



SHARING OF THE PROJECT REPORTS WITH THE COMMUNITY

**ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON THE THEME “THINK EQUAL, BUILD SMART, INNOVATE FOR CHANGE ”
IN COLLABORATION WITH OXFAM, MARTHA FARRELL FOUNDATION, AND PRIA.
DATE - 8TH MARCH. 2018**

Centre for Women's Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur and Oxfam India PRIA and Martha Farrell Foundation jointly organized on 8th March 2019, On the occasion of International Women's Day theme: 'Think equal, build smart, innovate for change', a one day program was organized at the institute of pharmacy Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur at M L Saraf seminar hall from 11 AM onwards .chief guest of the program Dr. Kiranmay Nayak, former mayor Raipur and special guest Mrs. Melina Kurre, IPS superintendent of police, GRPF Chhattisgarh, As a special speaker Dr.Abha Rupendra Pal, Professor of the History department, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, and Mr. Anand Shukla regional manager, Oxfam India Raipur were invited. The program was presided over by the honorable vice-chancellor, Prof. Kesari Lal Verma. Welcoming all the guests present in the program, the program was inaugurated by Prof. Reeta Venugopal director, CWS.

In the first phase of the program, Prof. Abha Rupendra Pal, gave a detailed lecture about the status and movement of women in India through the thoughts and history of Mahatma Gandhi in the context of the upliftment of women. The chief guest of the program Dr. Kiranmayi Nayak former mayor Raipur gave a detailed lecture about the safety of women while giving a lecture in relation to the safe city. The news to be published in the newspaper regarding women was discussed by Mr. Anand Shukla.

In the second phase of the program Mrs. Melina Kurre, IPS superintendent of police, GRPF Chhattisgarh while discussing the topic of women study and self-reliance in the present environment. An open discussion was held with all the students present on the topic overview of the city champion by Ms pooja Pandey PRIA organization New Delhi, under which a detailed discussion was held regarding the technical measures regarding the safety of women helpline women and how women should be protected in unsafe places is so that women feel safe, the topic was discussed in detail. A large number of professors, staff, officers, and students were present in the program organized.



RESEARCH ACTIVITY

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECT

- Prevalence and Awareness of Chronic Disease among Women of different Professions in relation to LifeStyle and Activity Level. Funding Agency - CCOST (Chhattisgarh Council of Science & Technology)
- Nutritional status and utilization of antenatal health care services among the Baiga women of Chhattisgarh. Funding Agency - Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
- Effect of Intervention Programme on Nutritional Status & Mental Health of Adolescent Girls. Funding Agency - CWS, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur

THE MENTORS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE LEARNING MATERIAL FOR THE CBPR COURSE THROUGH THEIR FIELD STUDY REPORTS.

- Case Study on Role of youth in Prevention of Sexual Harassment At Work Place.
- Community-based participatory research on the Drop-out problem (A case study of Atari Village of Raipur District of Chhattisgarh, India).
- Status of school dropout children among Gond tribe in Kamarabasa , Chhattisgarh, India

RESEARCH PUBLICATION

- A Comparative Study of Anthropometric variable and Physical Fitness variables of residential and non-residential tribal players of Bastar, Chhattisgarh, India. IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS). 23(7), 06-12.
- Nutritional Status and utilization of Antenatal Health Care Services Among the Baiga Women of Chhattisgarh. International Journal of research in Social Science. 8(9), 200-206.
- Comparative Study of Pre-Menstrual Syndrome in Sports Women and Non-Sports Women of different age groups. International Journal of Scientific Research and Reviews. 8(2), 40-46.
- Impact of body mass index and age on Mental Health of Adolescent Girls. Indian Journal of Public Health Research & Development (Paper Accepted).

Forthcoming activities: International women's day, self defence training program, Gender sensitization awareness program
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