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In the past year, the Women's Development Cell (WDC) has organized a range of diverse activities in its quest for gender justice.

In March, student members of WDC attended a conference on International Women's Day, organised by VishwaYuvak Kendra. There they actively participated in the discussions about the status of women in India today. In April, WDC collaborated with the Book Club of the College to organize a *Daastangoi* performance by Fouzia and Valentina Trivedi titled 'DastaanGoopi-Baghaki'. Then in July, WDC screened 'IzzatNagrikiAsabhyaBetian', Nakul Singh Sawhney's critically acclaimed film on Khap Panchayats and honour killings, followed by an intensive discussion with the film-maker. In association with the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of the College, WDC conducted a session by Dr. Vageshwari Deswal on 'Women and Law', to raise legal awareness amongst the students, in the same month. In September, a poster making competition was organized on the theme 'Kadam Kadampe'. WDC organized 'Dastan-e- Aurat', in October. Eminent authors, Nasera Sharma and Vandana Nag, and the distinguished lawyer Kamlesh Jain discussed everyday gender issues that women face.

As part of WDC's long standing collaboration with *Goonj*, the Cell organized a Clothes Collection Drive for flood victims in August. In October, they donated 225 school kits as part of *Joy of Giving* initiative, the money for which was raised through a donation drive in College. WDC also started an interactive in-house series on discussing pervasive gender stereotypes in popular culture and media. The first session 'Hasna Mana Hai' focused on sexist and misogynist jokes that are widely shared through social media, interrogating the hidden assumptions and implications behind them.