





<u>C-AKAM – Special Lecture on "International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women" - Special lecture on 25th November 2022 for PRL women members</u>

A special lecture cum interactive session was organized for women employees and women CHSS beneficiaries on 25-11-2022 at 4 PM in K R Ramanathan Auditorium, PRL by CAKAM in coordination with ICC & Women Cell PRL.

Around 86 members participated from Main Campus, Thaltej Campus and USO (through web link). Program began with opening remarks about the subject by Mrs. Nandini Rao. Professor Lokesh Sahu, Chairman- AKAM addressed the gathering and mark the launch of campaign on 25 November 2022 with main objective to eliminate violence against women. Prof. Sahu also spoke about the Global theme regarding gender-biased violence "UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls".

Prof Srubabati Goswami and Chair, Women cell who works at National and International level for empowerment of female employees addressed the gathering. Prof. Srubabati emphasised that the violence against women and girls remains the most pervasive human rights violation around the world and to reduce and prevent violence against women and girls, and protect their rights. She also added that the domestic violence is seriously under reported and lack of support from the family worsens the situation.

Dr. Shital Patel delivered the Special lecture and provided the information about types of violence, violation of human right, measures to avoid violence and suggested helpline numbers for rescue in such cases in India. She also spoke about the schemes undertaken by the Govt. of India, to provide support to the victims. She ended her talk by emphasizing to take a pledge to prevent domestic violence.

The talk was followed by a question and answer session. The following were proposed:

- 1. To conduct workshops for small groups of male and female.
- 2. Going to the schools in nearby villages to sensitize adolescent girls
- 3. Women counselling workshops to be organized
- 4. Self defence workshops to be organized

The ICC & Women cell shall look into these suggestions.

To mark the Constitution day (26th being a weekend holiday) Ms. Jayashree Balan Iyer read out preamble of the Constitution, which was followed by Vote of Thanks by Mrs. Rumkee Dutta. The session was concluded with National Anthem.









Glimpses of the session





























