

Event Report on 'Women and Girl Safety', by All India Women Conference

On 9th October 2024, School of Vocational Studies, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Karampura Campus, in collaboration with the All India Women Conference (AIWC), organized a highly impactful awareness event on 'Women and Girl Safety'. This event was attended by the undergraduate and postgraduate students of School of Vocational Studies and it focused on addressing critical safety concerns for women and girls in both private and public spaces, encouraging the youth to become informed advocates for change.

The event was graced by a panel of distinguished guest speakers from AIWC, including Smt. Kalyani Raj, President of AIWC; Dr. Upasana Singh, Treasurer of AIWC; Smt. Kuljeet Kaur, Member In-charge of AIWC; and Ms. Ritu, Assistant Program Manager at AIWC. Dr. Priya Singh, Assistant Professor (Tourism & Hospitality), School of Vocational Studies, introduced the guest speakers and outlined the objective of the awareness event. She lauded the All India Women Conference for their continued dedication to promoting women's rights and safety, and for bringing this conversation to the university's students.

Following the introduction to the event, a warm welcome address was delivered by Prof. Sitanshu S. Jena, who underscored the importance of discussing women's safety, particularly in today's social climate, where violence against women continues to be a serious concern. Prof. Jena emphasized the role of educational institutions in raising awareness and preparing the next generation to tackle these societal challenges. He expressed his gratitude to AIWC for initiating such an essential discussion at the university.



The event was designed to be highly interactive, and the guest speakers actively engaged with the students, encouraging them to share their personal experiences and thoughts on the issue of women's safety. Several students from both the B.Voc and M.Voc programs spoke candidly about their concerns and challenges, recounting instances where they had encountered safety threats.

The interactive session fostered an open dialogue, with students and speakers collaboratively discussing the underlying causes of such incidents. The conversation delved into societal norms, cultural attitudes, and gender stereotypes that perpetuate unsafe environments for women. Together, the participants explored potential remedial actions, such as increasing legal literacy, promoting community-driven initiatives, parents' sensitization, and fostering a culture of mutual respect and vigilance.

One of the major takeaways from the discussion was the importance of involving men in the conversation about women's safety. The students and speakers alike agreed that the responsibility for ensuring safety should not rest solely on women, but on society as a whole, and that men have a significant role to play in addressing the issue.



The event concluded with a strong call to action from the guest speakers, urging the students to be proactive in promoting safety for women and girls. The speakers expressed hope that the awareness campaign would inspire students to advocate for change in their own communities and beyond.

The Dean of the School of Vocational Studies, Prof. Sitanshu S. Jena, thanked the speakers and participants for their valuable contributions. He reiterated the university's commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all students and encouraged the continued collaboration between the university and organizations like AIWC to address pressing societal issues.

The awareness event on women and girl safety, organized by AIWC in collaboration with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, was a resounding success. It not only provided valuable information on the safety challenges women face but also empowered the students to take action. The event highlighted the importance of education, legal awareness, and community involvement in creating a safer environment for women, leaving a lasting impact on the attendees.

