

Annual Report of Women Development Cell (WDC), Aditi Mahavidyalaya

The Women Development Cell (WDC) of Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi, has been actively engaged in organizing various programs and initiatives that promote women's empowerment, gender sensitivity, and skill development. In the academic year 2024–25, WDC conducted a series of impactful events aimed at enhancing students' awareness, confidence, and engagement in critical discussions about gender equality, self-reliance, and women's safety. From self-defence training and creative competitions to thought-provoking film screenings and intellectual seminars, these initiatives provided students with a holistic

The Women Development Cell, in collaboration with the Parivartan Cell of Delhi Police, successfully conducted a five-day self-defence workshop from 17th to 21st February 2025 at Aditi Mahavidyalaya. The primary objective of this initiative was to equip students with practical self-defence techniques, boost their confidence, and raise awareness about personal safety. A trained officer from the Delhi Police conducted hands-on sessions focusing on physical defence tactics, situational awareness, and emergency response strategies. 66 students of our college actively engaged in practicing techniques under expert supervision, making the sessions highly engaging and beneficial. The workshop concluded on a positive note, with students sharing their feedback, emphasizing how the program boosted their confidence and preparedness to handle challenging situations.



Aditi Mahavidyalaya
(University of Delhi)

SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP
Organised By
WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL
IN COLLABORATION WITH DELHI POLICE

Venue:- College Ground
Time :- 10am to 12pm
Date :- 17 to 21 February 2025

Coordinator
WDC Committee

Prof. Mamta Sharma
(Principal)

To celebrate creativity and spread awareness about women's self-reliance, WDC organized a Poster Making Competition on 4th March 2025 at the college. The theme आत्मनिर्भर महिलाएं (Self-Reliant Woman) encouraged students to express their thoughts on women's empowerment, independence, and resilience through art. Students showcased thought-provoking and visually compelling posters, reflecting their ideas on women's self-sufficiency and empowerment. Winners of the Competition were 1st Position: Bavya (BHJ, Semester 2);

2nd Position: Sneha (BA Hons. Social Work, Semester 6) and 3rd Position: Sneha (BHJ, Semester 6)

ADITI MAHAVIDYALAYA
(University of Delhi)
WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL
Organises
POSTER MAKING COMPETITION
ON 4TH MARCH 2025
Topic: आत्मनिर्भर महिला
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Venue: College Ground (Near the stage)

Position holders will get Attractive Prizes!
1st Position: ₹2000
2nd Position: ₹1500
3rd Position: ₹1000

Prof. Mamta Sharma (Principal) Prof. Rashmi Sharma (Convenor) Prof. Neerja Deswal (Co-convenor)

***Note: Students have to bring their own materials**

ADITI MAHAVIDYALAYA
(University of Delhi)
WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL
Organises
Women centric film screening
Time: 10:00 onwards
Date: 19-20th March, 2025
Venue: College Auditorium

Prof. Mamta Sharma (Principal) Prof. Rashmi Sharma (Convenor) Prof. Neerja Deswal (Co-convenor)

Committee Members: Prof. Asha, Dr. Asha Devi, Dr. Kamlesh Wadhwa, Dr. Sangeeta, Dr. Juhi Bhatnagar, Dr. Manish Vats.

As part of its efforts to promote gender-sensitive discussions and awareness, WDC organized a Women-Centric Film Screening on 19th and 20th March 2025 in the College Auditorium. The event featured two impactful films – "Mrs." and "Ajo", both addressing pertinent women's issues. "Mrs." – This film explores a woman's journey of self-discovery, as she challenges societal norms and redefines her identity beyond traditional expectations. "Ajo" – A powerful narrative highlighting gender discrimination and the resilience of women in rural India, shedding light on the challenges women face in patriarchal societies. The screenings were attended by students, teaching, and non-teaching staff, ensuring a diverse and inclusive participation. Post-screening discussions encouraged attendees to reflect on gender roles, societal expectations, and the struggles of women in different social contexts. The event proved to be a valuable initiative in using cinema as a tool for gender sensitization, social change and awareness.

The Women Development Cell of Aditi Mahavidyalaya also organized a National Seminar on "साहित्य और सिनेमा में स्त्री छवि" (Representation of Women in Literature and Cinema) on 20th March 2025 in the Conference Room. The seminar brought together esteemed speakers from academia and the film industry to discuss the evolution of female representation in literature and cinema. Esteemed speakers were: Dr. Yamini Gautam (Retd. Vice Principal, Maitreyi College), Prof. Bharti Gore (Professor, Hindi Department, University of Delhi) and Sh. Ramji Bali (Associate Professor, National School of Drama). Dr. Yamini Gautam analysed the transformation of female characters in literature, emphasizing the shift from passive to

empowered representations. Prof. Bharti Gore explored how Hindi literature has historically shaped gender roles and continues to challenge patriarchal norms. Sh. Ramji Bali examined the portrayal of women in Indian cinema, discussing societal influences on film narratives and the need for more realistic female representations.

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Dr. Yamini Gautam
Retd. Vice Principal, Maitreyi College
University of Delhi

Prof. Bharti Gore
Professor, Department of Hindi
University of Delhi

Sh. Ramji Bali
Associate Professor
National School of Drama

Date: 20th March, 2025
Venue: Conference Room
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Prof. Rashmi Sharma
(Convenor)

Prof. Neerja Deswal
(Co-convenor)

Prof. Mamta Sharma
(Principal)

Members: Prof. Asha, Dr Asha Devi, Dr Kamlesh Wadhwa, Dr Sangeeta, Dr Juhi Bhatnagar,
Dr Manish Vats, Dr. Parul Chorpa

The seminar fostered intellectual discussions on the intersection of literature, cinema, and gender studies. Faculty and students actively participated, raising thought-provoking questions about female representation in media. The event reinforced the importance of challenging stereotypes and advocating for diverse, authentic portrayals of women.

Through all these activities, WDC of Aditi Mahavidyalaya continues to be at the forefront of promoting women's empowerment, safety, and gender awareness through diverse initiatives. The cell remains committed to organizing more initiatives that foster gender equality, empowerment, and intellectual engagement in the coming years.

LOOKING AT THE EVENTS THROUGH PHOTOS







