

Felicitation to K. Lakshmi Prabhavathi, Associate Professor of History
WEC Member

On the occasion of transfer of Smt. K. Lakshmi Prabhavathi, Associate professor of History, from the college, the Women Empowerment Cell organized a felicitation ceremony on 20 September 2021. The principal of the college, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, spoke on the occasion and recollected the valuable contribution of Smt. K.L. Prabhavathi, to the college. He also recalled his personal interactions with the faculty member. He wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors. Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant professor of Commerce, spoke and said that K.L Prabhavathi was a sincere and hardworking employee, who always did her best in whatever work allotted to her. Other faculty members spoke in glowing terms about Smt. Prabhavathi. A few students spoke and said that she ignited their interest in history. She was felicitated with a shawl, a bouquet and a memento. Finally, Smt.K. Lakshmi Prabhavathi.spoke and said that the time spent in MKR college was the best time of her career. She thanked all the colleagues for the cooperation extended to her all these years. The staff and students accompanied Smt. K. Prabhavathi till the gate to bid her goodbye

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Bathukamma Celebrations

8/10/2021

The Women Empowerment Cell organized Bathukamma celebrations on 8th October 2021 in the college. A total of 25 students and 13 students participated in the festivities.

Bathukamma is a festival of flowers. It is a vibrant festival of Telangana. It is celebrated for 9 days during the monsoon season

At the beginning of the festival, women visit their parents' homes. They clean the house. Menfolk go out into the fields. They collect a variety of flowers such as marigold, chrysanthemum, jasmine, etc. Women arrange these colourful flowers on a brass plate. This floral arrangement is called Bathukamma.

The grand finale of the festival is called Saddula Bathukamma. It takes place 2 days before the Dasara festival. In the evening, women wear colourful dresses. They join hands and form a circle. They sing and dance around the Bathukamma. This group dance symbolizes unity, love and sisterhood. At sunset, women carry the Bathukamma on their heads. They walk together towards the nearest lake or river. They immerse the Bathukamma in water. Then they distribute sweets among family and neighbours.

Bathukamma festival is a celebration of nature. It is a symbol of Telangana's cultural identity. Keeping up the spirit of the festival, the lady staff members and girl students of the college participated in the dance. The male staff and boys also showed their enthusiasm by their active participation. The principal of the college, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju and faculty members Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant professor of Commerce, Smt. K. Swarnalatha, Assistant professor of Library Science, and other non-teaching staff and students took part to make the event a grand success.



Students and Staff of MKR Govt Degree College in Bathukamma Celebrations



Orientation for Students about Women Empowerment Cell

27/10/2021

The Women Empowerment Cell in association with the Internal Complaints Committee of the college organized an orientation program for students towards the functioning of these two cells/committees on 27/10/2021. A total of 140 students and 12 staff members participated in the program.

Smt. S. Sarada Devi gave a presentation on the two cells/committees. She emphasized that empowerment of women is necessary to achieve sustainable development. She quoted former president of India, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, who said that “Empowering women is a prerequisite for creating a good nation, when women are empowered, society with stability is assured. Empowerment of women essential as their thoughts and their value systems lead to development of a good family, good society and ultimately a good nation”. The idea of women empowerment is the result of many significant critiques and debates generated by the feminist movements throughout the world since the nineteen eighties and especially by the women activists of the developing countries.

The principal, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, spoke on the subject and said that empowerment of women has become a subject of growing significance around the globe in present times. The concern can be observed at various levels and circles including NGOs, government, academicians, women’s groups and everyone interested in women empowerment. Keeping all these aspects in view the MKR Government Degree College, Devarakonda has started Women Empowerment Cell for the development of women. This cell takes care of the needs of the lady staff members as well as girl students. This cell conducts many activities and programmes such as guest lectures/extension lectures, health check-ups etc. They also celebrate women’s day and other celebrations relevant to the women.

The principal also spoke on the relevance of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), which is a mandatory committee that every employer is required to constitute within his organization to address the issues of sexual harassment. He emphasized that any lady staff member or girl student can approach the ICC in case of any issue of sexual harassment and it would be taken up as top priority. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. M. Aivelu, Assistant professor of Chemistry.

Principal addressing the students in Orientation Program



Women Education-Role in Developing Economy

16/12/2021

The Women Empowerment Cell of the college organized an extension lecture on **Women Education - Role in Developing Economy** on 16 December 2021. The resource person was Ms. Renuka, BC Welfare Hostel Officer, Devarakonda. A total of 60 students and 5 faculty members participated in the event.

Ms. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant Professor of Commerce inaugurated the event and said that Female Education in every sense is one of the basic factors of growth and development of a country. No country can achieve sustainable economic development without significant investment in female education. She introduced the guest speaker and handed over the proceedings to her.

Ms. Renuka said that Female Education is a powerful instrument of social change, and often initiates upward movement in the social structure. Thereby, helps to bridge the gap between the different sections of society. The female educational scene throughout the world has undergone major change over the years, resulting in better provision of education and better educational practices. Not only does education benefit person learning, but also the community in which they live. Education contributes to the economic stability of any given nation by increasing the income of the poor. Research has shown that no country has sustained consistent economic growth without a significant nation-wide literacy rate. In addition to economic stability, education promotes civil and international peace, as well as cultural tolerance and understanding.

J. Vishwanadh Kumar, the Vice-principal of the college, spoke and said that education develops people's understanding of themselves and the world. It develops the quality of their lives and leads to social benefits to individuals and society. Female education raises the growth and creativity and encourages entrepreneurship and technical advances. It also plays an important role in economic and social development and improving income allocation. The Vice-principal lauded the WEC for organizing such guest lectures which enhance the gender sensitization levels of the students.

The Q & A session was handled by Ms. S. Sarada Devi, and the guest speaker answered all the questions raised by the students.

The program concluded with the felicitation of the guest, vote of thanks given by Smt. S. Sarada Devi.

Resource Person-Smt. Renuka, BC.Welfare Hostel officer addressing the Students



Staff interaction with the students



Savithribhai Phule Jayanthi

3/1/2022

The Women Empowerment Cell of MKR Government Degree College Devarakonda organized the birthday celebrations of the eminent 19th social reformer, Savitribai Phule on 3 January 2022.

Ms. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant Professor of Commerce inaugurated the event and said that Savitribai Phule was a pioneer of women's education in the country. Revered as the country's first woman teacher, she was the wife of Jyoti Rao Phule.

The In-charge Principal, J. Vishwanadh Kumar, spoke on the occasion and said that Savitribai Phule was the first female teacher of India, a social reformer who is known to work for women and lower caste. She raised her voice against the oppressive social system prevalent in the society of Pune (Maharashtra) in the 19th Century. Her contribution revolved around rationality and human reasons such as truth, equality and humanity.

The other staff members spoke and said that Jyoti Rao Phule and Savitribai Phule considered education to be a tool to bring changes in the conditions of socially oppressed classes. The idea behind promoting education was to eliminate the idea prevalent at that time that lower-caste people and women were not competent enough to take it. A few students spoke and said that the duo (Jyoti Rao Phule and Savitribai Phule) is revered as the first social reformers who recognized the importance of education to fight the social menace of inequality. Savitribai Phule gave importance to the education of women to promote social transformation.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Convenor, Women Empowerment Cell.



Students giving speech on the occasion



Dr.M. Alivelu, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, addressing the students



Felicitation to K. Swarnalatha, Librarian

7/1/2022

The Women Empowerment Cell organized a felicitation ceremony on 7 January 2022 for Smt. K. Swarna Latha, Librarian, as she has been left the college on Inter-Zonal Transfers. The principal of the college, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, spoke and said that Smt. K. Swarna Latha made an invaluable contribution to the institution as a librarian and under her guidance, the library has become a favourite place of staff and students alike. She was instrumental in library automation and acquiring a number of latest books. He also recollected his personal interactions with her and said he would always remember her hard working nature. He wished her good luck in her future posting. Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant professor of Commerce, spoke and said that Smt. K. Swarna Latha was a dedicated librarian, who brought respect and admiration to the job of a librarian. She always contributed her best to the college. Other faculty members also lauded Ms. Swarna Latha. A few students spoke and said that she lighted their interest in books.

The librarian was felicitated with a shawl, a bouquet and was presented a memento in her turn, Ms. Swarna Latha said that she had the happiest of times in the college library. She enjoyed her work and said that she would remember her colleagues for a long time. She expressed her gratitude to all the colleagues of MKR College for the cooperation they extended to her every time. As a goodwill gesture the faculty and students accompanied Ms. Swarna Latha till the gate and gave a farewell.

Felicitation to K. Swarna Latha, Assistant Professor of Library Sciences, WEC Member



Awareness Program on General Health & Fitness

Medical Camp

24/2/2022

The Women Empowerment Cell in association with NSS, Bhagya, Department of Physical Education and NVT Sports Authority Devarakonda organized a Medical Camp on 24 February 2022 to check Hemoglobin levels and general health of girl students. Eminent Gynecologist, Dr. Shanti Swaroopa was the chief guest and doctor who checked the health of students. A total of 150 students and 13 faculty members attended the camp.

Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant Professor of Commerce, spoke on the occasion and said that she was proud to organize such an important event as health is wealth. She emphasized the need for regular checkup and special care to be taken by women about their health. Dr. Shanti Swaroopa spoke about hemoglobin and said that it is a protein in the red blood cells that carries oxygen to the body's organs and tissues and transports carbon dioxide from the organs and tissues back to your lungs. If a hemoglobin test reveals that the hemoglobin level is lower than normal, it means that one has a low red blood cell count (anemia).

The nurses conducted hemoglobin and other blood tests on the students. They gave medicines to students who are found to be anemic. They also checked the general health of the students and gave medicines accordingly.

At the closing ceremony, the principal, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, spoke and lauded the WEC, NSS and Bhagya for organizing such a great event. He stressed the need for students to take care of their health.

The camp concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant professor of Commerce.

Inaugural Session of Medical Camp by inviting Dr. Shanti Swaroopa, Gynecologist

CI Devarakonda, Team of doctors and Lab Technicians, NVT Sports Authority Members, Faculty and Students of the college were present



Medical checkup to the Students and Staff



Hemoglobin tests



Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, Principal, Inaugurating the Awareness Program on General Health and Fitness



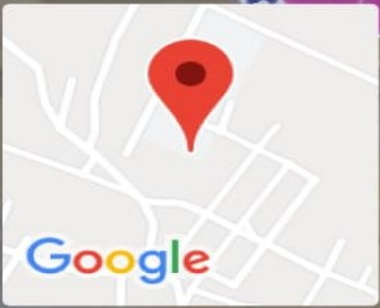
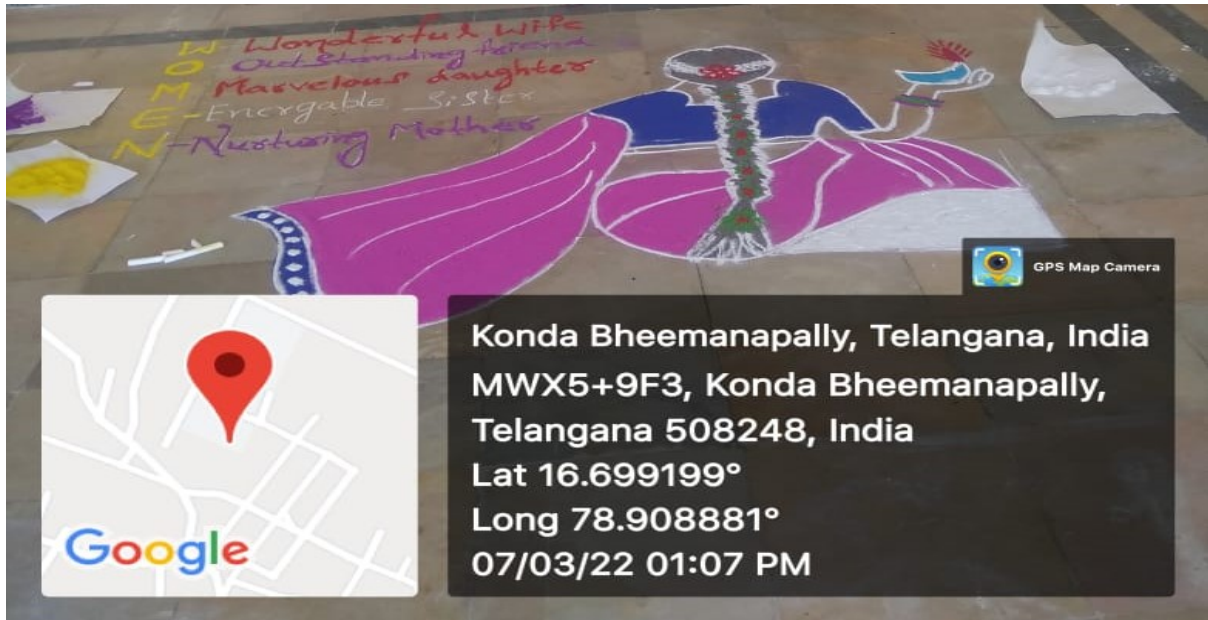
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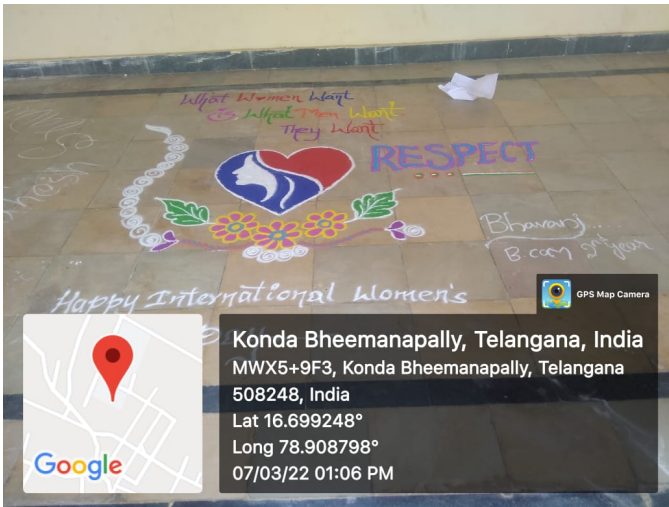
International Women's Day

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International Women's Day 2022

Dt. 08-03-2022.

MKR Government Degree College Devarakonda celebrated International Women's Day 2022 on 07-03-2022. Smt. Raja Kumari (A.T.O, Treasury Department, Devarakonda) was the chief guest, Women ward counselors of Devarakonda were guest of honor, Smt. Vijaya was the special invitee (she is the women electrician), and the college principal, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju presided over the program. Dr. M. Alivelu (Incharge Coordinator of Women Empowerment Cell, MKR Govt College, Devarakonda) was the organizer of the program.

In the beginning of the day, competitions were conducted for students like Poster presentation, Rangoli competitions, Mehndi competitions, Open talk on gender equality. Mementoes were distributed to winners of the events. It was a moment that really added charm to the atmosphere with a sense of achievement.

In Mehndi competitions, chief guest, guest of honors, principal and staff were involved actively. A group dance was performed by the students of BSC (BZC) (Bhagya Laxmi, Maheshwari, Roja, Anusha, K. Anusha, Rajitha.) The dance program mesmerized everyone gathered there. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju lauded the students, both boys and girls, for their performances in the competitions. He said that there was no dearth of talent in the students.

In the program mementoes were given to the chief guest and guest of honor. The other teaching staff M. Prabhakar, G. Kotaiah, SK. Arifa, K. Renuka, Mr. Lingamaiah, V. Makatlal, V. Karunakar, and non-teaching staff along with the students participated in the program.

The Vote of thanks in the form of blessings was given by Dr. M. Alivelu. The program concluded with the National Anthem.



Mehendi Competitions



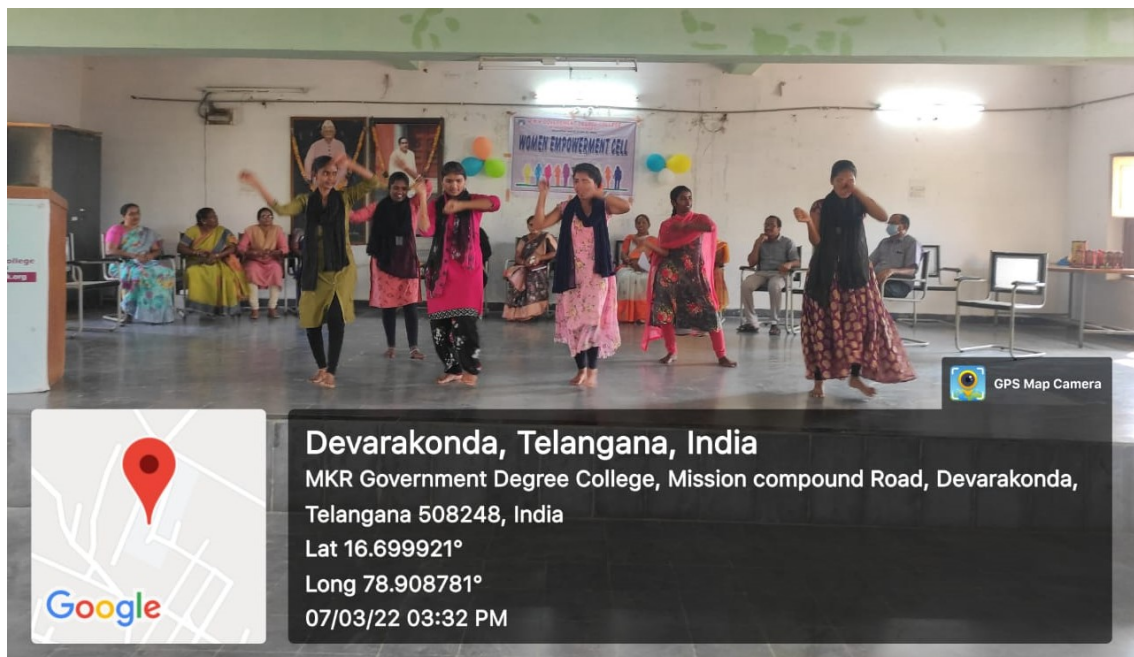
Rangoli competitions



Smt. Laxamma, Ward counselor was honored with memento.



Mementoes for the winners of the competitions.



Dance program by Students (Bhagya Laxmi, Maheshwari, Roja, Anusha, K. Anusha, Rajitha.)



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Prize distribution to all Mehndi participants.



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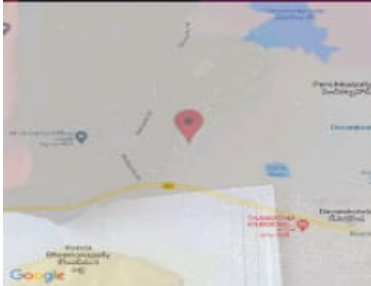
Smt. Vijaya was the special invitee (she is the women electrician) is honored with memento by Principal of the college.



Smt. Raja Kumari (A.T.O, Treasury Department, Devarakonda) who is the chief guest of the program was honored with memento.



K. Anusha B. Com student actively participated in open talk on 'Gender Equality'.



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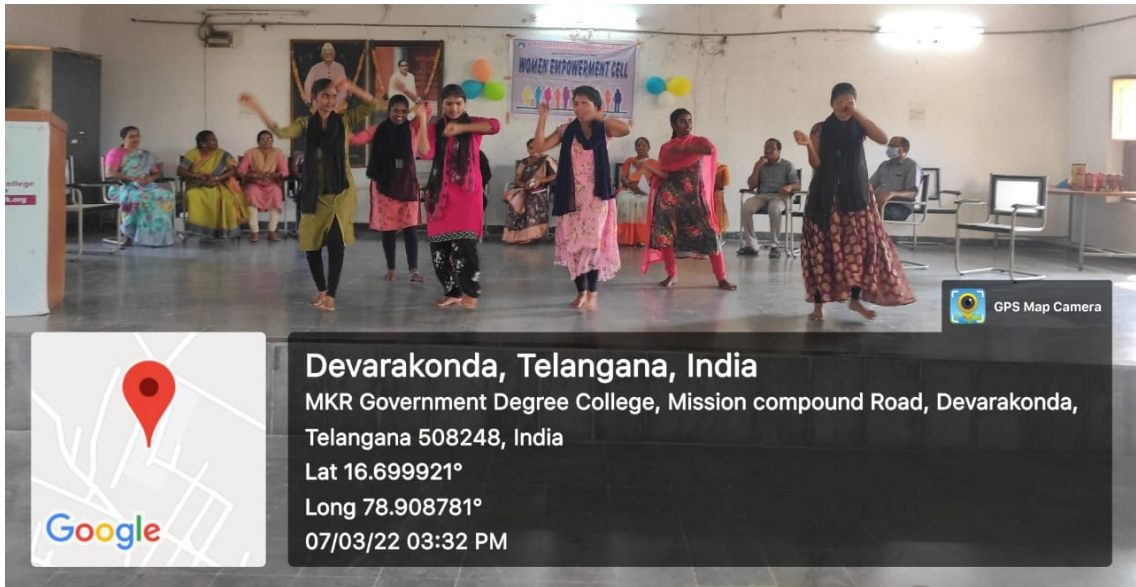


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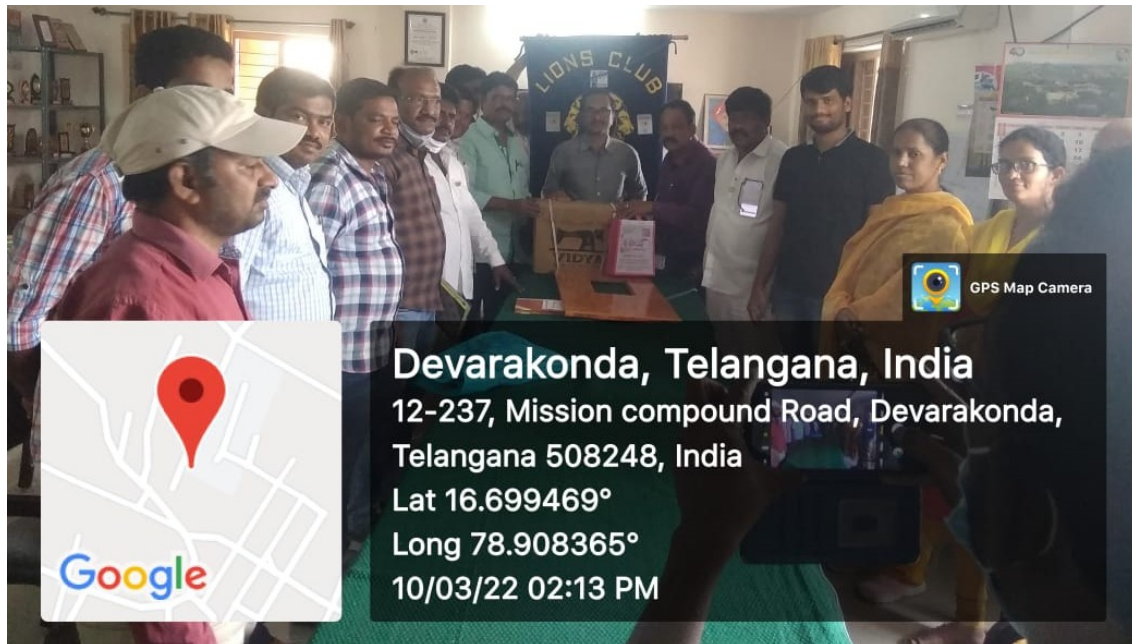
10/3/2022



The Women Empowerment Cell organized an event on 10 March 2022 for receiving a donation of 3 sewing machines (worth Rs. 7000/- each) from the CPDC, Lion's Club, and the college alumni association.

Smt. S. Sarada Devi inaugurated the event and said that it was a happy day for WEC as they are receiving Rs. 21000/- worth of sewing machines from donors. It will be an asset for the WEC, she asserted. The principal Dr. Ch. Rama Raju spoke on the occasion and said that tailoring skill empowers women and sewing machines are a great help in this regard.

The donors, Ln. Kunchunuri Laxman, President of the Lions Club, Devarakonda, Ln. Mallikarjun, a member of the Alumni Association and Dr. P. J. Samson, Secretary of the College Planning and Developing Committee were the donors and they spoke on the occasion saying that they have a special bond with MKR college and they try their best in whatever they can to contribute to college development. They said that the skill of using sewing machines adds to women's employability and empowerment. A total of 14 faculty members of the college participated in the event. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant professor of Commerce.



Jyothiba Phule Jayanthi

11/4/2022

The Women Empowerment Cell in association NSS Units I & II organized Jyothiba Phule Jayanthi on 11/04/2022. A total of 40 students and 5 faculty members attended the event.

Sk. Arifa, Lecturer in Mathematics gave a welcome speech and said that Jyotirao 'Jyotiba' Govindrao Phule was a prominent social reformer and thinker of the nineteenth century India. He led the movement against the prevailing caste-restrictions in India. He revolted against the domination of upper castes and struggled for the rights of peasants and other low-caste people.

The principal, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju spoke on the occasion and said that Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was a pioneer for women education in India and fought for the education of girls throughout his life. He is believed to be the first Hindu to start an orphanage for the unfortunate children. NSS Officer Mr. V. Makatlal spoke and said that Savitribai was taught to read and write by her husband Jyotirao. In 1851, Jyotiba established a girls' school and asked his wife to teach the girls in the school. Later, he opened two more schools for the girls and an indigenous school for the lower castes, especially for the Mahars and Mangs.

Jyotiba realized the pathetic conditions of widows and established an ashram for young widows and eventually became advocate of the idea of Widow Remarriage. In 1873, Jyotiba Phule formed the Satya Shodhak Samaj (Society of Seekers of Truth). He undertook a systematic deconstruction of existing beliefs and history, only to reconstruct an equality promoting version.

In the event, the photo of Jyotiba Phule was garlanded. The event ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Sk. Arifa, Lecturer in Mathematics.



Student giving Speech on the occasion of Jyothiba Phule Jayanthi



Gender Sensitization through Literature

16/4/2022

The Women Empowerment Cell in association with the department of Telugu organized an Extension Lecture on 'Gender Sensitization Through Literature' (Topic: Telugu Sahityam Linga Bedhalu) on 16/04/2022. The resource person was Dr. Subhashini, Assistant Professor of Telugu. A total of 150 students and 6 faculty members participated in the event.

Smt. K. Renuka, Lecturer in History, gave a welcome speech and said that literature is a powerful means to enhance gender sensitization. She introduced the guest speaker and said that it was very fortunate to have such an eminent speaker as a guest. She handed over the proceedings to the speaker.

Dr. Subhashini said that feminism is a campaign for the rights of women, including social, political, and economic equality with men. The goal is equal social, economic and employment opportunities for women. Literature is a means for the propagation of ideas in the society. Feminists have used this effectively. Some feminist writers are expressing their views in an entirely new perspective. The feminist writers include not only female writers, but also male writers, e.g., Chalam, Kodavatiganti Kutumba Rao etc., are such progressive male writers who strived for the emancipation of women.

Women writers are portraying women's world and women's problems through their own eyes. They are choosing the issues that only women can discuss and are expressing their views without any inhibitions. In a girl's life, marriage should be a sweet feeling. However, she realizes that her dreams are all untrue in this patriarchal society. Society forces her to think of marriage as a life in a cage of knives or self-immolation in a bonfire.

Mr. G. Kotaiah, Lecturer in Telugu spoke and said that the feminist Telugu literature has dealt with the typical problems of middle-class society. However, in India still 80% of the population is agrarian. The problems of women in the villages are entirely different from the city dwelling middle class women. Feminists have to focus on the problems of majority of women who live in villages.

The college principal, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, said that women in villages are not caged in the kitchen or ogled at in bus stops or manhandled in trains and buses. Women in villages face problems like illiteracy, ignorance, poverty, superstitions, alcoholism, divorce, cruelty of husbands etc. Women are exploited in a different way in the villages. Feminists have to devise special programs to elevate the lives of women in the villages. The emancipation of women is tied to the emancipation of all through education.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by N. Bala, Assistant Professor of Commerce.

Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, Principal addressing the students



Resource Person-Dr. Subhasini interaction with the students



Felicitation to D. Rama Devi, Assistant Professor of Economics

9/5/2022

On 9 May 2022, the Women Empowerment Cell felicitated Smt. D. Rama Devi, Assistant Professor of Economics, who has been transferred (Inter-Zonal Transfers) from the college. She was presented a bouquet, a shawl and a memento as a token of appreciation. A total of 13 faculty members attended the meeting.

The Principal, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju and faculty members spoke on the occasion and recalled their association with the employee. Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant Professor of Commerce, spoke on the occasion and said that she had very good experiences of her interaction with Smt. D. Rama Devi, who always had a cheerful attitude when it came to work. She is a pleasant colleague to work with.

The principal, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, said that the transfer of Smt. D. Rama Devi was a big loss to the institution as it has lost an able and hardworking employee. He said that Smt. Rama Devi took up additional responsibilities of being coordinator and member in various clubs, committees, cells of the college and handled teaching and administrative works with equal ease. He also recalled the sad event that Smt. Rama Devi had lost her son recently, which was a tragedy not only for her family but also for the entire MKR family.

The other faculty members spoke and said that Smt. D. Rama Devi always extended her full cooperation in whatever work they approached her for. A few students recalled her lectures with fondness and said that they lost their fear of Economics because of her.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant Professor of Commerce.



Certificate Course in Basic Tailoring

Inauguration of Certificate Course in Basic Tailoring

18/6/2022

The Women Empowerment Cell of MKR Government Degree College Devarakonda inaugurated a 30-day Certificate Course in Basic Tailoring on 18/06/2022. The Resource Persons were Karnati Jaya Lakshmi (Member Lions Sahasra) . A total of 22 students and 15 staff members attended the inaugural program.

The Course Coordinator, Smt. S. Sarada Devi, gave a welcome speech and introduced the resource person. She said that by this course the students can learn stitching from the comfort of the classroom and stitch dresses for their family members. The principal of the college, Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, spoke on the occasion and said that it was a great opportunity for the women students of the college to learn this valuable skill which will enhance their self-employability and independence. The resource persons spoke and said that the students would learn a basic stitching course Indian Style. Beginners who don't know how to handle sewing machines can learn this course. By learning this course, they can do basic stitching. They are going to learn how to use automatic sewing machines, basic tools required, how to practice stitches, and will be doing some basic projects. They will get confidence in taking advanced tailoring courses and can start tailoring. Anyone who doesn't know anything about sewing can learn this course.

The program ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Smt. M. Aivelu, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Dr. Ch. Rama Raju, Principal, Inaugurating the certificate course in Basic Tailoring



Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant Professor of Commerce introducing the Resource Person



SK. Arifa, Lecturer in Mathematics, inviting the Resource person

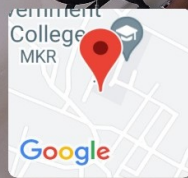


Students giving feedback on the Program

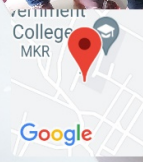




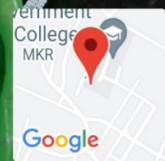
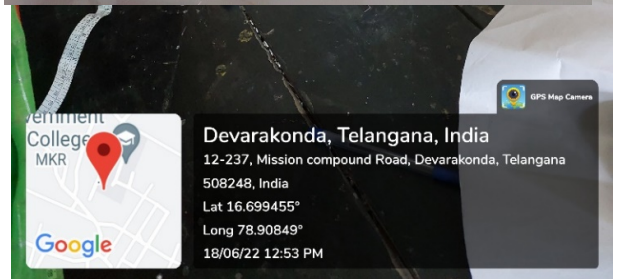
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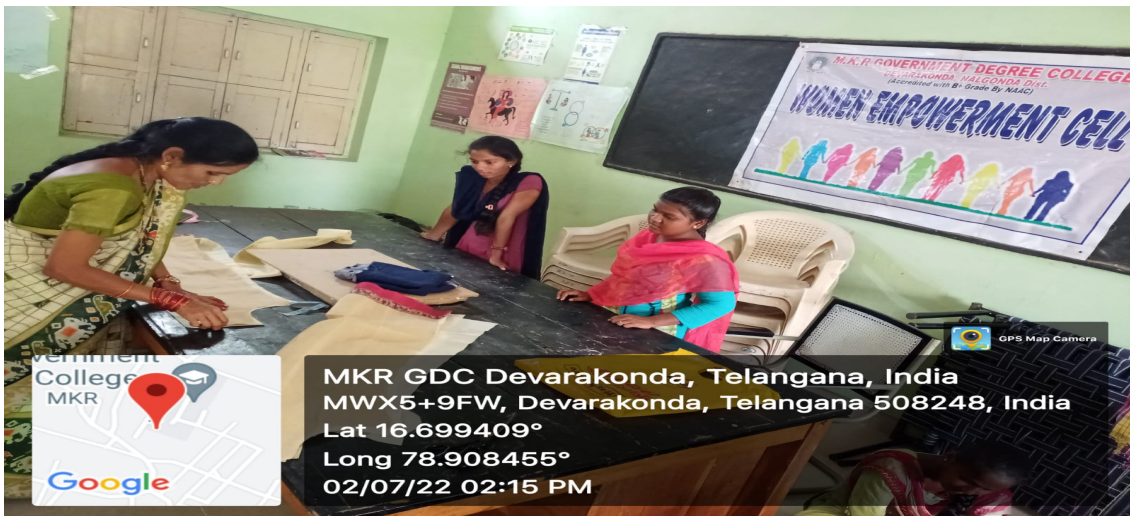


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CERTIFICATE COURSE IN BASIC TAILORING EXAMINATION

27/7/2022

As a concluding part of the Certificate Course in Basic Tailoring, conducted by the Women Empowerment Cell of MKR Government Degree College Devarakonda, an examination was conducted on 27 July 2022 for the 22 students who had taken the 30-day course.

Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant Professor of Commerce, prepared the test paper and conducted an exam. The test also included a practical test in tailoring. The students were given instructions on the time allotted for the exam and the marks scoring method. She said that certificates would be issued only to the students who score the minimum qualifying marks in the test.

After the exam, Smt. S. Sarada Devi congratulated the students on successfully satisfying all the requirements of the course and wished them good luck.

Tailoring is a skill that is in high demand, and with the right tools and techniques, women can easily start a business or improve their current wardrobe. In this certificate course, the students are taught the basics of tailoring. Women will be able to make everything by themselves, without any help, at the end of the basic tailoring course.

A Certificate in tailoring can be very beneficial for those who want to pursue a career in the fashion industry. This course will provide the students with the necessary skills and knowledge to become a successful tailor or dressmaker. There are many benefits to having a certificate in tailoring. After completing the course, the students will be able to tailor their own clothes, as well as those of other people.

Students Writing Written Exam on Tailoring



International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

27/6/2022

The Women Empowerment Cell of the college in association with the NSS Units conducted an event on 27 June 2022 to mark the World Drug Day (observed on June 26 annually). A total of 45 students and 8 faculty members attended the occasion.

Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant Professor of Commerce, inaugurated the event and gave a welcome speech. She said that International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, also known as World Drug Day, is conducted by the United Nations. The global event highlights the physical and psychological impact of substance abuse, drug overdose deaths and drug-related humanitarian crises with an aim to eliminate the menace from society. She said that “**Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises**” is the theme for 2022’s celebration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Dr. M. Alivelu, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, spoke on the occasion and said that the World Drug Day is marked on 26 June every year to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse. Each year, individuals, communities, and various organizations all over the world, from civil society to the private sector, join in to observe World Drug Day to help raise awareness of the major problem that illicit drugs pose to society. He advised the students to abstain from all intoxicants.

Smt. S. Sarada Devi, Assistant Professor of Commerce addressing the students on International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



A general meeting of the Women Empowerment Cell was also held on the day to review the

General Meeting by WEC

