

Report on Expressions 2017-18

Mithibai College

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The Internal Complaints Committee (erstwhile Women development cell) of Mithibai College, in collaboration with Majlis and University Women Development Cell organized an intra collegiate competition under the banner of “Expression” with ‘CONSENT’ as the topic on 12th January 2018 at Seminar Hall of Mithibai College. A total of 45 students participated and around 72 attended the event. The participants were divided into two categories: Those performing through verbal expressions by means of poetry, speeches, slogan and skit; the other category included those performing through non-verbal expression by way of poster making competition.

Aditi Thakkar, the co-ordinator on behalf of Majlis along with an intern Ramya, Adv. Naushin Yusuf, a lawyer by profession and Programme Manager of Training Unit of Majlis and Dr. Sanobar Hussaini, a professor from the Department of English of Mithibai College rendered their expertise as judges. Ms. Swati Jha from University WDC also graced the event with her presence. Majlis is a voluntary organization established with the aim of combating social evils like Domestic Violence and Sexual Harassment amongst women and children. Moreover, the organization provides education to children and training programmes to students in colleges, police forces, lawyers and other civil employees. The event was co-ordinate by Dr. Khevana Desai, a member of ICC, Mithibai College.

The participants were very enthusiastic, interactive and creative and the judges appreciated their whole hearted participation and passionate efforts of the students. The speeches, slogans, poetries, skits and the posters displayed their awareness and concerns pertaining to the problems associated with the informed consent and the politics of ‘silence’ associated with it across caste, gender, age and region. They expressed their ideas on ‘what is yes and what is no’ especially in cases of violence and sexual abuse. Each presentation was followed by a Q&A round.

The competition was followed by speeches by the guests. Ms. Swati, in her talk, emphasized on inclusion of Homosexuals in matters of consent and explained how the right to consent is not gender specific. Ms. Naushin, through her powerful and well informed presentation, brought forth the underlying parity between sexual violence and domestic violence. The students, teachers and the judges discussed quite a lot of real- life cases and incidents and the court verdicts. Besides, the lawyer highlighted the issue of passive submission and the challenges that arise due to its interpretation. The event was concluded with announcement and distribution of prizes by Ms. Aditi to the winners and Runner-up for both the categories of verbal and non-verbal expressions.

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