

# CENTRE FOR **WOMEN'S STUDIES**

AN OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR 2020-2021

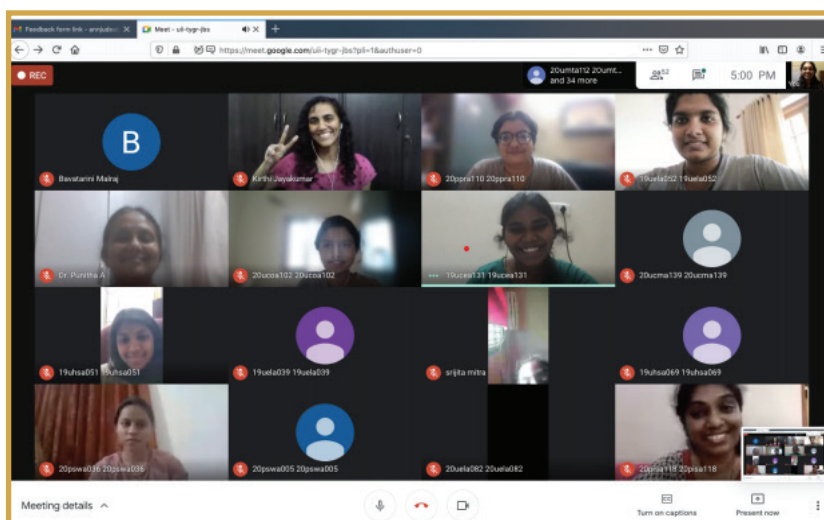


## ACTIVITIES

### WEBINARS

- The Centre organised a Webinar Shadow Pandemic : Increasing Gender Inequality in India on 25th July 2020 by Dr Leena Pujari, Feminist Sociologist and Researcher, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, K C College in collaboration with the Stella Maris College Gender centre.
- This Webinar brought to light the issues that could lie behind the shackles of the myth of Stay Home, Stay Safe. The interaction also highlighted the increased instances of Domestic violence during the lockdown period.
- Bystander Intervention, a webinar was held on 9 November 2020 through the Google Meet platform Ms. Kirthi Jayakumar, a women's right activist, peace maker, lawyer, writer, founder of The Red Elephant Foundation and Gender Security Project; an initiative aimed at expanding the global understanding of Gender at the policy, addressed the students of the college.

The speaker discussed major strategies of bystander intervention namely Distract, Delegate, Direct and Delay.





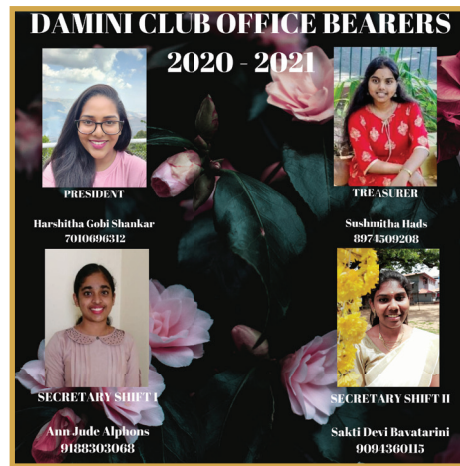
• The International Women's Day Celebration was conducted by the Women Studies Centre and Gender Centre in collaboration with YMCA on 8 March 2021. This event hosted five speakers who addressed the college students in the Open-Air Theatre. Dr. Priscilla Asirvatham, Chair YWCA, Kalaimamani Thirunangai Sudha, Ms. Sabitha, Project Manager, Thozhi, Ms. Mridhula and Ms. Sakshi, students, Loyola college.

• The event was aired live and streamed in the official Youtube channel of Stella Maris College. Dr. Priscilla Asirvatham introduced the theme for the day's celebration. Kalaimamani Sudha spoke of the challenges faced by members of the trans gender community, with specific reference to trans women and highlighted a few of their achievements. Ms. Sabitha, explained of their involvement in gainful employment, fight discrimination and integration of the community with society. Ms. Mridhula and Ms. Sakshi, spoke briefly on their experiences, the confusion and mistreatment and how they have overcome their obstacles to pursue their dreams.





## DAMINI CLUB



• The Damini Club hosted several lively activities to celebrate International Women's Day 2021. You tube video featured Dr Saranya Jai Kumar, Educational Psychologist and Member of Tamil Nadu Commission for protection of Child Rights on her life Journey keeping with the theme of the year Let us choose to Challenge.

• A collaborative event of Damini Club, UNICEF on Campus and Rotaract club of Stella Maris College was held on 7 and 8 March 2021. They hosted a panel discussion 'Pudhumai Pengal' on the Google Meet platform.

The panellists included

- Ms.Sayee Bhuvaneswari, Life coach, Psychologist, Founder of Meraki Consulting and Dheemahi Mindmatters,
- Ms.Vaidehi.S, Thomas Cook India Limited,
- Ms. Stegana Jency L.T, Director, Centre for child rights and development and
- Rtn.Anjana Varma Emotional intelligence trainer, NLP master practitioner and suicide prevention first aider.

Several competitions and activities were conducted virtually to engage students for instance, the online quiz on 'International day for elimination of violence against women'.



- Poster making competition with the theme 'Let her learn'
- Essay competition with the theme 'Let her rise'
- Poetry Competition on 'Women and Nature'
- Photography competition was held on the theme 'Women- the BreadWinners'.