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Gender is a social construct which led to discrimination between men and women. The system developed to such an extent men began to claim their superiority, supremacy, and authority. That naked truth is all men and women are born with equal rights, duties, opportunities and responsibilities. For the sake of proper arrangement at home and in society, we developed in arrangement in which certain positions were prescribed for men and some others for women. By nature men is dominant and wanted to have control over family affairs. This phenomenon drew line of differentiation between man and women. In modern society this concept does not hold validity. That is why we aim at creating awareness among men and women that they should not be any kind of discrimination on the basis of gender. The purpose is to sensitize both boys and girls.

They must realize that while discharging duties and responsibilities and performing domestic chores there should be no water tight compartment. Except child bearing and breast feeding all other activities that a women performs can be performed equally well by a man. This realization is nothing but gender sensitization or awareness. To achieve gender sensitization we promote gender equity and organize many activities in college in support of gender equity in the process we educate students that there should be mutual respect and concern for the other gender and responsibilities must be shared equally.

The college provides opportunity to girls students to be the class representatives in student council. They also can become office bearers of student council. They are placed in different committees with boys students without any discrimination. This kind of togetherness provides strong platform for gender sensitization. The following are some of the major activities done every year with the objective of achieving and promoting gender sensitization.

- Creation of Women Empowerment Cell.
- Cell for Redressal of Grievances of Girls Students.
- Extension activities like NSS, NCC, Red Cross, Rovers and Rangers and others.
- Group song practice and presentation, Group Consist of both boys and girls, organizing cultural and sports activities in which both girls and boys render voluntary service together.
- Programmes highlighting privileges and rights of women; legal and Constitutional provisions safe guarding the rights of women.
- Anti-dowry campaign, programmes against bride burning, sex abuse, abduction, sexual harassment and domestic violence.
- Felicitation to Outstanding women performers in different areas of public life.
- We have converted our plan of ensuring gender equity and sensitization as our perspective
 plan or ongoing projects. It is because proper awareness has to be created to ensure gender
 sensitization. Therefore we have plan to extend support to gender sensitization activities by
 involving boys and girls and women employees of our institution in particular and all stake
 holders in general.