

International Women's Day Celebration 2023

International Women's Day was commemorated by Women's Cell, Shift III, on 08 March 2023 at 5:00 pm in the University Auditorium.

A panel of II semester student representatives of UG and PG - Ms Sumeeta Chanda (MA English), Mr Joshua Antonio Raposo (MA English), Mr Mohd Umar Farooq (BA Optional English, Psychology), and Ms Ayesha Dey (BA Journalism, Sociology) discussed this year's UN's Theme for International Women's Day- DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality. The session was moderated by Ms Ratnakshi, Department of English, SJU. The points shared by the four-panel members generated fruitful discussion on several dimensions of technology and its role in gender equality. All panellists indicated unequal access to technology due to one's gender, class, and regional identities. An emphasis on increasing incidences of cyber censorship and cybercrimes against women was common across the speeches of four panellists. In addition, positive contributions to innovation and technology, such as avenues of work-from-home for new mothers, platforms to unionise online, etc, were also discussed. After the discussion by panel members, the moderator invited the students sitting in the audience to share their observations and comments. It generated an interactive discussion between the panellists and other students.

Ms Geeta Menon, Founder of Stree Jagruti Samiti, delivered a thought-provoking talk. She brought out various aspects of discrimination faced by women belonging to different intersectional identities. Her talk especially emphasised her work for the rights of domestic workers and the newer forms of challenges faced in the fight for their rights with increasing technological surveillance through applications like MyGate. Students had an engaging discussion with the guest speaker after her talk.

In addition to an engaging panel discussion and a special talk on women's rights, the programme also had cultural performances of students. A dance performance by Sehnaz and Haafiza, students of the Dance Association, was well received by all, and it made the ambience lively and cheerful. Furthermore, an impressive and provocative mime on various forms of gender-based violence by Ms Bharathi and her team from the Shift III UG programme captivated the audience.

For the Images of the Shift III Women's Day Celebration, kindly refer to the Photo Gallery: <https://www.sju.edu.in/gallery/12>