

Elimination of Violence and Discrimination against Women Pakhwada

25 November, 2022 to 10 December, 2022

A Report

Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad observed **International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women and Elimination of Discrimination against Women Pakhwada** from 25 Nov - 10 Dec. across all its campuses.

The Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission vide their communication had directed the Internal Complaints Committee to observe the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women on 25th November, 2022 and Elimination of Discrimination against Women Pakhwada from 25 November to 10 December 2022 by clearing pending cases if any, by spreading awareness and by organizing events.

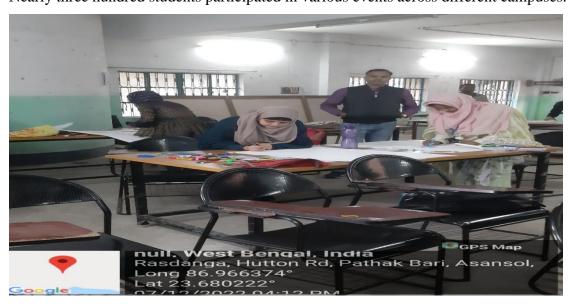
In this regard, the Internal Complaints Committee in association with the Department of Women Education and MANUU Drama Club organized awareness and sensitization campaign, several competitions on the theme Violence against Women across all its campuses. Talks, movie screening, skit, musical play and mime are also part of the activities during the campaign period ending on 10 December, 2022. The last day of the campaign was designated *Day of Introspection*. E-Certificates will be issued to the participants and Winners.



The following competitions on the theme *Violence against Women* were organized at the Schools, Polytechnics, CTEs, Satellite Campuses and University Headquarters:

- Slogan Writing
- Poster Presentation
- ➤ Short Film/Documentary Film contest
- Photography contest
- > Open Mic

Nearly three hundred students participated in various events across different campuses.



Poster presentation in progess at CTE, Asansol

The movie *Thappad* directed by Anubhav Sinha and based on domestic violence was screened after the Inaugural Session on 25th November, 2022. It was followed by a discussion on violence against women, discrimination against women, normalization of prejudices against women etc. During the Inaugural Session Dr Ameena Tahseen, Head Department of Women Education made a presentation on the relevance of the 16 day campaign and on Violence against Women. In the opening remarks Chairperson, Internal Complaints Committee said: "A life of dignity with right to self-respect is all that a woman or a girl wants. Can't we ensure this much?"

The Registrar, MANUU, Prof Ishtiyaq Ahmed presided over the Inaugural Session and emphasized the need to be united in the campaign to eliminate violence against women and girls. He stressed on the importance of being sensitive towards any social issue especially related to women. He advised that a harmonious environment should always be encouraged at every workplace be it office, school, college or university and wished that MANUU should come forward to set an example of such campus friendly environment and be the role model for others.



Registrar addressing the gathering at the Inaugural Session (25 -11-2022)



A section of the audience on 25-11-2022

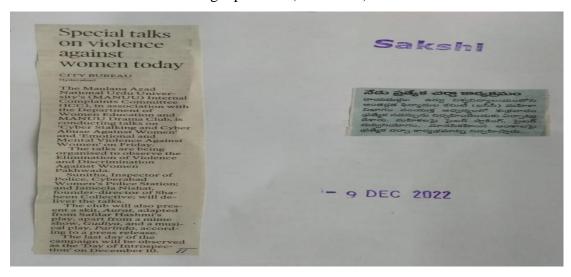
The University Drama Club has themed its monthly Open Mic *Ignited Minds* on Violence against Women. Twelve students participated on the theme and performed monoacting, poetry, elocution and mimicry.



A contestant in the Open Mic event (5-12-2022)



A section of the audience during Open Mic (5-12-2022)



Press clippings for Sensitization drive on 9-12-2022

On the penultimate day, 9th December, 2022 a central event was organized in the Directorate of Distance Education Auditorium.



The Hon'able Vice Chancellor, **Prof Syed Ainul Hasan** presided over the Programme and delivered the Presidential Address. He highlighted the efforts of the University in making all the campuses safe. He told that MANUU strictly adheres to the policy of zero tolerance to violence, discrimination or harassment against women. Two Guest Speakers, Ms Sunitha, Inspector of Police, Cyberabad Women's Police Station, Gachibowli and Ms Jameela Nishat, Founder-Director, Shaheen Collective spoke on (1) *Cyber Stalking and Cyber Abuse against Women* and (2) *Emotional and Mental Violence Against Women*.

This was followed by performing arts staged by the students of MANUU:

Skit: Aurat an adaptation of the play Aurat by Safdar Hashmi

Musical Play: Parinda

➤ Mime: *Gudiya*

It was well attended by the students, scholars and staff.



Vice Chancellor delivering the Presidential Address (9-12-2022)



A section of the audience (9-12-2022)

The last day of the campaign, 10^{th} December, 2022 was designated **Day of Introspection.**



The response of the students and staff to the events and sensitization drive has been encouraging.

List of Prize Winners:

Madhumita Jena M.A. Hindi Abdul Raqueeb M.A. MCJ Ummar Farooque M.A Women's Studies Fahad Khalique M.A. English Shahla Nigar BA Aleeza Sheikh MA English Adeela Shahid BTech Sufia BEd Bibi Nusrat MEd Farheen Fatma BEd Asiya Nazeem BEd Bibi Nusrat MEd Safia Parveen MEd Huma Parveen MEd Md Minhaj BEd Md Shafiqullah BEd Falak Fatma BEd Sidra Saher BEd Mohd Affan BEd Md Jilani BEd Sharique Zafar BEd Md Sohel Alam BEd

Chairperson, ICC MANUU