

North Bengal St. Xavier's College

AQAR Report [Session 2020-21]

WOMEN'S CELL

Event: Celebration of International Women's Day 2021

Date: 8th March, 2021.

International Women's Day is celebrated every year on the 8th of March to "commemorate the cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements of women". This day also focuses on women's right movement. It also draws attention towards issues like gender equality, violence against women, reproductive rights and so on.

The Women's Cell of North Bengal St. Xavier's College virtually celebrated International Women's Day, 2021, through social media platforms, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The event started off with a brief, but informative as well as insightful introductory speech by Shivangi Lama, student of 5th Semester, Sociology Honours. She spoke on International Women's Day- what it celebrates, on what aspect it focuses upon, why it is significant, and so on. She also mentioned that the theme for International Women's Day 2021, was 'Women in

Leadership: Achieving an equal future in Covid-19 world', and spoke about what the theme stood for, what it highlighted, and so on and so forth.

This was followed by a strong and touching Bengali poem recitation by Prof. Mitali Mazumder, which celebrated the role of women, and also protested against the violence against women. It made a plea to humanity to respect women, to acknowledge her identity, that she was somebody's mother, somebody's sister, somebody's daughter, somebody's lover, but first and

foremost she was a human being.

After this, a beautiful and lively dance performance by Sragdhara Dey, student of 5th Semester, Sociology Honours came forth. It cheered up the spirits with its rhythm and an enjoyable performance, and spread joy in the air.

After this came an enlightening address by Prof. Soumyadip Ghosh on 'Womanism', referring to "women in performance". He said what gives a woman womanhood is the essence, whose presence is necessary, and which is a constant open-ending process, and never a product, and which cannot be limited.

Then came a delightful and melodious song by Rohan Dural, student of 5th Semester, Sociology Honours. The song made the air lively and pleasant.

This was followed by a recitation of a self-written poem by Apsara Dasgupta, ex-student, English Honours. The poem questioned the stereotypes that are referred to as 'femininity'.

Professors, students, ex-students all actively and eagerly participated by sending in their

pictures with the pose of International Women's Day, 2021. The theme of International Women's Day, 2021, was #Choosetochallenge. The event celebrated women, their role and human identity, spread awareness about gender equality and many such issues, and brought together a beautiful combination of enjoyment as well as insight.

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Program Schedule:

1. Welcome speech: Shivangi Lama (Student)
2. Bengali Poem : Mitali Majumder (College Staff)
3. Dance performance: Sragdhara Dey (Student)
4. Few words about Womenism : Soumyadip Ghosh (Faculty)
5. Western song: Rohan Dural (Student)
6. Recitation: Apsara (Ex-Student)
7. Collage video with students doing theme pose

Pictures from the online event:



Program Link:

<https://fb.watch/avrinxlc1Q/>

Feedback:

It was a very successful online program. In Women's cell Facebook page and as well in the College Facebook page, the views are more than five hundred.

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