



WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL, MIRANDA HOUSE

Under the Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat Campaign

Name of the event: Nukkad Natak – “सिंदूरी ओढ़नी”

Date: 28th January 2026, Time: 11:00 am

Venue: Front Lawn of College, MH

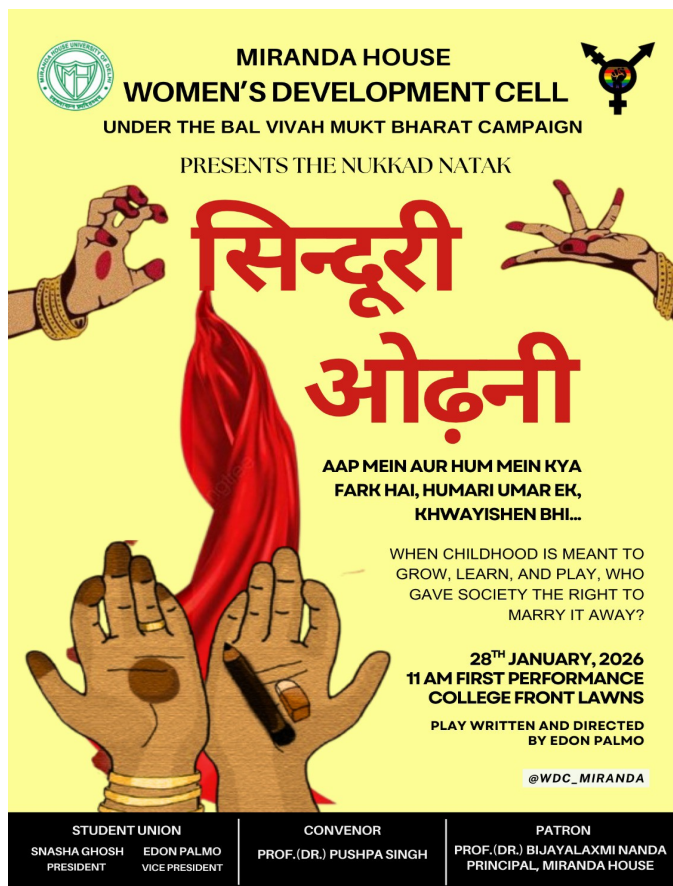
Patron: Prof. (Dr.) Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Principal, MH

Chief Guest: Prof. (Dr.) Vageshwari Deswal, Faculty of Law, DU

Convenor: Prof. (Dr.) Pushpa Singh

Student President: Snasha Ghosh

Nukkar Natak Performers: Snasha Ghosh, Edon Palmo, Sakshi Verma, Harshlee, Jhilmil Sarania, Sonia Verma, Ojaswani Yadav, Eshika Jha and Abhipsa Hazra



Event Report:

The Women's Development Cell (WDC) of Miranda House, as part of the Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat Campaign, Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI presented a compelling Nukkad Natak titled "सद्गुरी ओढ़नी" on 28 January 2026 at the college's Front Lawns. This street play was conceived as a powerful vehicle to raise awareness about the enduring and deeply rooted issue of child marriage, urging the audience to critically examine the deprivation of childhood, education, and autonomy, especially for young girls.

Penned and directed by Edon Palmo, the performance harnessed the immediacy and accessibility of street theatre to captivate the college community. Through evocative acting, symbolic props, and emotionally resonant dialogues, the play vividly illuminated the physical, emotional, and psychological tolls exacted by child marriage. The narrative poignantly underscored the stark reality that, while children may share the same age and aspirations, societal expectations and entrenched gender norms often dictate vastly unequal life paths. A particularly thought-provoking moment arose when the play posed a fundamental question: When childhood is meant for growth, learning, and play, who grants society the authority to marry it away? By contrasting innocence with the burdens of imposed responsibility, the production challenged age-old traditions and called upon the audience to accept collective responsibility in dismantling oppressive practices.

Following the Nukkad Natak, Prof. (Dr.) Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Principal, MH addressed the gathering affirming the commitment of the institution to the cause of education and empowerment of the girlchild. The chief guest Prof. (Dr.) Vageshwari Deswal, Faculty of Law, DU applauded the efforts of students of WDC, MH in creating awareness around such issues and emphasized the need of coordinated move towards women's empowerment. The event drew a significant and engaged audience comprising students, faculty, and other members of the college community. The interactive format of the Nukkad Natak encouraged attendees to reflect on their own roles—whether as bystanders, enablers, or agents of change—within the broader societal context. Ultimately, the event

reaffirmed the Women's Development Cell's unwavering commitment to advancing gender justice, fostering social consciousness, and promoting active community participation. The Nukkad Natak concluded with a resounding call to action, underscoring the necessity for ongoing dialogue, education, and collective endeavour to safeguard every child's right to a secure and empowered childhood. Below are some pics from the event:



