

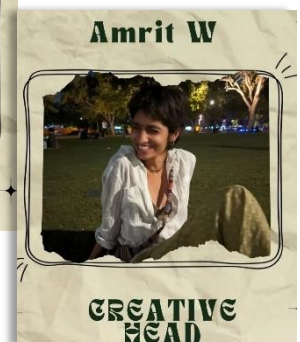
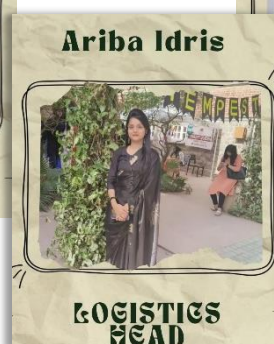
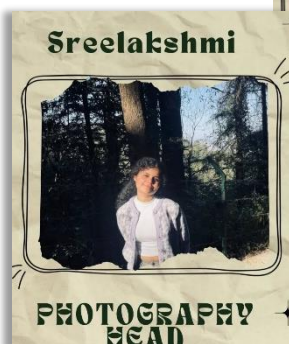
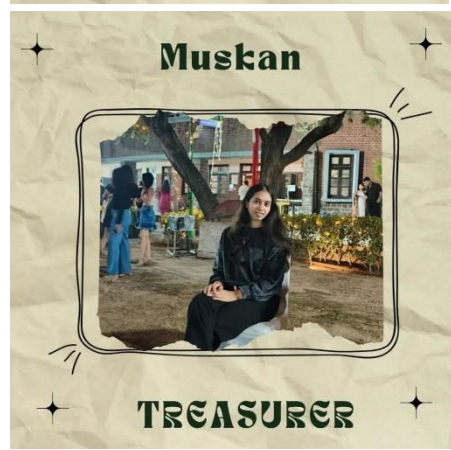
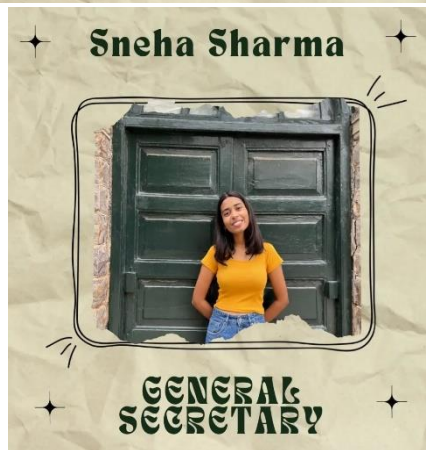


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Women's Development Cell Society Annual Report, 2023 – 2024

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Part A

Events/Seminars/conferences/workshops/Extension Activities

The poster is for a seminar organized by the Women Development Cell at Miranda House College. It features a circular portrait of the guest speaker, Sundari Anitha. The text on the poster includes the title of the seminar, the date and time (11th September, 2:00 pm), and contact information for queries.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL
MIRANDA HOUSE COLLEGE
Invites you to

Seminar on
GENDERED VIOLENCE IN SOUTH ASIAN DIASPORA

The presentation will draw upon research on the different forms of gendered violence within South Asian families in the UK, to reflect on the commonalities and specificities in the nature and forms of such violence within South Asia.

Guest speaker:
SUNDARI ANITHA

Seminar Hall | 11th, September | 2:00 pm

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On 11 September 2023, the Women's Development Cell, Miranda House conducted a seminar on "*Gendered Violence in South Asian Diaspora*" with guest speaker Sundari Anitha, professor on Gender, Violence and Work at the University of Lincoln, UK. Ms. Anitha's comprehensive research violence against women, encompassing gender, race, border, and migration including domestic, sexual, and university-based violence, provided a profound background for the session.

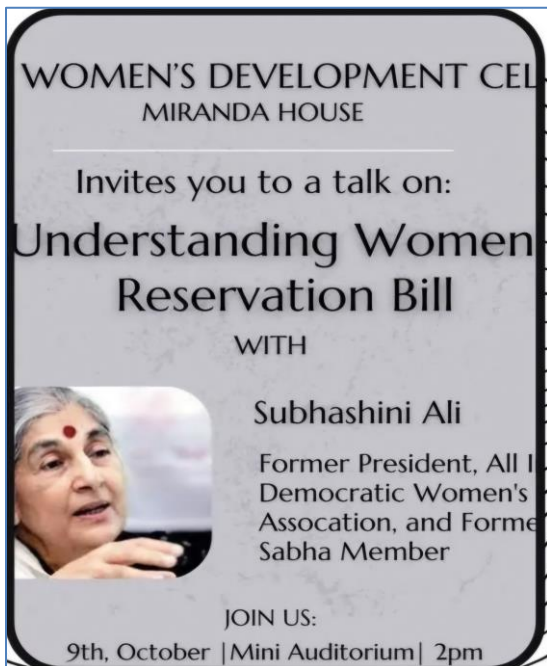
The session emphasized the heightened vulnerability of women married into immigrated families. The speaker underscored the apprehensions and intimidation faced by these women when contemplating divorce in an unfamiliar country.

Total number of participants: 100

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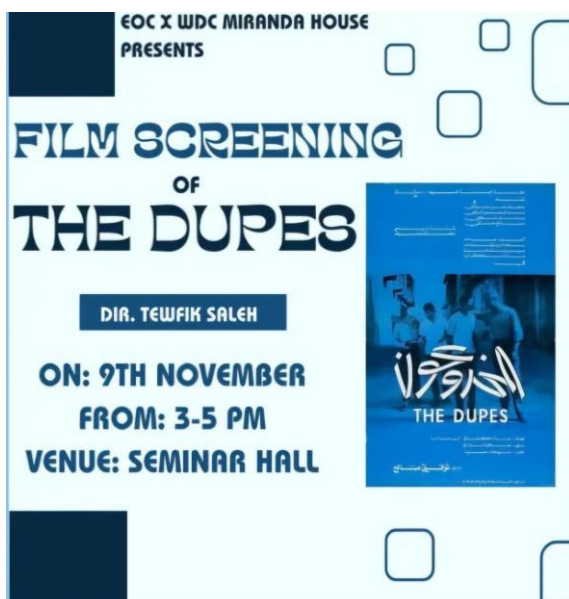
The Women's Development Cell, Miranda House, organised a speaker session on **the Women's Reservation Bill** with Ms. Subhashini Ali, former President of the All-India Democratic Women's Association and former Member of Parliament - as the guest speaker. The talk was held on **9 October 2023**.

Ms. Subhashini Ali provided the requisite background for affirmative action through caste-based reservation in India. She addressed the prevailing anti reservation sentiments in our university spaces and the country. She clarified that the problem did not lie in the finding of suitable female candidates but in helping these candidates win. Social realities of deprivation also manifest in the fact that competent women are denied election tickets owing to the deeply patriarchal nature of

party politics that prevails in the status quo.

Total number of participants: 54

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On **9 November 2023**, the Women's Development Cell, Miranda House in collaboration with Equal Opportunity Cell of Miranda House curated a screening of "The Dupes," directed by Tewfik Saleh.

The movie was screened in the light of the ongoing conflict in Palestine in order to raise awareness among students and promote Saleh's 1972 masterpiece, adapted from Ghassan Kanafani's 1962 novella "Men in the Sun". The movie unfolds in the 1950s, following three Palestinian refugees of different generations seeking passage from Iraq to Kuwait.

Total number of participants: 75

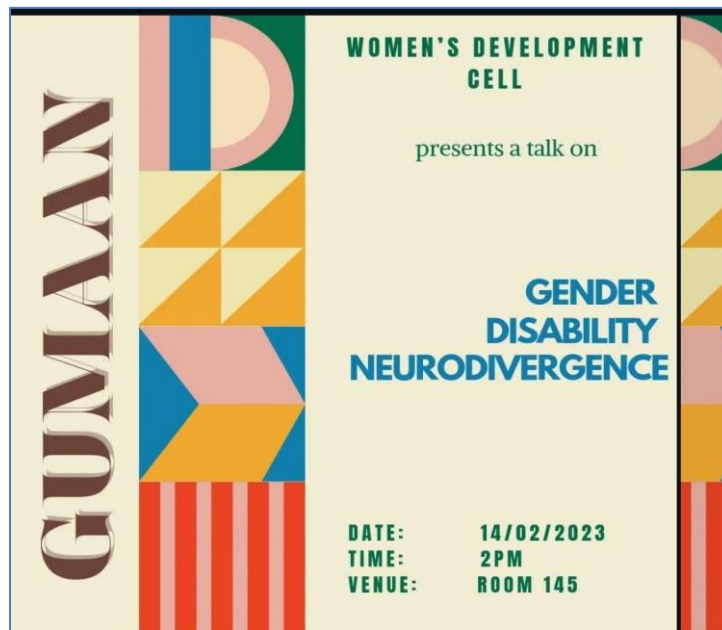
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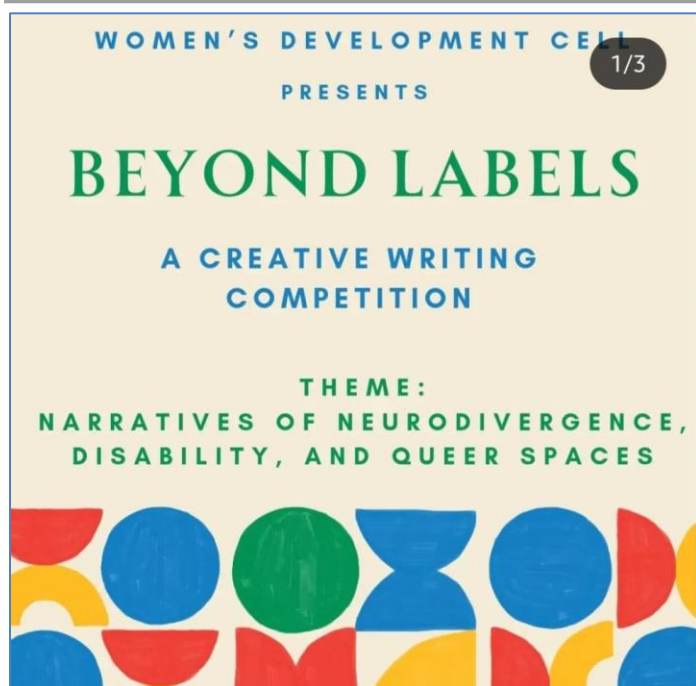
Embracing the spectrum of human experience, Women's Development Cell, Miranda House conducted Gumaan, an event focused on neurodivergence, disability, and queerness.

The session held by **14 February 2024**, conducted by **Soumya, a development sector professional**, explored inclusivity and celebration that goes beyond stereotypes, exploring the profound narratives of neurodivergent individuals, those with disabilities, and the vibrant spectrum of queer spaces. Through shared stories and diverse perspectives, the session fostered understanding, empathy, and celebrated the unique beauty within each narrative.





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As part of Gumaan 2024, an event focused on celebrating identities, the Editorial and Logistics Department of Women's Development Cell at Miranda House presented "Beyond Labels", a creative writing competition.

Writers were invited to showcase their talent and creativity, providing a unique platform for self-expression. *The theme revolved around "Narratives of Neurodivergence, Disability, and Queer Spaces."* The best entries were featured on the social media pages of WDC MH.

Total number of participants: 25

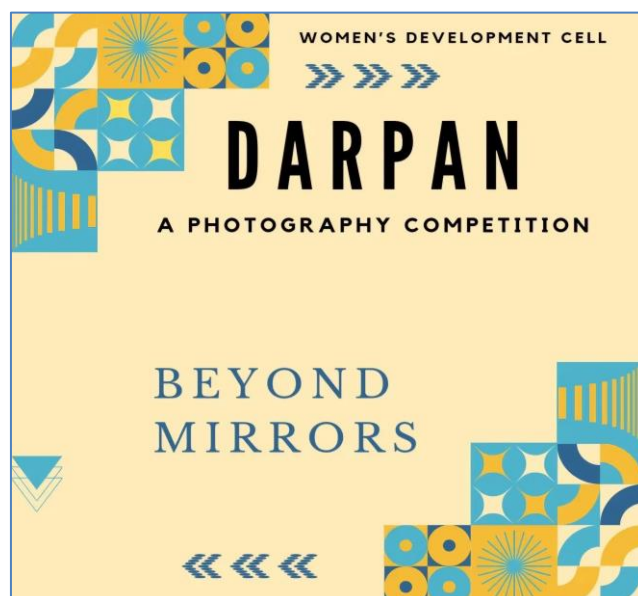
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As part of Gumaan 2024, an event focused on celebrating identities, the Photography Department of Women's Development Cell, Miranda House invited submissions for a photography competition. Through the competition, participants were encouraged to take pictures that defy unrealistic and unfair expectations of the society by highlighting variety in all of its manifestations. The competition was held on **24 February 2024**.

The aim was to highlight the self-confidence and assurance of individuals who defy conventional beauty norms and embrace their individuality. The best entries were featured on the social media pages of WDC MH.

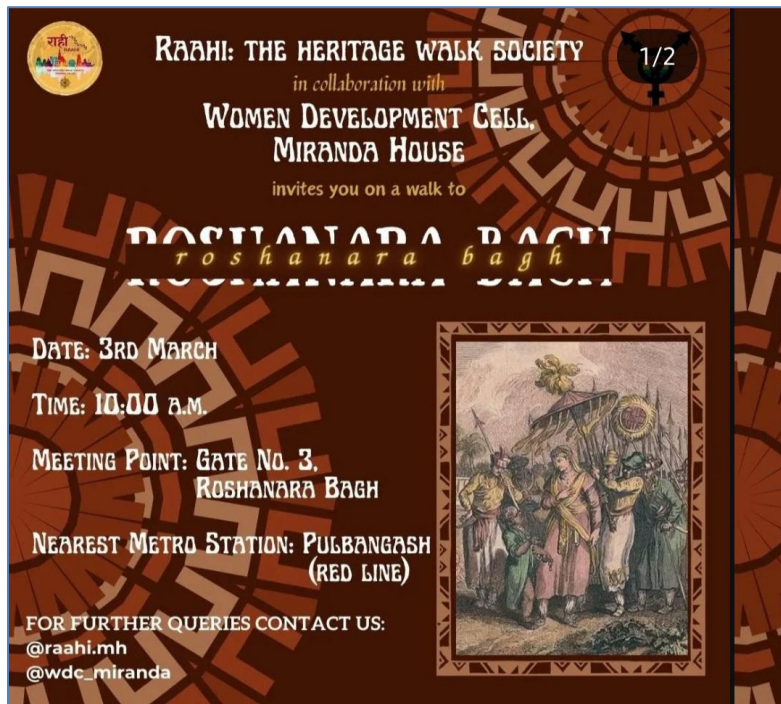
Total number of participants: 25

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Raahi, the Heritage Walk Society in collaboration with Women's Development Cell, Miranda House conducted a heritage walk to the Roshanara Garden, **on 3rd March 2024**. Yushvita, the walk leader painted an elaborate picture of Roshanara's life- coloured with ambition, aspirations, and scandalous accusations.

The daughter of the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal, Roshanara Begum is often thought to have been overshadowed by her illustrious sister, Jahanara - which shaped her as a person and affected her familial and political relationships. The walk leader traced the life of Roshanara Begum- highlighting her crucial role in the succession politics of the empire and the immense influence she exercised.

We also delved into various themes including the intersection of history and gender, conservation of monuments and invisibilization of the medieval women.

Total number of participants: 110

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Women's Development Cell
in collaboration with
Department of Sociology, Miranda House
presents an interactive
discussion on

WOMEN AND WORK

with

Prof. Sonalde Desai
Professor and Director
NCAER- National Data Innovation Centre (NDIC)
Distinguished University Professor,
Department of Sociology, University of Maryland

13th March, 2024
11:45 A.M. Onwards
SAC, Miranda House College

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The Department of Sociology in collaboration with Women's Development Cell organised an interactive discussion with **Professor Sonalde Desai** on the topic 'Women and Work'.

Prof. Desai leads the India Human Development Survey (IHDS) of over 40,000 households, one of the few national panel surveys in India providing a rich and free public resource for studying the transformation of Indian society in the 21st century between 2004 and 2023.

Through the session we learnt how gender is played out in the workforce and the different manifestations of female workforce and work power. We also engaged in discussion based

on her research with IHDS in the session.

Total number of participants: 150

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GENDER MELA
2024
WDC MH

EMPIRE, GENDER AND THE ARCHIVE:

Contextualising the Local,
National and the Global in
Colonial India

15/04/2024
SEMINAR HALL
11:00 to 12:00 AM



The Women's Development Cell, as part of the annual fest - Gender Mela, organised a seminar on 'Empire, Gender and The Archive' on **15 April 2024**. The session was headed by **Dr. Jyoti Atwal Limerick**. Dr Jyoti Atwal is Associate Professor of Modern Indian History at the Centre Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India & Visiting Professor at UCD School of History, University College Dublin, Ireland.

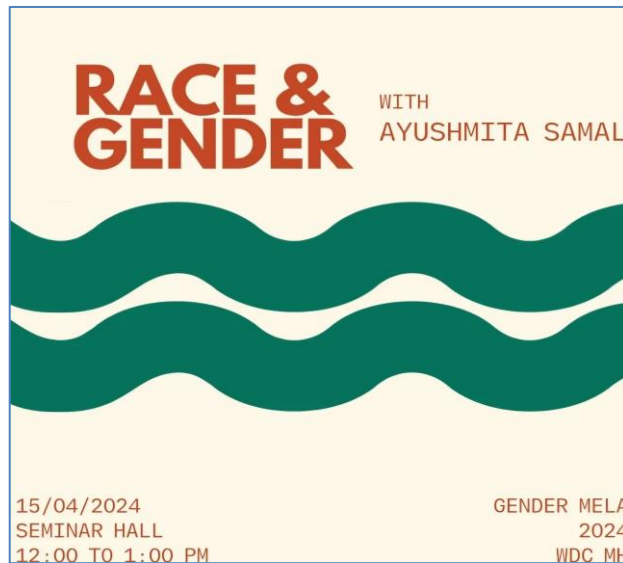
She specialises in modern Indian history with a focus on gender and socio-political history. Her area of interest includes Irish history with special focus on transnational anti-imperial movements and gender. Through the session we gained deep insight into the intersection of gender and History and the various aspects of the same. Erasure of women from History and subversions of the same were discussed at length.

Total number of participants: 50

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The Women's Development Cell, as part of the annual fest - Gender Mela, organised a seminar on "Race and Gender" by Ayushmita Samal on **15 April 2024**.

Ayushmita, a researcher, writer, and trainer, who works in the intersections of gender, race, disabilities with a focus on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and invisible disabilities, was able to provide the participants with deep understanding on how to employ an intersectional feminist and decolonial lens to discourse, challenging existing paradigms and advocating for inclusive approaches to research and social program evaluation.

The session helped understand how race and context shape health outcomes and sexual rights, particularly in marginalised communities.

Number of Participants: 75

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Movie Screening followed by Student Led Discussion



15/04/2024
SEMINAR HALL
1:30 to 2:45 PM

GENDER MELA
2024
WDC MH

The Women's Development Cell, as part of the annual fest - Gender Mela, screened the movie "In A Dissent Manner" on 15 April 2024.

The movie prompted the participants to think about censorship and dissent through a decolonised feminist lens.

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The Women's Development Cell, as part of the annual fest - Gender Mela, organised a "Digital Spaces Workshop" on **15 April 2024**.

The workshop was in collaboration with Center for Social Research, a non-profit organisation working in the domain of women empowerment and civic participation. Through this workshop, the participants were equipped to identify and combat dangerous situations online and to identify and tackle misinformation.

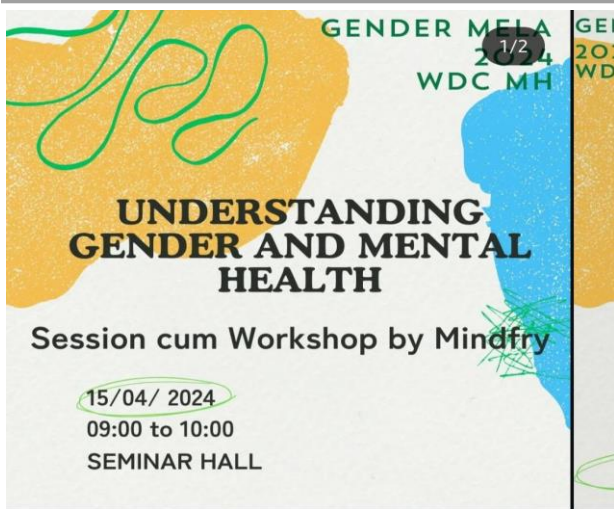
The session also shed light on how to have a positive online engagement and the importance of mental health in digital spaces.

Number of participants: 65

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The Women's Development Cell, Miranda House, as part of the annual fest Gender Mela, on **15 April 2024** organised a session cum Workshop on “Understanding Gender and Mental Health” in collaboration with Mindfry, an organisation aiming to create a mental health revolution for today’s generation.

The session was moderated by the founder of Mindfry, Aditi Mishra and was successful making the students think differently about mental health and view it in a more holistic manner. She talked about the intersection of Gender and Mental Health, accessibility to mental health resources and how different each manifestation of mental health can be.

Number of participants: 65

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As part of the annual fest Gender Mela, WDC invited abstracts and presentations on the theme of "Feminism Beyond Borders: Transnational Feminisms and Global Resistance" to examine the scope and ramifications of a transnational concept of feminism. The competition saw large participation with abstracts and presentations on ‘The interplay between global and grassroots feminist movements’, ‘Migration, Refugees, And Diaspora Feminisms’, ‘Decolonising Feminism and Anti-Imperialist, Global South Perspectives’ and much more. Through this competition we brought to the participants the concept of how in the post globalisation landscape, feminism transcends the local and global paradigms and interacts with social movements, political dynamics, economic forces and channels of media and communication on the international stage.

The presentation of selected abstracts was done on 15 April 2024.

Number of participants: 30

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Part B

Participation in the conduct of elections of students' representatives to ICC

The Women's Development Cell facilitated the election of student representatives to the Gender Sensitising Committee (GSC) and the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).

The office-bearers of all departments and WDC, accompanied by the staff advisors of WDC met on 5.3.2024 to discuss the role of GSC & ICC as well as election to these bodies.



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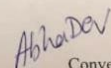
Elections 2023-24 to GSC and ICC

As per the UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Staff Advisors and Office Bearers of WDC) Regulations 2015 and the resolution of the Staff Council, Miranda House of 14 December 2018, Elections for a Students' Representative on Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) will be held as per the following schedule:

Phase I	
Election/Nomination of a representative from each class of Ist, IInd and IIIrd year to the Gender Sensitising Committee (GSC) <i>Process to be conducted by the respective Department Society</i>	
Meeting of the Office Bearers of Department Societies and Staff Advisors and Office Bearers of WDC	3 pm, Tuesday, 5 March 2024
Last Date of submission of list of Elected/Nominated representatives (emailed to convenor.wdc@mirandahouse.ac.in)	5 pm, Friday, 15 March 2024
Phase II	
Election of a representative to ICC from amongst the Gender Sensitising Committee <i>To be conducted by Convenor, Women Development Cell (WDC)</i>	
Last Date of receipt of Nomination Papers (through email)	4 pm, Tuesday, 2 April 2024
Scrutiny of Nomination Papers	4 pm, Tuesday, 2 April 2024 (in Committee Room)
Last date of withdrawal from the Elections	4 pm, Wednesday, 3 April 2024
List of Candidates to be pasted on the College Website and notice boards	11 am, Thursday, 4 April 2024
Polling	2 pm – 4 pm, Wednesday, 10 April 2024 (Polling in Committee Room)
Declaration of Result	5 pm, Wednesday, 10 April 2024

i. Nomination Forms and Withdrawal Forms will be available on the College website.
ii. These should be emailed as per the schedule to convenor.wdc@mirandahouse.ac.in, with cc to abhadev.habib@mirandahouse.ac.in and jyoti.prakash@mirandahouse.ac.in.
iii. Counselling sessions for the GSC will be arranged after its formation.


Principal
(Returning Officer)


Convenor, WDC
(Presiding Officer)

The WDC organised several counselling sessions with Class Representatives to ensure participation of students in the Election Process. Over 100 students participated in counselling sessions held for Class Representatives and then for members of Gender Sensitising Committee.

The Elections of three students' representative to the ICC were completed on 10 April 2024.