

“Sort of a FEMINIST” held on November 18, 2019.

About the Event –

Women’s Cell, PDPU organized one day workshop on “*Sort of a FEMINIST*” facilitated by **Jayati Doshi** – an artist, facilitator, story-curator. Ms. Doshi creates a collaborative collective experience for folks to make sense of things about Feminism and identifying where they stand from being a strong feminist to not being a feminist.



This workshop was an interactive and activity-based session, divided in to two parts before lunch and post lunch. The before lunch session was more of with activity which was conducted by Ms. Doshi and participants actively participating in the activities. The very first activity was about knowing what feminism mattered to each one of them. The students were divided in to three groups, ten in each group and the task given to them was to identify the meaning of feminism and how it mattered to them and what pronoun they would use to define feminism. This was a group activity where all the participants shared their experiences about how they felt feminism and how did it matter in their lives. This activity was about knowing where they have faced feminism irrespective of any gender in the group. The second activity – “**Spectrum**” was about knowing their takes on various issues prevailing in the society. Ms. Doshi would give statements and the participants had to decide where they exactly stand on and what is their take i.e. There were two extremes of the statements and they had to speak behalf of the extremes they stood on and those who didn’t have any stand for the extremes would stand in the middle. The statements were like – one extreme: Why women should work? other extreme: Why women should not work? one extreme: There should be strict punishments for rapes. Other extreme: There should be no such strict punishments for rapes. One extreme: Make up, fashion, high heels is counted as Feminism. Other extreme: Make up, fashion, high heels not counted as feminism. Participants had different takes on these statements and also after viewing the takes of both the extremes, participants changed their position, considering one of the extremes most appropriate and this activity made students know each other’s points. After this activity, students were asked to write their definition of Feminism on one side and at the back side of it they had to mention about pronouns they would use for themselves for being a feminist and not being a feminist. Those cue cards were later hanged upon the ribbon to have a idea of what feminism is to each and how do they perceive it.

The session post lunch was kept open for discussions with participants as what have they understood by feminism and how it had created an impact on others. Later again, participants were given an activity to perform, they had to select any three cards which

had different options like Homosexual/Bisexual, Straight, Gay and selecting the three cards they had to identify themselves as being more powerful and less powerful. Later on, they were divided into four groups and they had to plan a city with the cards they were allotted to and present them as how would a city with Gay or Straight or Bisexual would be and what provisions they would keep on to maintain peace. Later the session was ended with students' feelings about this whole process of identifying themselves as strong feminist or not a strong feminist. At the end of the session Ms. Jayati Doshi was felicitated by Dr. Ritu Sharma, Convener, Women's Cell, PDPU and thanked Ms. Arpita Bohra, faculty coordinator for the event, for organizing this event.



