WOMENITE : THE CHANGE MAKERS

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ABOUT 'WOMENITE'

Womenite stemmed from an incessant and urgent need to address the ineptitude of a society which was not only functioning on a set of inherently flawed ideals but seemingly thriving on them too. It is a youth-led youth-driven social initiative committed to bringing a change. Through education, love and empowerment we seek to create a society equal in its norms of gender and appreciative of differences.

Actualising that dream is our responsibility, and so we call ourselves the changemakers; harbingers of change, not saviours but a wave heralding a do-over. Currently, we are conducting workshops on issues like Menstrual Health, Child Sexual Abuse, Gender Equality and various other topics of consequence in hopes of breaking stereotypes and bringing about tangible change.



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FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

"We aim to filter the ill attitudes and wrong frame sets in the society by eliminating baseless superstition, gender norms, stereotypes and taboos which affect the lives of women. Our focus is evolving and concerns other genders as well who are constantly seeking their identity to be accepted. Gender equality issues direct most of our activities in which the main beneficiaries are small children who will be the future of the country."

~ HARSHIT GUPTA

Womenite's Founder

VISION

We envision a society based off of not only equality but the softer nuances of feminism. Our vision is helping create a world acceptive and appreciative of people because of who they are and not impose their ideas of gender, sexuality, ability, race, religion, class or caste on others. We believe in love and have faith in the power it exhibits.

MISSION

Fuelled by a set of commonly shared values and spurred on by our passion, our mission is an unwavering determination to the betterment of society. Being work orientated as we are, we believe in doing rather than the preaching of doing. We work tirelessly towards dissemination of information to raise awareness about issues of consequence and bring about a shift in widespread mentality.

CAMPAIGNS HOSTED



UDAAN: BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO



COMMENCEMENT

The event commenced by introducing Mr. Satyendra Jain (Hon'ble Minister, Delhi government) as the Distinguished Guest for the day followed by Saraswati Pooja and lightening of the lamp by Mr. Parvesh Verma (Member of Parliament) who served as the Chief Guest , Mr. Sanjay Goel (IAS Director, Education, GNCTD) who was the Presiding Guest , Ms. Sunil Dabas (Padmashree Awardee, Women Kabaddi coach) who was made the Guest of Honour .

An event called Udaan, Beti Padhao Beti Bachao took place in collaboration with Womenite and District Magistrate of West Delhi at the Surajmal Stadium, Nangloi. The program encompassed various girls from different Government schools across Delhi. The aim of the function was to make changes to the conservative thinking of people in society, to eliminate gender inequality and promote equal opportunity towards women in the society. The girls were accompanied by their parents who were overjoyed and proud to have given birth to such wonderful gems.

The program called upon girls who made not only their family but the whole nation proud with their exemplary performance like Ms Saumya Sharma who surpassed with 9th rank in the UPSC exams. Moreover, toppers such as Neha Jain, Akriti Bansal and other such girls graced the occasion. They motivated the students and enlightened them about various opportunities awaiting their presence in the near future. The program provided a great chance for the girls to speak their minds.





The event was graced by ***Mr. Satyendra Jain (Hon'ble Minister, Delhi government)*** *as the Distinguished Guest for the day,* ***Mr. Parvesh Verma (Member of Parliament)*** *who served as the Chief Guest ,* ***Mr. Sanjay Goel (IAS Director, Education, GNCTD)*** *who was the Presiding Guest,* ***Ms. Sunil Dabas (Padmashree Awardee, Women Kabaddi coach)*** *who was made the Guest of Honour. Each of them inspired girls to work extremely hard in the academic sphere but also motivated them to take part in Sports and establish themselves in life. The programme showcased India's culture with the help of diverse dance performances by various girl students and a special performance by the Womenite team members showcasing the problems that girls are facing even in the 21st Century.*





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VAN MAHOTSAV

According to a report by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the total remaining tree cover of India that included forests and non-forest areas was 24.16% in 2015.

Realising the importance of trees for our future, Womenite celebrated 'The Festival Of Trees', 'VAN MAHOTSAV' in a bid to raise awareness about the importance of trees and encouraged people to plant more of them. After our team came into action, 1000 saplings were planted.

% OF FORESTED AREA



2011



2017

OUR MOTIVE

Through this act we not only aimed at planting trees just for a day but we also wanted to convey the message that through TEAMWORK, DETERMINATION and LOVE it is always possible to deal with any concern in the world as "Love is like a tree, it grows of its own accord, it puts down deep roots into our whole being."

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY

Menstrual hygiene day is a global platform for people across all sectors to engage in action, advocacy and sharing knowledge about menstrual hygiene and management. Following the track of its docket, Womenite organised an awareness program on 'Menstrual Hygiene' at 3 different centers in Delhi with over 200 women under the banner of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" . Participants were told about the myths and facts





MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SESSION AT KIRTI NAGAR

Womenite organised an awareness program on 'Menstrual Hygiene' with a group of women at Kirti Nagar, Delhi under the banner of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao". Participants were told about the myths and facts related to menstruation. The session was an interactive one where females took an interest, shared their experiences as well as their thoughts about the kind of secured future they dream for their daughters. The session got concluded with the distribution of pads and some refreshments among the participants. Womenite believes that to start a conversation is to step from 'Anxiety' onto 'Confidence' as Education and Awareness – be it about periods or any other thing across the globe, CHANGES EVERYTHING.





MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SESSION AT NIZAMUDDIN DARGAH

Menstruation hygiene day is celebrated to remind all of us of our roles in improving the current scenario of the society. Unfortunately, in many areas, there is complete neglect of menstrual hygiene due to low awareness levels and lack of access to sanitary products. So now the question arises that "what does a ' she ' do when she can't afford pads ?" Keeping in mind all these major issues Womenite conducted a workshop near Nizamuddin Dargah, Delhi also with a group of approx 30 girls. We also discussed some untouched topics like 'body's nutritional needs during menstruation', 'discussion on wash facilities', 'problem and taboos surrounding menstruation' and much more. Conclusively sanitary pads were distributed as an 'expression of hope'. Though the colour of the pads was white it actually helped to strengthen the colourful dreams of those little girls who now might be feeling way more confident.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SESSION AT KHUSHI RAINBOW HOME

The menstruation awareness program organised on 28th of May at 'KHUSHI RAINBOW HOME' on the occasion of menstrual hygiene day, Womenite aimed at breaking this very concealment by broadening the horizon of people's mind through DISCUSSIONS and DEBATE. A group of 50 to 60 girls participated in this event where they were told about the common myths related to periods. Pads were distributed and facts were shared with the girls about 'Menarche' (the first occurrence of menstruation in women). Along with the distribution of refreshments the workshop was concluded with the message that "NO BLOOD SHOULD HOLD US BACK" as the necessity of managing menstruation and society's response to them, both are linked with WOMEN'S RIGHTS and GENDER EQUALITY.

NAARI KI CHAUPALS IN 17 VILLAGES



Womenite, in collaboration with The Office of District Magistrate, North Delhi, organized Naari ki Chaupal sessions in 17 villages of North Delhi to celebrate International Women's Day. Volunteers conducted awareness sessions on girl education and menstrual hygiene, emphasizing the importance of education for girls' independence and financial security.The village visits received a positive response, with women actively participating in discussions and expressing their struggles with education. Visual aids, such as diagrams, posters, and short films, were used to highlight gender inequality. Refreshments were distributed, and the initiative was widely accepted, with women requesting documentary links to share these values with others.

LIST OF VILLAGES COVERED:

- Lampur village
- Bhorgarh
- Katewara
- Holambi Kalan
- Khera Kalan
- Bhaktawar Pur
- Sawroop Nagar
- Siraspur Village
- Shahbad Daulat Pur
- Sannoth
- Harewali
- Sharaddhnand Colony, Bhalswa JJ
- Bawana Industrial Area
- Sec-3 Labour Flats
- Bawana Village
- Mukhmel Pur
- M & CW Badli
- Nagli Poona

AAGHAAZ: BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO

On 10th March 2018, Womenite in association with District Magistrate of North Delhi hosted the annual feminist fest: AAGHAAZ at Japanese Park, Rohini. Themed "Meri Beti Meri Taakat", the event saw participation by enthusiastic young students in large numbers. The holistic event was aimed at spreading much need awareness about protecting the girl child and empowering women through diverse means.

The event began on an energetic note with Ms. Dipa Karmakar being the welcome guest of honour. Highlighting the importance of her parent's support in her life, she emphasized on the need to nurture young dreams of little girls and letting them achieve their desires with dignity.With college societies performing dance and nukkad nataks, the audience was actively engaged in the celebration of womanhood. These performances revolved around the themes of gender equality and were successful in transforming the cause into a performance. The Asha workers were also facilitated at the event for their consistent hardwork and dedication. Another interesting element of the event was a self- defense workshop organized by the government. The star performers of the event were the Nizami Bandhu. With their meaningful sufi songs, they filled the venue with a new wave of excitement and vigour. The event concluded on a positive note.









Ms. Dipa Karmakar being the welcome guest of honour. Ms. Dipa Karmakar is an international level gymnast who has represented India at the Olympics. For her contribution, she has been awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and the Padma Shri.



This was followed by a classical performance from the dance society of Hansraj College.

The venue was filled with volunteers, supporters and eager audience members who all gathered to celebrate girl power and gender equality. Their enthusiasm and vigour is what helped us propel the ideologies of equality further to a larger population. A special point of attraction were the stalls by female entrepreneurs in different fields of business. These stalls were a living example of what women are capable of doing. Their initiatives provided an inspiration to young girls to tale up to entrepreneurship. These stalls were also visited by Ms. Dipa Karmakar who with her words of encouragement, enlightened the entrepreneurs as well as the volunteers. The District Magistrate, Sakshi Mittal, also graced the occasion



The volunteers of Womenite performed a short skit and a flash mob to extend their support to acid attack survivors.
A powerful nukkad natak was performed by the Asmita Theatre Group on the themes of equality and social change.



In totality, the event was a success in achieving its objectives of encouraging girl education and involving more and more people to it. With each passing event, we, as a team, hope to bring about a substantial social change in the mindsets of people.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE







Womenite conducted a workshop on Child Sexual Abuse on 23-April-2018. The workshop was set-up in Adarsh public school, a private school in Nangloi where young brats were told about the issue. The enthusiastic buds interacted and learned a lot in the workshop. Due to lack of discussion, they were quite unaware about the issue. The curious minds came up with some really good questions which were subtly answered to them. At last, they bid us a good by after giving a print on a paper.
Over all it was a good workshop where we were successful in sharing some important words with the children. The campaign was covered by News Nation channel.

RAISING AWARENESS ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AT SRCC, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI







The Child Sexual Abuse Department Of Womenite put up a stall at the NSS fair of Shri Ram College Of Commerce on 10th February 2018. Keeping in mind the degree of seriousness of the issue of child sexual abuse , our team interacted with the people in order to clear the myths or prejudices and presented really good and rare facts ! The serious environment soon got converted into a cheerful one, when games and fun activities like TRUE FALSE GAME – to check one's knowledge and understanding related to the topic, THE WORLD WAR – to test one's literary skills by making sub-words from letters and BURSTING BALLOONS were enjoyed by the crowd ! An anonymous survey was also conducted where people narrated and shared their personal experiences and information related to child sexual àbuse. The team acknowledged the crowd with "i will not shut up" badges and the event ended successfully. It was not only informative but also impactful! An impact that will help any person to initiate against any kind of child sexual abuse in future.

INNER BEAUTY SESSION AT MIRANDA HOUSE






When TedX speaker Onkar Kishan Khullar, popularly known as Digital Gandhi, stepped into the student activity center of Miranda college for an event organized by Womenite, on 27th February 2018, at noon, the room full of students from the same as well as different colleges, buzzed with excitement and anticipation. In front of them stood the man who was about to revolutionise the approach to his topic "Inner Beauty" with his laptop, cool action figures and party songs. The students connected not just with him, but with each other as well as themselves, by participating in unusual, fun and meaningful activities such as showing one's own style of ramp walk, giving oneself a unique name, meeting strangers and hugging them in the name of forgiving oneself, breaking the ice with proposals. It was not just a seminar or a workshop- it was a journey of accepting and loving oneself and others.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SESSION AT SHYAM LAL COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI







Womenite in collaboration with ENACTUS ShyamLal Evening College, Delhi University organised a fruitful event which primarily focused on issues related to women's hygiene and sanitation on 20th February 2018. The event witnessed an interactive speakers session, documentary screening and a pad collection drive. The entire event was aimed at highlighting the dire problems women face due to lack of proper sanitation facilities, especially in rural india. With an attempt to create awareness the speaker encouraged students to adopt eco friendly sanitation options such as cotton cloth pads and menstrual cups that are easily available online. The pad collection drive was a huge success as students can in large numbers to donate a pad each for distribution to shelter homes

ROLE OF LAW IN THE PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY AT FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI







Womenite organised a Workshop in collaboration with Gender sensitization Committee, University of Delhi, on "Role of Law in the Promotion of Gender Equality", on 9th Feb 2018, in the Law faculty of DU. Onkar Khullar sir delivered an awesome presentation on gender sensitization and demonstrated the same. Rajni Abbi ma'am (former mayor of Delhi), Ira Singhal ma'am, along with other professors of the law faculty of DU participated in the panel discussion of gender sensitization. It was an interactive session and was very enriching. All in all, it was an amazing workshop.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE CAMPAIGN AT SRCC, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI











The Menstrual Hygiene Department of Womenite put up a stall at the NSS fair of Shri Ram College of Commerce on 9th February 2018. Our theme for the day was Breaking Taboos. We organised games such as Beg-Borrow-Steal and also asked people to come up with witty and realistic taglines for periods and period related products. We urged others to 'break taboos' by knocking down bottles. Some of the taboos that were put up on bottles were 'Women can't enter holy places while menstruating', 'Women can't enter the kitchen', 'Women can't eat certain food items', 'Women can't take a bath or wash their hair'. We broke the bottles- now it's time to break the mindsets.

Womenite: The change makers

GENDER EQUALITY WORKSHOP AT KHYBER PASS COMMUNITY, DELHI











A workshop on gender equality was organized by Womenite and NSS IPCW for the under privileged children of the Khyber Pass community. The children were interactive and eager to know more about the subject. The workshop, conducted under the outreach program of the NSS, proved to be a successful one.
We do have a long way to go, but these small steps, accrued in the right direction, can bring about a large change.

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GENDER EQUALITY SESSION AT A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL



Womenite took a session on gender equality under the umbrella concept of egalitarianism, at a boy's govt school in Vijay Enclave, Uttam Nagar on 22.January, 2018. The session comprised of covering basics with an elaboration pertaining to topics and terms that serve crucial purpose in today's context and status quo.

The audience was very receptive to information, owing to a lack of discussion about this specific topic in the circles they usually run in.

It definitely felt like an impactful venture in how their curiosity was apparent enough in the questions they put up and the doubts they instantly and impatiently wanted cleared.

The session, thus, was an overall success; us walking away with a sense of accomplishment and them with newfound social knowledge they won't chance upon in course books.

WALK ON WORLD CANCER DAY







Cancer is one of the leading diseases in the world. While India is familiar with cancers such as blood and breast cancer, people are still unaware about retinoblastoma, one of the most common and life-threatening cancers affecting children in India upto three years of age. Retinoblastoma is an eye-cancer, with India ranking the highest in its prevalence, with about 1500 new cases reported each year. It can be completely cured if detected early, saving the child's vision as well as life.

To raise this awareness about retinoblastoma, Womenite, in association with the Department of Human Development and Family Empowerment, JDMC and Centre for sight, organised a peace walk, on the 4th of February 2018, the World Cancer Day. This walk started from JDMC, Delhi, with about more than 200 students participating, with several banners and slogans, to make the public understand and aware of the seriousness of this issue.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CAMPAIGN IN ASSOCIATION WITH RAHI FOUNDATION







Womenite in collaboration with RAHI Foundation presented a Campaign named 'I Will Not Shut Up' . In India 1 out of 3 girls are sexually abused before the age of 18 whole in boys the ratio is 1 is to 5. In this workshop we discussed several case studies of such survivors. Their stories brought tears in our eyes. A healthy discussion about Incest and Child Sexual Abuse being the sole purpose of the day. The attendees were introduced to concepts which are generally less talked about. Their perspectives were broadened as they came across different myths and facts surrounding such untouched subjects. Not to forget , the facilitator of the workshop , Ms. Rina D'Souza Ma'am , was mesmerising. The interactive session along with a few activities moved them all. We would love to collaborate with foundations/NGOs/colleges for more such workshops.

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS AT MIRANDA HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI









The afternoon of 22nd January went mellow and exciting for the people gathered in Miranda House for an interactive session by Onkar K. Khullar aka Digital Gandhi. We, Womenite organized this event in collaboration with The Vivekananda society, TedX speaker, Mr. Onkar K Khullar motivated the young minds to love themselves and follow their own hearts, with his unique flair. The presentation, the activities were all oriented towards making the audience see the beauty of heartbreaks, of rejections. Be it rejections from your work or from the person you love, it always triggers the creativeness in you (of course, there's the other path leading you to becoming the next Devdas, but that's your choice). Moreover, if they are not allowed to do the opposite, difficult times always hone one into a better and stronger person. This message was very well incorporated by the program.
By the end of the session, the aura of the room resonated with its occupants' feelings-confident and jubilant.