REPORT ON SEMINAR

"Beyond the Binary: Exploring New Horizons in Gender Equity"
Under
SETU (Sustaining Equality Through Universities)

Government Arts College, Maninagar, Ahmedabad, in collaboration with the Gender Resource Centre, Women and Child Development Department, Government of Gujarat, organised a seminar titled "Beyond the Binary: Exploring New Horizons in Gender Equity" on 23rd October, 2026, under the SETU (Sustaining Equality Through Universities). The seminar was organised around the broader theme of "Safe, Healthy and Inclusive Spaces: Gender Sensitization, Nutrition & PoSH Awareness."

The primary aim of the seminar was to promote awareness and understanding of gender equity by challenging traditional gender stereotypes and moving beyond the conventional gender stereotypes. It sought to encourage respect for gender diversity, equal opportunities, dignity and inclusiveness among students. The seminar also aimed to sensitize participants towards creating safe, healthy and inclusive spaces through awareness of gender equality

The seminar commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries and faculty members. The lamp-lighting ceremony symbolised knowledge, wisdom and enlightenment and marked the formal inauguration of the programme. Dr. Namita Sharma, Principal of Government Arts College, Maninagar, supported the initiative and emphasised the importance of nurturing a safe, respectful and inclusive academic environment.

The seminar featured two distinguished resource persons. Shree Deepak Teraiya, Director of UDeepak Learning Solution Pvt. Ltd., Gandhinagar, served as the first resource person. Dr. Falguni Manjula, Associate Professor, Shri H. K. Arts College, served as the second resource person. Both speakers shared valuable insights on gender sensitization, gender equity and the significance of creating safe and inclusive spaces.

The sessions highlighted the need to challenge traditional gender stereotypes, recognise diverse identities and promote equal opportunities irrespective of gender. Discussions also emphasised the importance of developing sensitivity, awareness and mutual respect in personal, academic and professional environments.

As part of the seminar "Beyond the Binary: Exploring New Horizons in Gender Equity," members of the Abhayam Team delivered an informative awareness session for the students. They highlighted the importance of women's safety, personal security, gender sensitization and the prevention of harassment and violence. The team explained the role of the Abhayam 181 Women Helpline in providing assistance, guidance and support to women facing difficult or unsafe situations.

The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from approximately 120 students of Government Arts College, Maninagar. Students actively attended the sessions conducted by the resource persons, the awareness talk by the Abhayam Team and the film screening. The programme provided them with valuable insights into gender equity, gender sensitization, women's safety, and the prevention of sexual harassment.

The participation of 120 students reflected the institution's commitment to promoting awareness, equality and inclusiveness among the student community. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing sincere gratitude to the resource persons, the Gender Resource Centre, the college administration, faculty members and students for their valuable contributions and active participation.



Photograph 1: Inauguration of the seminar through the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries and faculty members.



Photograph 2: Resource persons addressing the participants during the seminar at the Multipurpose Hall.


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