Name of Activity: Our Bodies, Our Mind and Our Rights: Break the Period Taboos

Category: Workshop

Organising Unit: Jointly organized by IC, Departments of Psychology, and Human Rights in

collaboration with IQAC, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan

Date: March 11, 2024

**Time:** 1.30 pm

Venue: Swamiji Bhavan

Name of Resource Person/s (with Designation): Dr Moupia Mukherjee, Independent Filmmaker,

Writer and Gender Consultant

**Number of Participants: 260** 

Brief Description of the Event and Programme Outcome: The Programme started with the Welcome Address by Dr. Chaiti Mitra, the IQAC Coordinator. The Felicitation of Dr Mukherjee by Sm. Mousumi Mukherjee, Department of Human Rights was followed by a short Prelude to the issue by Dr. Soma Marik, Chairperson of the IC, RKSMVV. The workshop took up myths and taboos surrounding Periods through a PowerPoint Presentation and how the patriarchal values relate periods to sexual harassment, showing the diagrams of the relevant organs of the body to show that menstruation is a biological process and normal in women and girls in puberty. Her documentary Film (The Day I Became A Woman) screening opened the floodgates of a wide range of questions and comments from students and faculty.

**Programme Outcome:** The students' interactive session was quite inspiring. Many have already broken these taboos constructed by patriarchy. The use of tampons and menstrual cups though by also shows that young teenage girls in their early 20s are not concerned about the socially constructed idea of chastity. The students realized that periods are not a matter of shame or isolation from normal life---it is as natural a physiological phase of the body as breathing. The takeaway is to break the silence on Periods and to make an effort to spread this message beyond the campus.



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