



# Netaji Subhas Open University

## School of Professional Studies

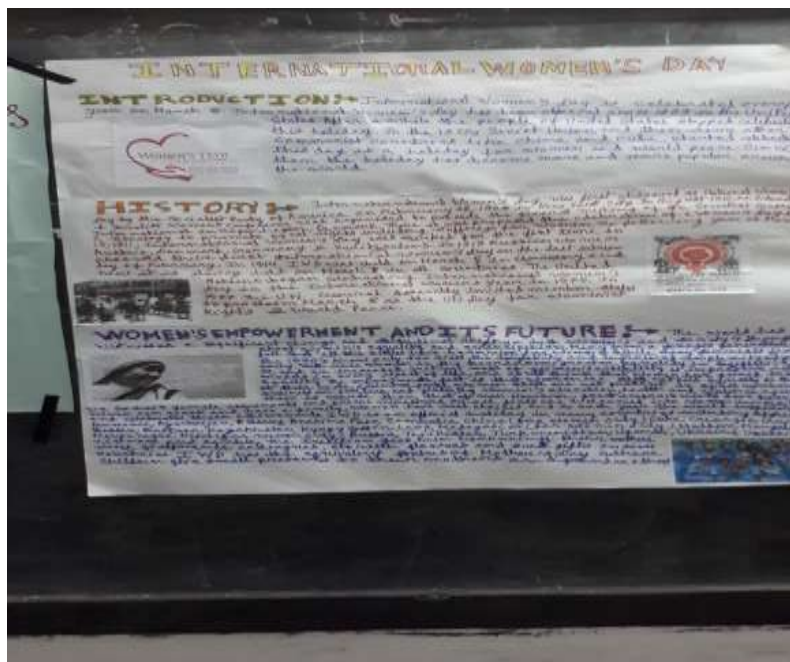
### REPORT

#### **Women's Day Celebration by MSW Learners (8/3/2020)**

The learners of MSW course under School of Professional Studies, NSOU celebrated the "Women's Day" on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 with lot of enthusiasm in various study centres. The learners of both the years together organized an excellent programme though in a very short period of time to observe this special day. The counsellors of the respective study centres appreciated and encouraged the learners for organizing such a colourful and meaningful programme. The learners celebrated this day to acknowledge the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women and call for gender parity in our community.

The MSW learners of the study centres- Bijay Krishna Girl's College, Bankura Christian College , Women's Christian College as well the newly initiated Jalpaiguri Regional organized the programme under the guidance of their respective Counsellors

We may say that the learners of MSW course, had truly understood the need for observing "Women's Day", as in their course curricular they are being taught to make efforts to create a Right Based Society, where no individual is deprived of their legitimate rights and entitlements and thereby restore social justice and dignity for all.



It was interesting to note that not only the female learners but even the male learners actively participated in the programme. They prepared charts and posters to depict the various Rights of women guaranteed by the Indian Constitution. These Charts gave a historical background of the “International Women’s day” and also suggested ways of empowering the Women who are mostly marginalized in our society due to Patriarchy.

The learners, recited poems, presented dance and sang beautiful folk songs which were all related to how women in our society are exploited and have to submit themselves to the traditional practices which are detrimental for their growth and development.



The counsellors also inspired the learners to be bold enough to stand up to protect the Rights of the women of our society, and they further said that each day is women’s day and we should keep on thinking and plan pragmatic strategies to challenge Gender Stereotypes, and call out Gender actions and thus strive to make a gender neutral society. The counsellors shared the role of NGOs in promoting women’s empowerment, and in this context they mentioned about the contribution of NGOs like *SANLAP*, *SEWA*, *NARI O SHISHU KALYAN KENDRA*. They also shared about the effort of Government and its schemes and programmes which are meant for the upliftment of womenfolk for our society.

The programme was concluded with the hope that our learners after becoming professionally qualified Social Workers would contribute in the field of Women’s Development and Empowerment and would make a difference in the society.

