

## Women Development Cell

A number of programmes were conducted in order to inculcate the importance of gender equality among the students.

WDC, along with Anti-Ragging Committee, organised a half-day Workshop on the 'Role of WDC and Anti Ragging Committee' on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Ms. Kranti Jejurkar, Chairperson, UWDC and Dr. Mrudul Nile, Chairperson, Student's Welfare Dept. were the Key-Speakers. The Workshop was organised for the teachers of our own college, sister institutions and cluster college teachers.

In view of increasing incidents of violence against women and girls, WDC under the guidance of Prin. Dr. Mrs. Shakuntala A. Singh conducted six Self Defence Courses in our College for girl students. The instructor was Asst. Prof. Waghmare, who is an expert in Martial Arts. Ninety girl students participated in this course.

The WDC Cell joined 'Rise' Campaign initiated by MAWA in order to create awareness about safety and security of girl students. This programme was organised in memory of Nirbhaya case in Delhi.

During *Navrang*, our college festival, in different competitions, women's issues were highlighted.

On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014, WDC organised a programme on the eve of *Jayanti* of Smt. Savitribai Phule. The Secretary

of WDC Asst. Prof. P. P. Tokekar delivered a Lecture on Savitribai Phule and other Women Social Reformers of Maharashtra. The Principal of the College Dr. Mrs. S. A. Singh guided the students on this occasion.

On 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014, WDC along with *Star Pravah* organised Self-Defence programme for girl students of our college.

On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014, WDC organised a programme on the eve of International Women's Day. Ms. Neelam Lobo, Pilot, Air India and Ms. Mariamma V. T., Air Traffic Controller were invited on this day.

On 10<sup>th</sup> March, *Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Smritidin* was organised under the guidance of Principal Dr. Mrs. Shakuntala A. Singh. She insisted that everyone present should resolve to educate at least one woman and also emphasized that this programme would be marked as the ~~inaugural function for the forthcoming~~ National Conference titled 'Women's Quest for Equality in India: Promises, Problems and Prospects'. Asst. Prof. Anil Bhabad delivered a speech emphasising the contribution of *Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule*.

**Asst. Prof. Mrs. P. P. Tokekar**  
Secretary