

# Empowerment @ ANDC



The college believes that knowledge can be efficiently gleaned from education if the immediate surroundings of the student empower him/her to do so. All things being equal any student's attitude towards education and learning, as measured by their levels of engagement and enthusiasm is directly related to their comfort zone. The college has in place many committees to ensure the same and activities of three are enumerated.

## Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC)

EOC of Acharya Narendra Dev College working in collaboration with EOC of the University of Delhi aims at ensuring a level playing field for all stakeholders of the college. It strives hard to ensure equity and equal opportunity for persons with disabilities (PwDs) and those belonging to marginalized and deprived sections of the society. Specifically, ground floor classrooms, accessible ramps, examination writers are some of the responsibilities that EOC ensures unfailingly. It also tries to create a congenial atmosphere for academic interaction and growth of healthy interpersonal relations amongst students. Working in tandem with the NSS unit, it works at providing guidance and counselling with respect to academic, financial, social and other matters that enhance diversity within the college. It is heartening to note that indoctrination by college EOC has resulted in inspiring a number of differently-abled students to come forward for para-sports, a field that the sports teacher in college specializes in!



## Sashakt – A Society for Women Empowerment

Sashakt is a college society that is geared towards alleviating gender-based discrimination and trying to eliminate deep-rooted social malice towards women. The college believes in empowerment of women and therefore makes augmented efforts towards ensuring not just physical or psychological well-being of women but complete personality development through medical counselling, sex-education and explanations of laws on womens' rights. Sashakt's activities include preventing harassment of any type, creating awareness on matters of health, addressing women-related

issues and spreading awareness on gender-sensitization. It also organizes Self-Defence training for women in association with Delhi Police besides acting as a support system to College Complaint Cell (CCC). The society along with CCC has been regularly conducting discussions on what constitutes sexual harassment and on the steps to take, in case faced with such a situation, with all constituents of the college community.

## Student Aid for Knowledge, Success, Honour And Motivation (SAKSHAM)

The college has a benevolent scheme SAKSHAM in place, with a sole objective to empower inclusive education for the needy and deserving students. Erstwhile known as Student Aid Fund, SAKSHAM today is an instrument that envisages ensuring holistic education for a needy student for the entire duration of his/her study. After a rigorous evaluation of the needs, selected students are supported in the form of full fee waiver, book bank facility, monthly stipend and reimbursement of stationery. SAKSHAM also supports students who may need financial help for any add-on course, excursions – in effect it helps the needy in any-which way. Another recognized initiative under SAKSHAM is the 'earn-while-you-learn' programme wherein students are deputed for hands-on work in library, administration and accounts. SAKSHAM has spawned many poignant-to-success stories.

