

February 12, 2015  
Venue: L202  
Time: 5:30pm

Open discussion session on

**"Women Cell at IIITDMJ - role and responsibilities in local as well as global perspective"**

After initial remarks from Chairperson Women cell, both male and female students participated in the discussion. The response of the students was very positive. Prof. Aparajita Ojha, Dr. Sangeeta Pandit, and Mr. Naresh Joshi also shared their experiences with the students. The following views emerged out:

1. Both males and females are fundamentally different and a better coordination among them is required.
2. Women empowerment does not mean to get only freedom of roaming at any point of time in a day/night as boys probably enjoy.
3. It is a known fact that education empowers. Women empowerment deals with inculcating girl students to take right decision at the right time in any situation. They must have courage to follow their decision.
4. It was felt that males are also required to be trained to understand the requirements of their female counterparts.
5. Awareness Talks and Lectures should be conducted to guide people.
6. Need of self-defense training programs.
7. Creation of gender sensitization.
8. Instilling the courage amongst students to discuss their issues and problems with their parents, siblings or friends who can guide them properly.
9. Enhancing self-esteem and confidence of the women.
10. Healthy girl-boy interaction and team work.