



# **A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College for Women**

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## **Thoothukudi-628 002**

### **Report**

A **Gender Sensitivity Awareness Programme Series** organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was inaugurated by Mr.Murali Rambha, the Superintendent of Police, Thoothukudi District on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at A.P.C.Mahalaxmi College for Women, Thoothukudi. The proposed programmes in the series scheduled after the inauguration are on **Safety and Security, Complaints and Remedies, Health Issues, Eco Conservation, Mental Health and Ethics**. Dr.K.Sathya Bama , the Principal delivered the welcome address, introduced the chief guest and presented him a memento. Dr.T.Lilly Golda, Assistant Professor of English & Coordinator, IQAC introduced the theme of the series and the importance of the awareness programmes. Mr. Murali Rambha , furnished the nuances of Gender Sensitivity and shared all the details regarding Safety and Security which entirely lies in the hands of Women, Mental Health and Women Empowerment. He also insisted on the necessity of education for women and the financial independence. He enlightened the students about various Acts like POCSO Act, Child Marriage Act, Domestic Violence Act and Dowry Harassment Act. For women safety and security he suggested to contact the toll free number 1091 and the Whatsapp number 9514144100 and shared about the role of the National Commission for Women. Finally he motivated the students to be mentally strong to encounter any kind of issues. He interacted with the students and clarified all their queries about safety and security for women. Around 300 students were the audience and they raised queries like: 1. What is the difference between Women Empowerment and Gender Equality? 2. What is the time limit for which a complaint can be lodged for action to be taken? 3. Are women misusing the rights given to them ? 4. What assurance can a girl get that her identity

will not be revealed in case she lodges a harassment complaint? 5. What about accused people continuing their evil practices even after their period of punishment is over? Mr. Murali answered all their queries with patience and clarity.

Dr.V.Shyamala Susan, Head and Assistant Professor of Computer Science, member, IQAC thanked the Chief Guest and the gathering.

The members of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell had made the arrangements.