

GirlUp Hamdard

A UN foundation initiative and a club in the GirlUp campaign chain to promote gender equality and empower individuals.

Overview

Girl Up is an initiative of the United Nations Foundation, working across a global community of partners to achieve gender equality worldwide. It is a global leadership development initiative, positioning girls to be leaders in the movement for gender equality. Girl Up Hamdard was the initiative of students of School of Law, HILSR department of Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi who have been made familiar with the ineffectual laws concerning gender, the silence on gender equality, the need for gender specific law, and their lack of awareness was one of the factors to introduce GirlUp in Jamia Hamdard.

In order to provide an inclusive environment and a platform for identifying and learning issues of gender justice, we aim at creating a safe space for youth to share their stories, and encourage them to take action thus providing a supportive environment to develop as leaders. We believe that to achieve a greater cause, there is a need for greater force. GirlUp Hamdard desires to be a part of that greater force. Our aim is more than just equality. It is about enhancing potential, creating leadership, and making youth the real voice of action. GirlUp Hamdard is the guide to the existing possibilities and how to tackle the prevailing challenges.

Events organised by Girl Up Hamdard (2021 - 2022)

ORIENTATION PROGRAM:- Organized by the team of Girl Up Hamdard to help students of Jamia Hamdard understand the functioning of the club and answer their queries. The session was conducted online and witnessed an overall participation of around 90 attendees.

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Date - 25th August 2021

Venue - Google Meet

To acquaint the students of Jamia Hamdard about the functioning of Girl Up clubs, we invited Ms. Aditi Arora (Country Manager, Girl Up India), Siddhi Pal (Associate, Girl Up India), Namrah Nadeem (President & Founder, Girl Up Ikhtiyar) and Priyanshi (Secretary, Girl Up Ikhtiyar) who shared personal experiences of growth and campaigns conducted by their clubs and various Girl Up clubs across India. The session was conducted online and a total of 85 students attended the session.

MEET AND GREET

Date - 8th October, 2021

Venue - LT-12, Central Library Building, Jamia Hamdard and Google Meet

Conducted within the campus of Jamia Hamdard, with a total of 16 attendees. The session was organized to meet the members of the club and invite students to be a part of the discussions pertaining to mental health, women's safety, movies and so much more we have at Girl Up Hamdard.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE:- In order to raise awareness on human rights issue, focusing on the importance of grassroots work on violence against women as well as providing an international platform for advocacy and campaigning. Under the theme of 'Orange the World: End Violence Against Women Now!' the campaign started on 25th November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) until 10th December (Human Rights Day). Girl Up Hamdard conducted -

(i) Instagram Live Session-

- To kick start the 16 days, we had Dr. Raina Khatri Tandon (POSH Specialist; Founder & CEO, Right2Rise) speak about gender based violence, its causes, possible solutions, and many other aspects by sharing some very enlightening anecdotes in this live session.

- Our transgender community faces a shocking amount of violence and discrimination. To connect and share her experience, we had Kanmani Ray (Research Associate at the Centre for Justice and Law Society, Jindal Global Law School) give us an insight on the struggles, problems and possible solutions on this long road of change.
- On the topic of Gender Based Violence: Building solidarity and Awareness, we had Mr. Rahul Raj Masih (founder of International Trainers Federation (ITF), Founder CEO of Youth Empowerment Trust (YET) and Promoting partner Right2Rise) share his understanding on Gender based violence, based on the perspective of the other sex. His perspectives and insights illuminated the viewers.

(ii) Movie screening:-

Date:- 6th December, 2021

Venue:- LT-11, Central Library Building, Jamia Hamdard

Girl Up Hamdard team organized movie screening offline within the campus of Jamia Hamdard and online as well. The documentary shared was 'Daughters of Mother India' which explored the events of the night of 16 December 2012, the protests which were sparked both nationally and internationally as a result of the attack, and the lives of the men before they committed the attack. The film is told through the use of reconstructed footage and interviews with those involved in the case, including the defense lawyers, psychiatrists, and one of the rapists. Students and teachers from different faculties attended the event and took part in a constructive discussion on women's safety.

(iii) Workshop on POSH Act- Marking the end of our 16-days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, we had Dr. Raina Khatri Tandon (POSH Specialist; Founder & CEO, Right2Rise) for a workshop on POSH Act. The workshop was conducted online.

CANCER AWARENESS:-

The theme for the year 2022 World Cancer Day is 'close the care gap'. It intends to work towards making us all more caring and responsible towards the cancer patients and extend them whatever support - physically, emotionally or materialistically, we can provide for them.

- *'Lets Talk Cancer'*

Date : 5th Feb,2021

Venue : Google Meet

We invited Dr Pushpa Sethi who has more than 40 years of experience in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology which makes her one of the senior most gynecologist who is still in practice. In a career spanning more than 4 decades. The session was conducted online on 5th february,2021

- *That's my story*

Date: 6th Feb,2021

Venue: Google meet

We also invited Mrs. Madhu Chhanda Banerjee who is a stage 4 cancer survivor, to narrate her story with our audience. The feedback was heartening. Mrs. Madhuchanda Banerjee's tough fight against Cancer has not only lifted others' determination to defeat the disease but also help transform their lives from victim to survivors.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY :-

(i) Interviews:-

The members of Girl Up Hamdard interviews two inspiring professors of Jamia Hamdard.

a. Dr (Mrs.) Zeenat Iqbal who is working in the Department of Pharmaceutics, faculty of pharmacy, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, India. She is the Editorial Board Member of many Journals and serves as a member of various associations, apart from being an author for many books.

b. Ms. Zehra Naqvi who is an author, journalist and columnist. Her articles have been published in Indian Express, Reader's Digest, The Hindu, Financial Chronicle, Women's Web and Child Magazine. She writes on gender, social issues, literature, heritage, culture and parenting. Her memoir 'The Reluctant Mother: A Story No One Wants To Tell' is being published by Hay House.

Their interviews were posted on Instagram page of Girl Up Hamdard and attracted a large number of audience.

(ii) Aaghaz Festival:-

Date:- 8th March, 2022

Venue:- Lawn opposite to Convention Centre, Jamia Hamdard

Girl Up Hamdard Organised a one day festival on International Women's Day, ***Aaghaz - celebrating women of tomorrow*** within the campus of Jamia Hamdard. Being one of a kind as it was organised and led by women. Women students, small business owners and entrepreneurs of Jamia Hamdard were invited to put up stalls of their businesses for sale and promotion or organize food and game stalls. Additionally, the festival also served as a medium to strengthen the Jamia Hamdard community along with an avenue to showcase their businesses and talent by conducting an open mic. The festival was a huge success as it attracted a footfall of more than 500 people. The proceeds collected from the profit of the stall owners was donated to underprivileged school students. The team adhered to sustainability by creating their own decorations by using waste material.