

Women's Studies Centre

1. Name of the Director: Prof. Papia Gupta

2. Name of the Dy. Director: Prof. Sibaji Pratim Basu

3. Introduction about the Department:

The Women's Studies Centre of Vidyasagar University was established in March, 2010. Women's Studies centre in Vidyasagar University aims to promote study, research, documentation & Publication, training and consultancy on issues related to women, feminism, gender and sexuality with an objective to support women from all strata of society to understand their inner potentials and use that to create a more gender-just society. The Centre also run 2 years M.Phil. Program.

4. Vision:

Women's Studies Centre, VU aims to promote study, research, documentation & publication, training and consultancy on issues related to women with an objective to support women from all strata of society especially from rural South-Bengal to understand their inner potentials, and use that to create a more gender-just society. The centre also intends to provide a flourishing interdisciplinary environment for research and allied activities on a wide range of Women's issues.

5. Mission:

The centre has adopted a women-centred and interdisciplinary approach by drawing on a range of disciplines like history, literature, cultural studies, philosophy, politics, anthropology, sociology in one hand as well as science and technology with those gender, culture and society. The centre aims to be a perfect blend of scholastic and action programmes related to gender sensitization, women's empowerment and capacity building. Keeping in mind, that gender sensitization creates that necessary base for balanced perspectives on social construction, the centre intends to initiate and implement appropriate research, curriculum development, teaching, advocacy and action. Apart from

introducing academic programme, it will also be involved in micro-level field studies and awareness generation programmes.

Goals:

- To stimulate and augment knowledge about gender, race, ethnicity and class as well as sexual identity and cultural influence on women’s lives.
- To initiate research that addresses gender-related issues facing society today.
- To carry out programmes and projects that would help in formulation of policy and development of action plans for Government and NGO sectors.
- To study and impact assessment of policies and programmes related to women and gender.
- To establish network and collaboration among scholars and academic community across universities and academic institutions and governmental and non-governmental organizations that enrich the intellectual environment of the university.
- To improve the working climate for women faculty members, administrative and non-teaching staff of the university as well as the students.
- To create bridges between research, teaching, public understanding, and discussion about women and gender-related issues in general and women’s lives in particular.

Provides advisory and consultancy services on associated issues to institutions and organizations, within and outside the government, including development agencies and cooperatives.

6. Program of Study:

Sl. No.	Program of Study	Duration	No. of Seats
1.	M.PHIL.	2 YEARS	15

7. Activity of Women's Studies Centre:

The following program have been conducted by Women's Studies Centre during 2018-2019

- (i) A Special Lecture Programme on “Health Care for Mother and Child” on 14.08.2018 at Women's Studies Centre, organized by Women's Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University.



A Special Lecture Programme on “Health Care for Mother and Child”, Dr. Siddhartha Sankar Dash, Medical Officer, Vidyasagar University, delivering his lecture on 14.08.2018 at Radhakrishnan Hall, Vidyasagar University

- (ii) A Special Lecture Programme on “Women in Politics in South Asia” on 01.10.2018 organized by Women's Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University at Radhakrishnan Hall.



Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Former Director, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asia Studies, Kolkata (MAKAIAS) delivering her lecture on “Women in Politics in South Asia” on 01.10.2018.

(iii) A Special Lecture Programme on “Women in Politics in South Asia” on 01.10.2018 organized by Women’s Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University at Radhakrishnan Hall.



Professor Paula Banerjee, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, The Sanskrit College and University delivering her lecture “Women’s Education in Bengal in the 19th Century and the Contribution of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar” on 09.10.2018



Participants in A Special Lecture Programme on “Women’s Education in Bengal in the 19th Century and the Contribution of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar” on 09.10.2018.

- Women’s Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University, organized 3rd WINTER SCHOOL Programme (Equivalent to Refresher Course) on “***Recent Themes in Women’s Studies: Relevance of a Multidisciplinary Approach.***” From 06-26 February, 2019.



Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University inaugurating by watering saplings in 3rd Winter School-2019 on 06.02.2019.



Keynote Address by Dr. Katharina Hoffmann, Carl von Ossietzky University, D-26122 Oldenburg, Germany in 3rd Winter School-2019 on 06.02.2019.



Participants of the 3rd Winter School during lecture session duration on 06-26 February, 2019.



Field trip at Birsingha Villege: Visiting the Birth Place of Pandith Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar on 21.02.2019



**Organising committee members with the participants
of the 3rd Winter School-2019**

No. of Participants	No. of Speakers	Duration	Date
54	30	21 days	6-26 February, 2019.

Women's Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University organized **3rd WINTER SCHOOL** Programme from **6 -26 February, 2019**. Our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor **Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti** inaugurated the Programme, 54 participants from different colleges were participated in this 3rd Winter School Programme. In this Programme Prof. Damodar Mishra, Dean Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies in Arts and Commerce, And Professor Subrata Kumar De, Dean Faculty Council for Postgraduate Studies in Science was the occasion as Guest of Honour. **The Keynote speaker was Dr. Katharina Hoffmann, Carl von Ossietzky** University, D-26122 Oldenburg, Germany. And vote of thanks was given by Dr. Debjani Das, the Deputy Director, Women's Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University. In this programme 30 resource persons delivered their valuable lecture.

- Celebrate the International Women's Day:

Women's Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University organized different cultural competition programme to celebrate the International Women's Day on 8th March, 2019. 80 students participated in this Programme.

No. of participants	Type of competition	Venue	Date
80	Poster Making, Debate, Recitation, etc.	Aninda Basu Roy Memorial Hall.	8 th March, 2019.



Tree Plantation by the esteemed members of Women Studies Centre and students to celebrate International Women's Day – 2019 on 08.03.2019.



Welcome address by the Director, Professor Papiya Gupta during International Women's Day – 2019 on 08.03.2019.

- A Workshops on “Self Defence” for the female students and lady faculty members organized by Women's Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University on 08-15 March, 2019.

No. of Participants	No. of Trainer	Venue	Date
37	03	V.U. Campus	08-15 March, 2019



Professor Subrata Kumar De, Dean, Faculty of Science inaugurating the Seven-day “Self Defence” programme by plantation of tree during 08-15 March, 2019.



Different movements of “self defence” trainees during 08-15 March, 2019.



Certificate giving ceremony of “Self Defence” Programme on 15.03.2019.

- Women’s Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University organized three months Literacy Programme in adopted village Muradanga, Paschim Medinipur.

No. of Participants	No. of Trainer	Venue	Date
32	15	Muradanga Primary School	July 2018 to September 2018.



Different Performance of the Children of Muradanga on 18.07.2019



Independence Day Celebration on 15.08.2019.

Highlights:

- Observation of **International Women's Day** by University students. International Women's day (8th March) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.
- Organized a workshop on " **Self Defence** "for female students and lady faculty. Self-defence opens up this source of freedom for women in an imperfect world. Building confidence in physical resistance skills allows women to feel more capable and more at peace when in potentially dangerous areas as they know the proper techniques to help fend off an attacker.
- One-month Child Educational camp at village Muradanga &, Our university students took a great initiative in this educational camp.

