

Vidyasagar University

Women's Studies Centre

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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.

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, and sociology on one hand as well as science and technology with that of gender and culture studies on the other. The centre Centre aims to be a perfect blend of scholastic and action programs 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 Center intends to initiate and implement appropriate research, curriculum development, teaching, advocacy and action. Apart from introducing academic program, it will also be involved in micro-level field studies and awareness generation programs.

Goals:

- Stimulate and augment knowledge about gender, caste, ethnicity, and class as well as sexual identity and cultural influence on women's lives.
- Initiate research that addresses gender-related issues facing society today.
- Carry out programs and projects that would help in formulation of policy and development of action plans for Government and NGO sectors.
- Study and impact assessment of policies and programs related to women and gender.
- 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.

- Improve the working climate for women faculty members, administrative and non-teaching staff of the University as well as of the students.
- Create a bridge 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 framework, including development agencies and cooperatives.

Summary Report
(Activity of Women's Studies Centre, 2017-2018)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	Relief Work during Ghatal Flood 2017	1 Day	10 th August, 2017
2	Educational Camp for Children in a Village	One Month	November, 2017
3	2nd Winter School Program (Equivalent to Refresher Course) on "Gender Equity: Status, Ideologies and Future Challenges"	21 Days	05-25 January, 2018
4	A special lecture delivered by Prof. M. H. Quereshi, Prof. of JNU	1 Day	19 th February, 2018
5	Celebrate the International Women's Day	1 Day	8 th March, 2017
6	A Workshop on Self- Defence	7 days	13-19 March, 2018

1. Relief Work during flood in Ghatal

Area: Ghatal Block & Daspur-1 Block.
Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal

Date: 10th August, 2017
Duration: One Day
Organized by: Women's Studies Centre
Vidyasagar University, Midnapur



Rescue Operation in Ghatal Flood 2017



Collapsed Houses in Ghatal Flood, 2017



Ghatal Flood, 2017



Relief Work in Ghatal Flood 2017





Relief Work in Ghatal Flood 2017 under the leadership of Dr. Papia Gupta, Dy. Director, Women's Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University



Relief Work in Ghatal Flood 2017 by Students of Vidyasagar University



Relief Work in Ghatal Flood 2017 by Students of Vidyasagar University

2. Children Educational Camp for Children in an Adopted Village

Village Address: Deulia
Paschim Medinipur
West Bengal
Date: November, 2017
Duration: One Month
Organized by: Women's Studies Centre,
Vidyasagar University, Midnapur

No of participants	No. of Volunteers	Duration	Date
46	12	One Month	November, 2017



Our Students with Village children



Our Students Teaching Children in an Adopted Village



3. 2nd Winter School Program (Equivalent to Refresher Course)

Title: “Gender Equity: Status, Ideologies and Future Challenges”
Venue: A.P.J Abdul Kalam Hall,
Vidyasagar University
Date: 5-25 January, 2018
Duration: 21 days
Organized by: Women’s Studies Centre,
Vidyasagar University, Midnapur

No. of Participants	No. of Speakers	Duration	Date
29	37	21 days	5-25 January, 2018

Women’s Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University organized 2nd WINTER SCHOOL Program from 5 -25 January, 2018. Our Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti inaugurated the Program. 29 participants from different Colleges participated in this 2nd Winter School Program. In this Program Prof. Damodar Mishra, Dean Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies in Arts and Commerce, Vidyasagar University was the Chairperson and Professor Subrata Kumar De, Dean Faculty Council for Postgraduate Studies in Science was the Chief Guest. The Keynote speaker was Prof. Paula Banerjee Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Sanskrit College and University. Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Nilanjana Chatterjee, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Environment Management, Vidyasagar University. In this program 37 resource persons delivered their valuable lectures.



Inaugural Program in Winter School, 2018



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti Delivering Inaugural Speech in Winter School, 2018



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Paula Banerjee, The Sanskrit College & University, West Bengal, Delivering Key- Note in Winter School, 2018



Organising Committee Members with Participants of Winter School, 2018



Prof. Subrata Kumar De, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Damodar Misra, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Commerce, Prof. Prakash Chandra Dhara, Director of Distance Education Department, Vidyasagar University during the Valedictory Session of Winter School, 2018

4. A Special Lecture Program

Speaker: Prof. M. H. Quereshi, JNU
Venue: B. C. Mukherjee Hall
Date: 19 February, 2018
Organized by: Women's Studies Centre
Vidyasagar University, Midnapur

Women's studies Centre, Vidyasagar University organized a special lecture delivered by Prof. M. H. Quereshi, JNU on "Women Nature Relationship the Changing Interface" on 19th February, 2018. 76 students participated in this program.

No. of Participants	Speaker Name	Venue	Date
76	Prof. M. H. Quereshi, JNU	B. C. Mukherjee Hall	19 February, 2018



Prof. M. H. Quereshi, JNU Delivering Lecture

5. Celebrate the International Women's Day (8th March, 2018)

Venue: Women's Studies Centre
Date: 8th March, 2018
Organized by: Women's Studies Centre,
Vidyasagar University, Midnapur

Women's Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University organized different cultural competition program to celebrate the International Women's Day on 8th March, 2018. 33 students participated in this competition.

No. of participants	Type of competition	Venue	Date
33	Poster Making, Debate, Recitation, etc.	Women's Studies Centre	8 th March, 2018



Debate Competition



Debate Competition



Recitation Competition

6. Workshop on “Self-Defence” for Female Students and Lady Faculty Members

Venue: B. C. Mukherjee Hall and University Play Ground

Date: 13-19 March, 2018

Organized by: Women’s Studies Centre,
Vidyasagar University, Midnapur

Self-Defence is about protecting yourself from someone who hurts you. Statistics revealed that most of the sexual attacks occur at home and approximately 86% of assailants are known to their victim. Self-Defence is NOT a Martial Art; it is all about survival techniques. As is obvious in the daily news, there is a great need for all of us in the community to learn the skills necessary to ward off potential attackers. Education is certainly the way to do so.

For the Course to be successful we target sessions around certain aims, to develop self-confidence, awareness, assertiveness and easy physical skills.

Women’ Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University organized a Workshop on Self-Defence for the female students and lady faculty members on 13-19, March, 2018. 102 students participated in this program. Our Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the program.

No. of Participants	No. of Trainer	Venue	Date
102	04	V. U. Campus	13- 19 March, 2018



Inugural Program of the Workshop on Self-Defence



Participants of Self-Defence Program



Different Movements of Self-Defence Training



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7. M.Phil. in Women's Studies

In this session, a total of 13 students took admission. They are attending the class regularly.



M.Phil. Class, 2018



Paper Presentation by M.Phil. students. Session Chaired by Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Former Director, MAKAIS



Dr. Papia Gupta, Co-Ordinator, M.Phil. in Women's Studies delivering lecture to M.Phil. Students

8. Activity of Women's Studies Center (2017-18)



