

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CELL : A REPORT 2018-19

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The WDC had organized a talk on the 15th Feb. 2019 by Shafiq R. Khan. The topic of the talk was, “*Marching Against Bride Trafficking*”.

Shafiq R. Khan is a founder member of an NGO called ‘*Empower People*’. What seem to have given momentum to the formation of the NGO was the realization that the apathy of the police officials, and the civil society in general made the issue very complicated and difficult to tackle. Thus, was born the NGO ‘*Empower People*’.

In his talk the activist Shafiq R. Khan shared his live experience of being in situations where interventions were required in cases of bride trafficking. He also highlighted that how this form of trafficking was different from that of child trafficking or human trafficking where many a times the ‘perpetrators’ had no idea that they were being party to a ‘social evil’. He also highlighted the need to bring about an attitudinal change in not treating the concerned as ‘victims’ but as ‘empowered beings’. He also shared his experience of having set up workable models of self-help groups formed by the NGO which are mostly run by the victims themselves. These are involved not only in rescuing of other victims but also providing them a place to stay after they are rescued. This is done so that they are not again trapped into the vicious cycle of ‘re-trafficking’ once they are rehabilitated.

The talk was attended by a large number of students as well as faculty members and was followed by a lively interaction post the talk.



The Speaker : Shafiq R. Khan







Students and Faculty members attending the Talk

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CELL
LAKSHMIBAI COLLEGE

Presents a Talk on:

“Marching Against Bride Trafficking”,

By

Shafiq R. Khan,

(Founder-Member, NGO, *Empower People*)

ALL ARE INVITED

DATE: 15th Feb. 2019 (Friday)

TIME: 11.00 am.

VENUE: LT- I