

New Beginnings

A leap to endless possibilities

Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation : We - the carriers of transformation

The first day of the initiative brought to us a beautiful saying by Mrs. Kamla Bhasin, "I am learning how to read so that I can read the world not just a word. I am learning how to write so that I can write my destiny not just a love letter. I am learning how to count so that I can keep account of my rights, the world reminds me of my duties as a woman."

This day provided us with gems of wisdom on gender equality and advocacy. All that advocacy is, at its core, is an exercise in empathy. Inspired by Br. Steve Rocha we have learnt to never be afraid to raise our voices for honesty, truth and compassion against injustice, lying and greed. Passionately advocating for pressing issues is how we pledge to bring change.



The second day of the seminar for grade 11 elaborated on integrating human rights and promoting gender equality leaving no one behind. This session gave us hope for the inclusive and egalitarian world to come. We are motivated to bring this world to life.

For grade 9, a session on the hidden water was conducted. Dr. Manasi Bal Bhargava captured our attention by calculating our water footprint through art. Dr. Fawzia Tarannum also engaged us in a session about choosing a meal plan that was nutritious while being less water intensive. This session was instrumental in helping us recognize our choices that contribute to our water footprint and has indeed inspired us to make thoughtful decisions that will prove to be impactful.

The final day of the initiative established the way forward. We look forward to contributing to bringing this plan of action to life to the best of our abilities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sangat, Nine is Mine, Teri School of Advanced Studies, the exhilarating speakers and the JPIC Core team for bringing us together through this inspiring initiative.

"No honey is sweeter than that of knowledge"-Friedrich Nietzsche

Knowledge is not power. It is only a potential. Applying that knowledge is power. Understanding why and when to apply that knowledge is wisdom.

This webinar has certainly empowered each one of us to become wiser by understanding why and when to apply the constructive knowledge we have gained. The pressing priority of the hour is our necessity for global citizens who think globally and act locally. The very first JPIC Mary Ward South Asia General Meet has enriched our young minds. Indeed this programme has nurtured the attendees who have learnt to be rooted to their core values. This has allowed us to be responsive to changes that we see enabling us to take relevant steps to nurture and secure our nature, our common home.

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Every right has its responsibilities. With the right to live in this beautiful planet comes the responsibility of taking care of it. This programme too has given me a newfound appreciation for the responsibility I hold towards our common home, Earth. It has certainly induced a sense of urgency to advocate for issues like gender equality that still plague our nations. On the whole, it has shaped my paradigm on relevant issues for the better.

-Sangya Pandey, Kathmandu

It was a lively learning experience. I found the content of the programme to be well thought out. I am more conscious of the environmental damage I contribute to through my individual actions. Although it was a short seminar, it has been an impactful one.

-Aayusha Gurung, Pokhara



Learn with a quote from Emma Watson. "It is time that we all see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideals." Gender is a performative act imposed by society. Nature creates beautiful differences in us, but it is society that has learnt to create discrimination opposed to celebrating these magnificent differences. Ms. Karola Bhaseny, a great experience working to end this societal construct has indeed inspired us.
-Pritha Pandey Chitr, Kathmandu



Today's youth is tomorrow's future. Hence, it is imperative that as the rising generation we stand together to combat global issues. This webinar has encouraged me to do the same. Overall, it was an exceptional learning experience that has given me a deeper understanding of the topics discussed.

- Samridhhi Mainali, Kathmandu



*If not me, then who?
If not now, then when?
Smash Patriarchy!
The power is in my hands*

Prayusi Gurung, Pokhara



Let's not have anyone walk in and out of us like an open door way, there are too many miracles happening inside us. Cherish them, preserve them and flaunt them to the whole universe. Because the moment you remember who you are, the game changes!

-Pranisha Panthi, Pokhara



We say males and females are equal for all
But discrimination is all over the world
We say both are better than other
But no one is less than another
No one is less
We should realize there is only the human race
-Rasmina Kapri,
Gorkha



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Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. As the first JPIC Mary Ward South Asia General Meet has come to an end, it would be disingenuous for us to not look back on the diligent efforts of those who have made such a great feat possible. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dear Principal Sr. Mariette for recognizing the importance of this beautiful initiative and allowing our participation. We extend our love and appreciation to Sr. Smita, Ms. Jyostana and Ms. Indu for their excellent co-ordination and guidance. This programme couldn't have been possible without the team spirit and co-operation offered by our dear Marians and teachers across Nepal. We owe you a debt of gratitude. Moreover, we sincerely appreciate the efforts of Sangat, Nine is Mine, Teri School of Advanced Studies and the JPIC Core team for putting together this exhilarating programme.

Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-d5Vf9iGe0&feature=youtu.be>