

Centre for Women's Studies, Manipal Academy of Higher Education

The Centre for Women's Studies at the Manipal Centre for Humanities and under the leadership of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), was formed with the goal of fostering different gender issues through academic engagement and policy discourse. The main aim of this Centre is to focus on key areas of enforcement of women's rights such as Women, Labor and the Economy, Sexuality, Caste and Gender, Politics of Reproduction, The Domestic Sphere, and Violence and Discrimination.

The main objectives of this Centre are:

1. To focus on equality and ethical issues related to gender and sexuality
2. To document, study and advocate for women's issues in different spheres such as education, health, legal system and policy
3. To sensitize, educate and encourage different target groups and stakeholders to address the complex changing demands related to gender in a developing country such as India
4. To build Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), reputation as a gender sensitive organization and collaborate amongst different institutions within Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)

Keeping these goals in mind, the Centre has organized several events such as "Women in the field", "Masculinities, Bodies and Desire in India", an "International Conference on Medical Anthropology", "Conference on Women and Law", and an "International Conference on Single Studies". In addition to these conferences, this Centre has also received funding from the National Commission for Women to organize a Legal Awareness Program for the students of MAHE as well as from Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College, Udupi. With the significance of

the Sustainable Development Goals, recently the Centre organized an “International Conference on Gender and Development” wherein the intersections between gender and health were discussed and deliberated upon.

As part of its future plans, the Centre for Women’s Studies intends to continue organizing many more events and to engage with researchers, academicians and policy makers to advance the cause of gender issues within MAHE.

The Center also organised an International Symposium on Madness, Medicine and Ethics on Nov 2021.