



**WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTRE
TRIPURA UNIVERSITY (A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)
SURYAMANINAGAR, 799022**

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTRE, TRIPURA UNIVERSITY
2024-2025**

BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE CENTRE:

Name of the Centre	: Women's Studies Centre
Name of the University	: Tripura University
Address	: Suryamaninagar 799022, Tripura, India
Year of establishment of the WSC	: 2011
Name and Qualification of the Director	: Dr. Sharmistha Bhattacharya (Halder), Professor, Department of Mathematics / M.Sc., Ph.D
Date from when in position	: 4 th April, 2024
Name, qualification / Experience of the Core Staff & date from when in position	: Dr. Ashim Shil , Research Associate (Contractual) / M.A in Gender Studies / UGC NET / Ph.D. / from 10 th Feb, 2016 to till date.
Administrative Staff	: Nil

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Sl No	Date	Name of the Programme
1.	9 th August 2024	Essay Writing Competition on ‘Contribution of Women in India’s Freedom Movement’
2.	12 th August 2024	Quiz Competition on Freedom Movement of India, Women Achievers and General Knowledge
3.	30 th August 2024	Silent March against RG Kar Incidence
4.	19 th September 2024	One Day EDP Awareness Programme for Women
5.	25 th November 2024	One day Lecture Series on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
6.	8 th December 2024	Sit and Draw Competition on ‘Stand Up, Speak Out for Gender Equality’
7.	24 th January 2025	One Day Free Eye Check-up Camp
8.	11 th February 2025	One Day lecture Series on International Day of Women and Girls in Science
9.	13 th February 2025,	Celebration of National Women’s Day
10.	24 th February 2025	One Day Seminar on Gender Mainstreaming on Economic Development
11.	3-5 march 2025	3 - Day Skill Development Training Programme for Tribal Women
12.	6-8 march 2025	3-Day Training and Skill Development Programme for Non- Tribal Rural Women from
13.	7 th March 2025	Health and Awareness Camp for Marginalised Women Workers
14.	11 th March 2025	Documentary Film Screening and Interactive Session on Trafficking
15.	12 th March 2025	Health Camp for Rural Women
16.	19 th March 2025	One-Day Workshop on Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace
17.	2023-2024	Prepared Gender Audit Report of Tripura University

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CORE ACTIVITIES:

The Women's Studies Centre of Tripura University, was recognized by the UGC in 2011 and receiving UGC funding from the Twelfth Plan period. Even before that, since its inception in 2006, as a cell, it is engaged in generating awareness about women's issues, in conducting research on these issues, in organizing extension activities, seminars and workshops. From 2011, under the UGC scheme of Development of Women's Studies in Indian Universities and Colleges the Women's Studies Centre, Tripura University started working on independent Research, Legal Advocacy, Documentation, Teaching, Training and Extension programme. Throughout its activities, the Centre has been trying to generate awareness about the role of women in society, by conducting various Seminars, Workshops and Interaction Programmes. The Centre has been instrumental in promoting visibility of women's issues and opened the avenues for a dialogue in multi-disciplinary collaboration in research and teaching even during the pandemic period. The first ever Gender Audit Report (2015-2020) was prepared by the Centre. The detailed list of activities of Women's Studies Centre during 2024-25 is given below:

1. Essay Writing Competition on 'Contribution of Women in India's Freedom Movement' 9th August 2024

An Essay Writing Competition on the theme '**Contribution of Women in India's Freedom Movement**' was successfully organized on 9th August 2024 by the Women's Studies Centre, in collaboration with the Departments of English, Bengali, Kokborok, Hindi and Sanskrit of Tripura University. The event aimed to encourage students to explore and reflect upon the vital role played by women in India's struggle for independence. Participants were given the option to write essays in English, Bengali, Hindi, Kokborok, or Sanskrit, which allowed for greater inclusivity and representation of diverse linguistic backgrounds. More than 100 Students were participated in the event and it witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various departments. The event not only celebrated the legacy of women freedom fighters but also promoted gender awareness and historical consciousness among the youth.



Students Participation during the Competition

2. Quiz Competition on Freedom Movement of India, Women achievers and General Knowledge on 12th August 2024

The Women's Studies Centre, in collaboration with the Quiz Club, Tripura University, organized an engaging Quiz Competition on the theme '**Freedom Movement of India, Women Achievers, and General Knowledge**' on 12th August 2024 at the MBB Auditorium. The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of over 600 students, research scholars, and university staff, reflecting the growing interest in knowledge-based interactive events on campus. The quiz aimed to promote awareness about India's rich history of freedom struggle, celebrate the contributions of women achievers across various fields, and test general awareness among the participants. The program was a grand success, marked by active engagement, healthy competition, and overwhelming positive feedback from the participants.



Quiz Master Prof. Indraneel Bhowmik on the Audience Session

3. Silent March against RG Kar Incidence on 30th August 2024

The Women's Studies Centre, in collaboration with the Department of Archaeology and Ancient Culture, Tripura University, organized a Silent March on 30th August 2024 in protest against the recent RG Kar incident. The march aimed to express solidarity with the victims and raise awareness about the increasing instances of violence and injustice in work places. The peaceful procession witnessed the participation of over 200 individuals, including students, research scholars, faculty members, and university staff. Participants held placards and maintained silence throughout the march, symbolizing resistance and collective concern. The event highlighted the urgent need for safe and inclusive educational environments across the country. This initiative reinforced Tripura University's commitment to upholding human rights, gender justice, and democratic values within and beyond the campus.



Silent March against RG Kar Incidence

4. One Day EDP Awareness Programme for Women Participants on 19th September 2024

The Women's Studies Centre, in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation Centre (EDIC), Tripura University, organized a One-Day 'Entrepreneurship Development Awareness Programme' on 19th September 2024. The event aimed to promote entrepreneurial awareness and encourage self-employment opportunities among women students. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 80 girl students from various

departments of the university. It featured interactive sessions, motivational talks, and resourceful discussions led by experts from the EDIC and faculty members of the university. The event concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where students actively interacted with the speakers, expressing interest in pursuing entrepreneurship as a career path.



Prof. Salim Shah taking a session during the Awareness Programme

5. One day lecture series on International Day for the elimination of violence against women on 25th November 2024

On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25th November 2024, the Women's Studies Centre and the Department of Bengali, Tripura University, jointly organized a one-day lecture series on '**Women, Violence, and Resistance**' to observe the Day. Faculty members, researchers, and students from various departments participated in the event. Justice Subhasis Talapatra, retired Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court and noted literary critic, was the chief guest and keynote speaker. The seminar was presided over by Prof. Dr. Badal Kumar Dutta. Special guests included Dr. Chandrika Basu Majumdar, former Director of the Women's Studies Centre, TU, and Dr. Aparna Dey, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Education and former member of the Tripura Women's Commission. Prof. Sharmistha Bhattacharya Halder, Director, Women's Studies Centre, gave the inaugural address, highlighting the Centre's journey and role. In his keynote, Justice Talapatra discussed the causes and forms of violence against women and stressed the importance of constitutional and human rights. Dr. Basu Majumdar focused on resistance strategies and legal reforms for women's safety

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and empowerment. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Paramashree Dasgupta, Head (In-Charge), Department of Bengali.



Justice Subhasis Talapatra, retired Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court delivering his lecture during the Programme

6. Sit and Draw Competition on 8th December 2024

The Women's Studies Centre, in collaboration with the Department of Fine Arts, Tripura University, successfully organized a Drawing Competition on the theme '**Stand Up, Speak Out for Gender Equality**' on 8th December 2024 at Rabindra Bhawan, Agartala. The event aimed to promote gender sensitization and awareness through artistic expression, especially among young minds. The competition witnessed an overwhelming response with the participation of more than 200 students from various schools across the city and adjoining areas. Children enthusiastically engaged in portraying their creativity and thoughts through art, reflecting their understanding of critical social issues. The competition served as a platform to encourage children to express their views on social justice, the environment, and gender equality through the medium of art. The initiative was appreciated by parents, teachers, and community members alike for nurturing values of equality, awareness, and creativity among youth.



Students' participation in the competition

7. One Day Free Eye Check-up Camp on 24th January 2025

The Women's Studies Centre, in collaboration with the Counselling Centre of Tripura University, successfully organized a one-day Eye Check-Up Camp on 24th January 2025, with generous support from Himalaya Optics. The camp was held within the university premises and witnessed an overwhelming response from all sections of the university community. The initiative aimed to promote eye health awareness and provide accessible vision screening services to students, faculty members, and staff. In an era where prolonged screen time and academic pressure significantly impact vision, such health camps have become both timely and essential. The camp provided free eye screening, consultation with expert optometrists, and guidance on vision care. More than 500 participants benefitted from this initiative, including undergraduate and postgraduate students, research scholars, administrative staff, and faculty members from various departments.



Participants in the Eye Camp

8. One Day lecture series on International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11th February 2025

To mark the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, the Women's Studies Centre, Tripura University organized a one-day lecture series on 11th February 2025. The event celebrated the contributions of women in science, addressed gender biases, and promoted inclusive dialogue. Prof. Badal Kumar Dutta inaugurated the programme, and Prof. Sharmistha Bhattachaya Halder delivered the welcome address. Female scientists from the university were felicitated for their excellence in research. Eminent speakers, including Prof. Shaon Ray Chaudhuri, Sri Debasish Chakraborty, and Dr. Sudipta Pal, shared their insights on gender equity in science, mentorship, and policy. The event saw active participation from around 70 attendees.



Prof. Badal Kumar Dutta felicitating the Women Scientists during the Programme

9. National Women's Day Celebration on 13th February 2025

The Women's Studies Centre, Tripura University in collaboration with the Department of Political Science; celebrated National Women's Day and commemorates the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu on 13th February 2025. The Inaugural Session was presided over by Prof. Badal Kumar Dutta, Vice-Chancellor (In-Charge) and Sri Shaktimoy Chakraborty, Advocate General of Tripura was the Chief Guest. Prof. Sharmistha Bhattacharya Halder delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the role of the university in promoting gender awareness. The Chief Guest reflected on Sarojini Naidu's legacy, and Prof. Dutta underscored the importance of education in advancing gender equality. Prof. Alak Bhattacharya gave the vote of thanks of the inaugural

session. The first technical session featured Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee (Bangalore University) spoke on Sarojini Naidu's relevance in today's gender discourse and the need for inclusive policies. The second session included talks by Dr. Paramashree Dasgupta, Assistant Professor, spoke about women-related issues and the broader significance of National Women's Day in India. Ms. Riya Sharma, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, presented her views on the role of women in contemporary society and the challenges they continue to face. Ms. Sonali Bhattacharya, MA Student, Department of Political Science, shared insights on youth perspectives on gender equality and the importance of active student participation in gender sensitization programs. Dr. VM Darlong delivered the final vote of thanks, acknowledged the contributions of all involved and formally concluded the program.



Sri Shaktimoy Chakraborty, Advocate General of Tripura delivering his keynote address

10. One Day Seminar on Gender Mainstreaming on Economic Development on 24th February 2025

A significant seminar titled '**Gender Mainstreaming in Economic Development**', jointly organized by the Women's Studies Centre and the Department of Economics on 24th February 2025. The seminar aimed to address the importance of incorporating gender perspectives into economic development strategies. It explored how traditional economic theories often overlook the gender dimension and advocated for mainstreaming gender to promote equitable and sustainable growth. Professor Sharmishtha Bhattacharya Haldar, Director of the Women's Studies Centre, Tripura University, opened the seminar with a welcome address. The Head of the

Department of Economics, Professor Subhrabrata Das, contextualized the seminar by highlighting the role of fundamental principles in gender-sensitive economic policymaking. Professor Badal Kumar Dutta, Senior Professor, Tripura University, preside over the inaugural session and shared valuable perspectives on gender-sensitive development models. Professor Rajshree Bedamatta from the Humanities and Social Sciences Department at IIT Guwahati, in her address, stressed the significance of skill enhancement in increasing productivity and achieving bargaining power in the workforce. She pointed out that mainstream economic theories often assume neutrality, thus ignoring gendered realities. Professor Sarmistha Kundu, Jadavpur University, discussed “Employment Generation among Indian Women: In the Gig and Informal Vocational Training Sectors.” Professor Chandralekha Ghosh, Department of Economics, West Bengal State University, provided insights on “Gender and Financial Inclusion.” The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Professor Jahar Debbarma from the Department of Economics, Tripura University. Discussions underscored the pressing need for skill development and policy revision to reduce gender disparities and foster inclusive growth. The event emphasized sustained efforts in gender mainstreaming as crucial to transforming India's economic landscape through policies aimed at equitable growth and gender justice.



Media report of the Seminar in a leading English local daily

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11. 3 - Day Skill Development Training Programme for Tribal Women from 3rd- 5th March 2025

The Women's Studies Centre, Tripura University, in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Development Centre, Tripura Women Welfare Society, and Jampuijala R.D. Block, organized a '**3-day Training and Skill Development Programme for Tribal Women**' from 3rd to 5th March 2025. The programme aimed to empower tribal women by providing hands-on training in jute craft-making to promote economic self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods. Dr. Ashim Shil Research Associate, WSC TU welcomed the guest and highlighted the significance of the programme emphasizing the role of skill development in women's empowerment. Key speakers, including Prof. Sharmistha Bhattacharya Halder, Prof. Salim Shah, Smt. Shibani Debnath, and Shri Obed Lungmuana Darlong, highlighted the economic potential of jute crafts, government support schemes, and the importance of women's collectives. With 30 participants from the Jampuijala RD Block, the programme successfully fostered entrepreneurship through eco-friendly craft skills. Organizers committed to continued support through mentorship and market linkages, making this a model initiative for rural women's empowerment.



A session during the Training Programme

12. 3-Day Training and Skill Development Programme for Non- Tribal Rural Women from 6th – 8th March, 2025

The Women's Studies Centre, Tripura University, in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Development Centre and Incubation Centre, Tripura University, Tripura Women Welfare Society, Agartala, and Ramkrishna Ashram, Ranirkhamar, successfully organized a '**3-day**

Training and Skill Development Programme for Non-tribal Rural Women' from 6th to 8th March 2025. The programme aimed to empower rural women by imparting practical skills in jute craft-making, thereby enhancing their economic independence and promoting sustainable livelihoods. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Ashim Shil, Research Associate, Women's Studies Centre, Tripura University, who emphasized the importance of skill development for fostering economic self-reliance among women. Prof. Sharmistha Bhattacharya Halder, Director of the Women's Studies Centre, highlighted the role of indigenous crafts in rural development and encouraged women to actively participate in economic activities. Prof. Salim Shah, Coordinator of the Entrepreneurship Development Centre and Incubation Centre, shared insights on the entrepreneurial scope of jute crafts and effective marketing strategies, while advocating for gender-inclusive economic growth. The training saw active participation from around 30 rural women, who engaged enthusiastically in learning jute craft techniques. This initiative marks a significant step toward women's economic empowerment and sustainability. The organizers have committed to continued support through follow-up training, mentorship, and market linkages to help participants turn their skills into viable businesses.



A session during the Training Programme

13. Health and Awareness Camp for Marginalised Women Workers on 7th March 2025

On the occasion of International Women's Day 2025, the Women's Studies Centre, in collaboration with the Health Centre, Tripura University, organized a Health and Awareness Camp for Women Workers on 7th March 2025. The camp was held at the Health Centre, Tripura University. This initiative focused on the marginalised women workers of the university, with

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special attention to the Sulabh workers, who play a crucial role in ensuring the hygiene and cleanliness of the campus. The camp aimed to recognize their contributions and promote their well-being by offering primary health check-ups and free distribution of essential medicines. Health professionals from the Health Centre conducted general medical examinations, provided health advice, and addressed basic health concerns of the participants. Awareness was also raised on personal hygiene, nutrition, and women's health issues. The camp witnessed active participation and appreciation from the workers, and it reaffirmed the university's commitment to the health and dignity of its marginalized workforce. The initiative was a step towards creating a more inclusive and supportive campus environment.



A glimpse during the Camp

14. Documentary Film Screening and Interactive Session on Trafficking on 11th March 2025

The Women's Studies Centre and the Department of Sociology, Tripura University, in collaboration with The Impact and Dialogue Foundation, organized a screening of the documentary film "**Traded**" on March 11, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM at the Smart Classroom, Department of Sociology, 1st Floor, Day Care Building, TU. The event witnessed the participation of approximately 100 attendees, including students, faculty members, research scholars, and non-teaching staff. The screening of *Traded*, directed by Mr. Harshit Bawa, powerfully depicted the grave realities of human trafficking, raising critical awareness on the issue. Following the screening, an interactive discussion was held with Mrs. Pallabi Ghosh, Founder and Director of Impact and Dialogue Foundation, and Mr. Harshit Bawa, Director of the

film. Both speakers shared valuable insights into the challenges of combating human trafficking and emphasized the importance of active youth engagement and community awareness.



Participants' attention during the Film Screening

15. Health Camp for Rural Women on 12th March 2025

A one-day Health Camp was organized by the Women's Studies Centre and the Nutritional Biochemistry and Toxicology Laboratory, Tripura University, on 12th March 2025 at the Community Hall, Ashwini Market, Ishanchandranagar. The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Sukomal Sarkar (M.S. Ortho), Prof. Sharmistha Bhattacharya, and Dr. Sudipta Pal. Dr. Sarkar, along with two AGMC nurses and a bone densitometry technician, provided medical consultations and health assessments. A total of 103 villagers, including males and females, participated in the camp. Anthropometric measurements and random blood glucose tests were conducted, and 86 villagers consented to blood sample collection. Biochemical analyses (calcium, lipid profile) and bone mineral density tests were performed. The findings revealed a higher prevalence of osteoporosis and hypocalcemia in males and osteopenia and low HDL cholesterol in females. Diabetes prevalence was similar among both genders. Free medicines, including calcium tablets, vitamin D supplements, and digestive medicines, were distributed. The camp successfully offered free bone health checkups, blood analysis reports, and clinical guidance to underprivileged SC/ST villagers.



A glimpse during the Camp

16. One-Day Workshop on Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace on 19th March 2025

A one-day workshop on the **Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace** was organised by the Women's Studies Centre, Department of Political Science, and Department of Law, Tripura University on 19th March 2025 at the Department of Political Science, Tripura University. The event aimed to raise awareness on legal frameworks and institutional mechanisms for addressing workplace sexual harassment. The Inaugural Session began with the formation of the dais and felicitation of guests. Postgraduate students of the Department of Political Science performed a welcome song. Prof. Alak Bhattacharya, Head, Department of Political Science, delivered the welcome address highlighting the workshop's relevance. Prof. Sharmistha Bhattacharya Halder, Director, Women's Studies Centre, outlined the objectives of the program. Prof. Nachiketa Mittal, Registrar, National Law University, Tripura, delivered the keynote address, focusing on the POSH Act, 2013, and judicial insights. Prof. Badal K. Dutta, Vice-Chancellor (In-Charge), gave the presidential address on the university's role in promoting safe workspaces. Ms. Ruma Das, Head (In-Charge), Department of Law, offered the vote of thanks. The First Technical Session was chaired by Prof. Nibedita Pan and addressed by Mr. Subhas Sikdar, who discussed ICC structures, forms of harassment, and redressal mechanisms under the POSH Act. The Second Technical Session was chaired by Prof. Tinku Gope, with Dr. Maitreyee Chakraborty as resource person, who elaborated on legal

nuances, key judgments, and ICC functioning. The Valedictory Session commenced with the formation of the dais. Prof. Alak Bhattacharya gave the welcome address. Hon'ble Justice Mr. Biswajit Palit, the Chief Guest, shared judicial perspectives on harassment redressal. The Guest of honour, Mr. Debashish Pal, Finance Officer, TU, emphasized administrative responsibilities to prevent sexual harassment at work place. Prof. Sharmistha Bhattacharya Halder delivered the presidential address of the session and Dr. Biplab Debnath proposed the formal vote of thanks, marking the workshop's ending.




Prof. Alak Bhattacharya delivering his welcome address in the programme

17. Research Activities

Gender Audit Report (2023-2024) of Tripura University is prepared by the Women's Studies Centre, TU. The report highlights the achievements and the initiatives of the Tripura University towards creating a gender friendly environment. The report also documents the actual situation from gender perspective. In the process of preparing the report a dialogue is initiated within the institution to acquire competences for adopting a gender based approach. It is decided to undertake the exercise on an annual basis.

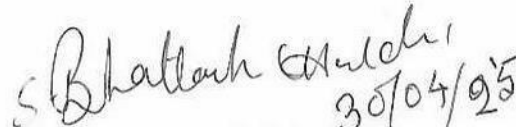


The Gender Audit team submitting its report to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Tripura University

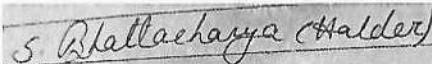

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