

Press Release

VGCF Organizes Social Workshop on Women Empowerment

The Programme Aims to Impact Girl Students of Rural Areas in Saharanpur, UP

New Delhi, 11/12/2016: Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation (VGCF), a non-profit organization based at New Delhi, organized a seminar and social workshop on Women Empowerment at Ramrati Education Complex (REC), situated in Rampur Maniharan of district Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. It was held in association with Women's Initiative for Liberation, Growth & Action (WILGA), a national NGO, working across the country to safeguard interests of Indian women, since 2010. The programme focused on young girl child with the intention to help them acquire healthy financial skills and behaviour, so as to enabling them to enjoy dignified life insociety. More than 300 students along with the teachers of Hillary Clinton Nursing School participated in the event.

The workshop was attended by six distinguished experts from the side of WILGA for deliberation, namely, Dr Smita Deshpande, Professor and Head, Dept of Psychiatry & De-addiction, P G IMER, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RMLH), New Delhi, Dr Jagdish Kaur, Regional Advisor, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO South East Asia Office, Dr Najmul Arif, Professor, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Expert in International Law & Human Rights, Ms Archana Jyoti, Spcl Corres, National Bureau, The Pioneer, Dr Sarita Mittal, Chief Medical Officer, MNCW Centre, MCD, Delhi, Dr Triptish Bhatia, PhD (Psychology, Senior Investigator, Indo-USA Projects, Dept. of Psychiatry, PGIMER, RMLH.

The experts shared their knowledge on various topics like, Gender Inequality, Indian Law & Women, Adolescent Behaviour & Discipline, Girl Child Education & Its Social Impact, Sustainable Livelihood & Self Employment, Yoga & Confidence Building, Healthcare Awareness etc through audio-visual presentation and practical demonstration. The workshop witnessed active and enthusiastic participation of girl students.

REC is run by the foundation with a noble objective of imparting quality education to the next generation, especially girl child of backward and rural areas. The complex comprises of Bill Clinton School (BCS), Hillary Clinton Nursing School (HCNS) and Ram Rati Institute of Technology in a sprawling campus with state of the art facilities. In a short span of time, it has attained remarkable name and fame across the country. Here, students from different parts of the country can be found in a joyful co-existence with local students.

"I am very much impressed by the magnificent infrastructure at REC. The complex and its educational institutions are exemplary mile stones in the road of rural education in the country. The villagers of surrounding areas should take advantage of this facility and send their children to schools," said Dr Jagdish Kaur, President, WILGA in her address to students on this occasion. Other eminent guests also praised the foundation and its charitable activities in providing quality education to rural youth.

The programme was one of such noble initiatives envisaged by Mr Ashutosh Dayal Sharma, Chairman of VGCF to benefit deprived girl child of rural India by the knowledge and experience of eminent personalities from all walks of life.

About Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation:

Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation, in short VGCF, is an amalgam of devoted hands and strong minds for providing outstanding quality education to the next generation. The overarching aim of the foundation is to empower women and girls of marginalised groups through sustainable initiatives in the field of education, which will enable them to be economically and socially secure. It was started as a society under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1960 in Delhi on 4th July, 1997. The foundation is first in introducing non-technical education in IIT, Kharagpur. Vinod Gupta School of Management and Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law are such significant projects set up by the foundation in IIT, Kharagpur. Besides this, many educational institutions were established and run through charity activities of the foundation. While Ramrati Education Complex at Rampur Maniharan in Saharanpur Dist is run by the foundation itself, Dr GiriLal Gupta School for Public Health and Dr ShankerDayal Sharma Institute of Democracy in the campus of Lucknow University were established by the foundation and subsequently handed over to the university.

The foundation is named after its founder Mr Vinod Gupta, an NRI and now a well established entrepreneur in United States of America. He was born on 4th July, 1946 in Rampur Maniharan, Uttar Pradesh and after completing his B tech from IIT, Kharagpur, he left for America to pursue his higher education and then permanently settled there. The Board of Governors of the foundation comprises of eminent people. The Chairman, Mr AshutoshDayal Sharma is the Chairman of Quest V.C Pvt Ltd and son of former President of India Dr ShankerDayal Sharma, and Mr BK Goswami, Member Board of Governors and its first Chairman, is a Retd IAS and former Chief Advisor to Govt of UP and J&K.