Report

The Internal Complaints Committee, AMU organized an “Open Mic” poetry session cum awareness drive on the theme of Gender Discrimination and Harassment at Workplaces on 20th November 2018. There was an overwhelming response of students from different disciplines of the university.

The tone of the theme was set by Ms Shaziya Imam student representative in the ICC dedicating a poem "Tu khud ki khoj mein nikal, tu kis lie hataash hai /Tu chal tere vajood ki Samay ko bhi talaash hai.” to the entire women community there by underlining the importance of awareness and need to speak up.

The Presiding Officer Prof. Shaheena Tarannum on behalf of the members of ICC welcomed the participants and reiterated the commitment of the ICC to ensure zero tolerance policy towards gender discrimination and harassment in accordance with The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act 2013. She expressed appreciation on the huge presence of male students and sought their cooperation in making the environment safe and women friendly.

Anam Rizwan and Mohammad Ghaus gave a musical performance on the songs “Bekhauf” and “Aashayein. The house was then open for poetry recitation. Some recited their self-composition while others read poems penned by renowned poets like Kaifi Azmi's Aurat: "uthmerijaan, abhi aur chalna hai tujhe", covering subjects ranging from sexual harassment, exploitation, rape, acid attacks, patriarchy to the traumatic experience of the victims. Asif Saud, Afiya, Muniba, Noora Fatima, Mohd. Faheem, Suneil Chaudhary, Mohd. Anas, Arisha Zaidi were some of the participants.

Mr. Javed Said while giving vote of thanks emphasized on the need to change the attitude and mind set in order to bring gender friendly and equality in the society.

Internal Complaints Committee members Dr. Farha Ashhar (CMO, MAS), Dr. Fazila Shahnawaz (Department of History), Mrs Shaista Bedar (Asst. Librarian, M A Library) Mr. Javed Said (Managing Trustee, Saifee Educational Trust) Ms Shaziya Imam (Member, Student) were present.

(Prof. Shaheena Tarannum)
Presiding Officer