

December 8, 2008 was a full day for the Prajnya 16 Days Campaign against Gender Violence.

Chennai Live 104.8 devoted an hour-long segment of their Breakfast Show to 'Gender Violence' as part of the Prajnya 16 Days Campaign. Dr. Swarna Rajagopalan of Prajnya spoke on the issue, and Sudha Ramalingam, Human Rights advocate, offered expert legal insights.

'Piecing together women's rights: Collaborative Collage Creation' was held today, after being rescheduled twice because of rain. Students from MOP Vaishnav College and Queen Mary's College participated, expressing through this art form their views on the topic, "Women in India Today-How Equal, How Free?". Participants will receive a citation based on their presentation of their work as well as certificates of recognition. The thought provoking collages prepared by the students will be on display at the gallery of Alliance Francaise de Madras till December 10.

Finally, an online project was launched to address the issues of sex selective abortion and female infanticide. "Celebrating Fathers and Daughters" is an interactive anthology that can be accessed at <http://girlchildtales.blogspot.com>. All are invited to browse and contribute to this project.

Forthcoming events:

POINTBLANK is a debate on media representations of women featuring media professionals from advertising, radio, print, film and television. Sudha Ramalingam is the moderator, and the debaters are Suguna Swamy, RJ Deva, Asha S. Menon, Fowzia Fathima and V. Thiruchelvam. The event is being held in partnership with MOP Vaishnav College on Tuesday, December 9, 1045 a.m. at MOP Vaishnav College, Nungambakkam.

The Prajnya 16 Days Campaign against Gender Violence 2008 Public Lecture will be delivered by Sheela Rani Chunkath, IAS, on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 630 pm at Bala Mandir German Hall, Prakasam Street, T.Nagar. She will speak on "Shared Responsibility: State-Civil Society Action on Gender Violence." The lecture will be followed by a candlelight vigil. Campaign materials will be on display at the lecture venue. New Indian Express is our partner for this event.

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Team1 MOP Vaishnav interacting with Dr. Uma Vangal, Judge and Prajnya team member



MOP Vaishnav team interacting with Dr. Swarna Rajagopalan, Prajnya and Collage Judge



Team 2 MOP with their collage



OMC team with their collage

