

Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's  
**R. B. Narayanrao Borawake College, Shirampur**  
**Vidyarthini Manch Committee**  
**Academic year- 2020-21**  
**Gender Awareness and training program**

The Vidyarthini manch of R. B. N. B. College had organized “**Gender Awareness and training program**” on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 between 11:00am to 4:00pm. The aim behind organizing this program was to create awareness about sex and gender among the students and faculty members of our college and also to bring awareness about equity and equality among students.

This training programme was conducted successfully, it was possible due to the guidance and encouragement given by the Hon’ble Principal Dr. N.S. Gaikwad Sir. The programme started with the lamp lighting ceremony by the dignitaries on the dais. At the beginning, a welcome speech was addressed by Mrs. Pokharkar S. R., Vice principal of R. B. N. B. Junior College.

Hon’ble Mrs. Prajakta Avhad was the resource person for this Programme. She is the president of Sanvedana Sanstha (Chandigarh, Punjab) which is a non-profit organisation that works in the sphere of gender issues with a focus on domestic violence and legal assistance for women. She expressed her happiness for conducting this kind of programme as it is essential to create responsiveness among the young generation for reducing gender bias in the present-day societal circumstances. She spoke about gender, gender equality and inequality, problems of the gender inequality, major reasons for gender discrimination etc. She talked about gender issues faced by the rural/semi-rural societies and particularly issues related in the education field. She also gave information about a gender awareness workshop which was organised by Sanvedana Sanstha. At the end, the resource person addressed and clarified the questions posed by the participants. The president of the event Hon’ble Meeentai Jagdhane expressed her views on gender equality. She also explained the difference between sex and gender to the participants. She believes that gender equity should begin from our home itself so that it would reduce gender discrimination in our society. The program was concluded by proposing the vote of thanks by Mr. Annasaheb Gorane sir. It was attended by around 120 female and male students and faculty members from the college.

