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Sub: IEEE WIE-AG report on the event “Workshop on “Women Empowerment, Leadership and Gender Sensitisation””- reg.

IEEE WIE-AG and Women’s Cell of our college has conducted a Workshop on “Women Empowerment, Leadership and Gender Sensitisation” by Sristhi Bakshi , Founder of Cross Bow and a Champion For Change on 17-11- 2017 in Seminar Gallery-1 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Sristhi Bakshi stated that she was walking from kanya kumara to Srinagar covering a distance of 3,800kms for two specific purposes

1. To document the travails in the lives of women in India
2. To generate awareness among the people about the need of making India a safe place for women

She said that the main factor which drove her to undertake a mission of this magnitude is an incident in which both mother and daughter were raped in Bulandshahar right in front of their father and brother. They were neither her relatives nor any of her acquaintances but the fact that they were fellow human beings was reason enough for her to shed the mantle of complacency and get down to work.

She was emphatic in saying that silence was detrimental to the well being and progress of girls hence urged the girls to develop the courage to speak their minds. Actually they are conditioned into thinking that it is very unbecoming on their part to raise their voices in any content. She exhorted the students not to train their daughters in future to always remain silent.

She said stress on the point that girls should come forward to take up responsibilities. Being happy by taking up positions with minimum risks can in the long run be very damaging to a woman’s life.

She further said that compartmentalising of responsibilities on the basis of gender is a very regressive practice. Men also should be taking part in doing household chores which are generally left to be done by women.

Making a paradigm shift of consciousness between men and women is the need of the hour.

There is a complete mismatch between the dreams of girls and boys. While boys are made to dream of financially rewarding jobs, girls are trained to be content being expert chefs at home.

She said that just being financially independent is not enough, girls should also demand autonomy in managing their earnings. She wound up the workshop by making the audience say in chorus that men and women are equals.

Total number of I-B.Tech students who participated in this event is 120. The following are the photo snaps for the event.

