

The Gender Benders of S.M.Shetty International School

Our
Aim



We, the Gender Benders aim to create awareness about the Sustainable Development Goal No. 5 i.e. Gender Equality in our school and home communities. While brainstorming in our GSL meetings, we were able to diagnose a few issues that were prevalent as far as the equality amongst the genders is concerned, through thorough discussions, we could compare the status of women and men in the community and outline the major areas of concern, which were:

- a) Dowry.
- b) Child marriage.
- c) Girl child education.
- d) Pay disparity.
- e) Female infanticide.
- f) Unpaid domestic work.

"The perception that women are the weaker sex is a barrier for achieving gender equality." -Ms. Mildred Lobo, Principal

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Highlights:

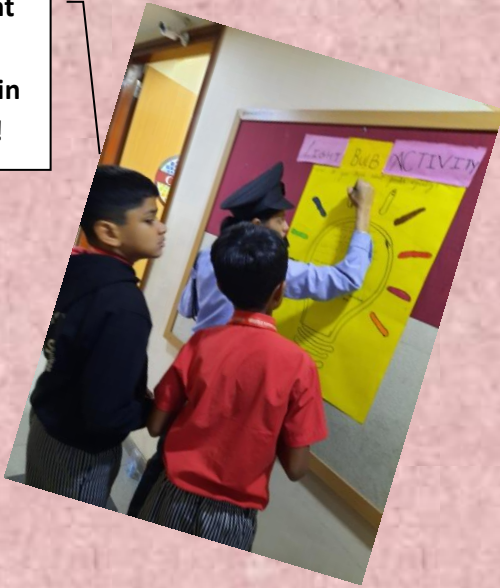
- *Attempting to break the gender stereotypes that still exist.
- *All the students working towards one goal of equal opportunities for both the genders, kids as the real change makers!
- *Gender Equality Week-Radio Buzz, Assembly, Debate, Surveys, Interviews.

Targets of the SDG 5: This is what we learnt as a team...

Through the Assembly skits and dances we attempted to portray ...

- *How women face discrimination and how we can take steps to curb it.
- *Practices such as child, early and forced marriage must be banned.
- *Recognize and value unpaid domestic work and the promotion of shared responsibility at our homes.
- *Ensure that the pay criteria should be the same for both the genders.

The Light Bulb Activity in Action!



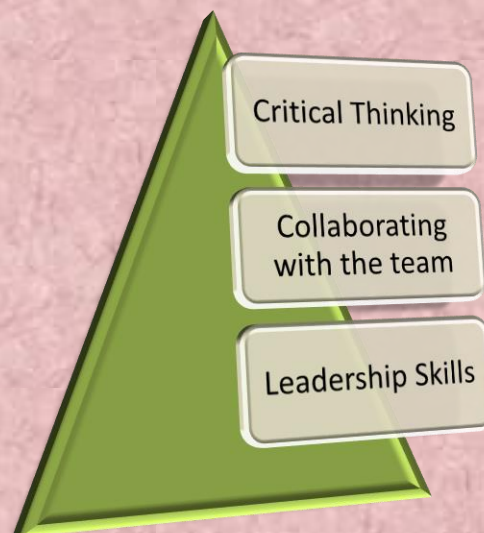
Radio Buzz-The School News Bulletin on the PA system



***Knowledge gained:**



***Skills acquired:**



Challenges faced...

The Corona Virus pandemic may have thrown us off guard but, our spirits have not doomed. We had a few activities that we could not finish in spite of being quite on track. According to our initial project plan we had planned a street play on "Men and Women are equal," also a visit to the NGO, that looks after the underprivileged women and provides them with economic opportunities, was planned. All these activities were mentioned in the previous plan that was submitted to the Future Foundations Group for review.

Successes enjoyed...

- *Addressing the Sustainable development Goals is an annual event every year now.
- *Students as young as the age of nine are well aware about the issues concerning child marriage and lack of educational opportunities for girls.
- *Time management and collaboration were key skills that could be learnt through meetings.