

***A Guest Lecture on 'Balance for Better' by Ms. P. Devi,  
Social Activist, UNICEF***

The Women Protection Cell of Sree Vidyanikethan Educational Trust in association with NSS, and Jana Vignana Vedika organized a guest lecture on "Balance for Better" on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Ms. P. Devi, Social Activist, UNICEF while addressing members of faculty and students, unveiled many important aspects of gender discrimination in our society and explained the difference between gender and sex. She stated that the society had defined the roles of men and women and restricted them to those roles due to which a lot of discrimination erupted across the society. She mentioned the sex ratio and its consequences in different states especially Haryana, and Andhra Pradesh. She referred that the recent sex ratio in Andhra Pradesh is 806 girls per 1000 boys which predicts huge gender disparities. She also mentioned that some developed countries are treating women equally on par with men and encouraging them to be a part of their economical growth.



***Guest speaker, Ms. P. Devi, Trainer & Social Activist, UNICEF addressing the audience***

Ms. P. Devi also revealed many stunning facts regarding female feticide. The issue of female feticide has become more common practice in the civilized society where people can access technology easily when compared with uncivilized society. She even worried about parenting and said that the parents with their stereotypical ideas, have been sowing the seeds of gender bias in their children right from their childhood. She advised that the tradition is not static and so everyone should embrace the change.



*Members of faculty during the Guest Lecture*

Finally, she opined that the development of country is not possible, if we neglect 50% of the population. For the sustainable development of the nation, both men and women have to contribute equally. Women should have equal opportunities to be born, live, and grow. If everyone realizes this fact, balance can be achieved in the society.