

Report on Panel Discussion: Gender Discrimination in Sports



Organized by: Government College of Physical Education, East Hill, Kozhikode

Under the Nayi Chetana Campaign Against Gender-Based Violence

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Introduction

As part of the Nayi Chetana campaign, which aims to address and combat gender-based violence, the Government College of Physical Education, East Hill, Kozhikode, conducted a meaningful and thought-provoking program on "**Gender Discrimination in Sports.**" This event aimed to foster awareness and dialogue among students, educators, and professionals in the field of physical education and sports.



Program Details



The highlight of the program was a **panel discussion with four panellists** involving active participation from students and faculty members on 17th December 2024. The event was inaugurated by the respected **Principal Dr. Prasannakumaran K**, who emphasized the significance of addressing gender disparities in sports and encouraged the attendees to engage constructively in the discussions.



The event was smoothly coordinated by the **M.P.Ed. First-Year students**, who demonstrated commendable organizational and leadership skills throughout the program. Their efforts ensured the seamless flow of the event, from welcoming the panelists and audience to managing the discussions effectively.

Panel Discussion Highlights

The panel discussion delved into various aspects of gender discrimination in sports, including but not limited to:

Barriers to Female Participation: Challenges faced by women and girls in accessing sports facilities, training, and opportunities.

1. **Pay Disparity:** Gender-based pay gaps between male and female athletes at professional levels.
2. **Cultural and Societal Norms:** How ingrained societal norms perpetuate gender inequality in sports.
3. **Solutions and Way Forward:** Policies, programs, and practices that can help reduce gender disparities and promote inclusivity in sports.

Key Takeaways:

- The need for equal opportunities and resources for all genders in sports.
- The role of educators and policymakers in creating a gender-sensitive environment.
- Encouragement of dialogue and awareness campaigns to challenge stereotypes and biases.



Conclusion



The program concluded on a positive note with a unanimous commitment from the attendees to work towards gender equality in sports. The principal lauded the efforts of the M.P.Ed. First-Year students and the faculty for organizing such a meaningful event under the Nayi Chetana campaign. This event not only provided a platform for dialogue but also inspired actionable steps to foster a more inclusive and equitable sports environment.