

## **Celebration of Vigilance awareness week at SSBF**

“Manpower without unity is not a strength unless it is harmonized and united properly, then it becomes a spiritual power.” -----Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

The celebration of Vigilance awareness week was done by conducting an event by ISR (Institute Social Research) Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021, to create awareness about various financial rights and schemes for the campus maintenance workers and staff. The event majorly was focused on helping the unorganized sector employees of the institution to increase their awareness about five schemes in use by the state and central government of our country.

The schemes were discussed in detail explained in their own language (Hindi and Marathi), keeping in mind the various questions the audience might have like the benefits of the scheme, eligibility and the documents required. The schemes were selected on a basis that would help benefit the unserved section of the society from all the different perspectives.

### **SSY: Sukanya Samridhi Yojana: BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO**

SSY account is for people with girl child in their household and aims at the betterment of the girl child. This offers savings scheme for the girl child in every family with the base of uprooting the perspective of perceiving a girl child as a burden. The account provides multiple benefits along with the provision of high interest rates of 7.6%.

### **ASMITA yojana:**

The Government of Maharashtra started this scheme to subsidize sanitary napkins to rural women in the state, with a provision of ASMITA card that will help all school girls for instant purchase of sanitary napkins at a subsidized rate of merely 5 rupees. The rural women through this scheme are availed packets of sanitary napkins containing 8 pads per packet with an amount of Rs. 24.20 and Rs. 29.20 depending on size.

### **Kishori Shakti Yojana:**

The major objective of this scheme is to improve the nutritional, health and development status of adolescent girls for the promotion of health, hygiene, nutrition and family care. It fosters the convergence with sectoral programs addressing the interrelated needs of adolescent girls and women in order for them to be able to realize their full potential. This will help a girl child to go back to school if they left midway or learn various life skills that will help them become independent as well as a productive while honing their skills.

### **Working women Hostel scheme:**

This scheme is focused for working women who leave their home for professional commitments. This promotes the availability of reliable and convenient accommodations as well as the availability of daycare facility for all working women without any kind of discrimination. This project assists the establishment of new hostel building, extension of existing hostel buildings and hostel buildings in rented premises.

## **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana:**

This a government scheme that is meant for old age protection and social security of the unorganized workers. It is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme, under which the subscriber would receive a minimum assured pension of Rs 3000/- per month after attaining the age of 60 years and if the subscriber dies, the spouse of the beneficiary shall be entitled to receive 50% of the pension as family pension. Family pension is applicable only to spouse.

### **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

The event was held offline in the presence of the ISR committee, 5 volunteers, and Director Dr. Manisha Ketkar ma'am and our committee mentor Dr. Dilip Amberkhane and our audience comprised of the various workers of the unorganized sector working on our campus premises. The discussions regarding the various schemes conducted in Hindi and Marathi as the most of the audience belonged to the local community.

The event started with a brief greeting from our committee and by introducing the event outline to them followed by the discussion of the various schemes which led to clarification of them, case by case basis.

Post the formal introduction to the schemes as the volunteers distributed refreshments, the audience were divided into groups allocating one member of the ISR committee to each group as a POC for the schemes explained.

The event was a very lively session as the committee members along with the volunteers communicated with the audience in a very friendly manner making them comfortable to approach and ask for any of help of queries they were facing.

The audience was equally curious and active as they asked basic questions from opening of a bank account to acquiring an Aadhaar card or transferring of accounts from different locations. People were intrigued by the discussion so much so that they kept asking questions throughout. The committee members and volunteers showed sheer enthusiasm and patience as they explained and clarified their confusion with a smile on their faces.

The committee noted down the names and contact information along with giving out their personal contact information for any kind of confusion they might face in the future.

It was a great learning experience from both the parties as we learned about the grassroots problems and queries that are still very prevalent in society and the potential of the banking sector in our nation.

