

Concept Note

16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence (25 Nov – 10 Dec 2025)

Theme: “UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls”

Organised by Department of Women Education, Internal Complaints Committee & Centre for Women’s Studies, in collaboration with Cultural Activity Centre, MANUU, Hyderabad

Background

The United Nations observes the 16 Days of Activism every year from 25th November to 10th December to strengthen global and local efforts toward eliminating gender-based violence. In the digital era, technology has created new opportunities as well as new threats. Online harassment, cyber stalking, trolling, non-consensual sharing of images, hate speech, and digital surveillance disproportionately target women and girls, causing deep psychological, emotional, and social harm. Recognising the urgency of addressing digital gender-based violence, MANUU is organising a series of programmes under the theme “UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls” to create awareness, encourage dialogue, and promote digital safety and responsibility.

Objectives

- Raise awareness about emerging forms of digital violence against women
- Promote safe, inclusive, and respectful online behaviour
- Highlight existing legal frameworks and cyber laws protecting women’s digital rights
- Facilitate dialogue through academic, creative, and cultural activities
- Strengthen MANUU’s commitment to gender justice and digital safety
- Foster a campus environment that promotes empathy, dignity, and collective responsibility

Programme Schedule

- 25 Nov – Inaugural Programme: “Ending Digital Violence Against Women”
26 Nov – Poster Making Competition: “Colors of Courage: Women Against Digital Violence”
27 Nov – Interactive Talk: “The Role of Educators in Countering Digital Gender Violence”
02 Dec – Film Screening & Discussion: “Screened Lives – Women, Violence & the Digital Divide”
03 Dec – Street Play: “Behind the Screen – Real Stories of Digital Harassment”
03 Dec – Short Documentary Competition: “Voices Against Digital Violence”
04 Dec – Symposium: “Breaking the Silence – From Hashtags to Real Change”
05 Dec – Special Lecture: “Cyber Laws and Women’s Digital Rights”
05 Dec – Open Mic: “Unmute Her: Voices of Strength”
09 Dec – Debate Competition: “Social Media and Women: Empowerment or Exploitation”
10 Dec – Play on the theme “Digital Violence” & Valedictory Programme: “From Activism to Action: Women’s Human Rights”

Convenors

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Link for Registration: <https://forms.gle/KKBNcdryBAnLea4A7> or Scan the QR to register

