

## REPORT ON SUICIDAL PREVENTION DAY

World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), on 10 September, is organized by the gender Sensitisation cell and Women Empowerment cell in association with Sneha suicidal prevention centre, Chennai on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018. More than one lakh lives are lost every year due to suicide in our country. Day by day the rate of suicide is also alarming, In the last two decades, the suicide rate has increased from 7.9 to 10.3 per 100,000. It is shocking to hear that the southern states of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have more suicide rate than northern states of India. The rate is also very high among those below the age of 30 years. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness around the globe that suicide can be prevented. Dr.S.P.Sangeetha, Coordinator for GSC and WEC welcomed the gathering. Dr.Ponnaivaikko,Provost VMRF delivered the inaugural address and also gave a special lecture on suicidal prevention. Ms.Kamatchi,Senior volunteer from Sneha Suicidal prevention centre which is a voluntary organisation whose primary concern is prevention of Suicide was invited as a special guest.She delivered a special lecture on suicidal thoughts and prevention.Mr.Srinivasan,Head operations addressed the gathering with inspirational quote about life.Mrs.Mohana Priya delivered the vote of thanks. Around 150 students participated in the gathering.

