

## Women Development Cell (WDC)

Inauguration function of WDC was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.

Mrs. Anuradha Ravi, I.R.S., Jt. Commissioner of Income-Tax, Thane (W) was invited as resource person.

Mrs. Anuradha Ravi spoke about Women Empowerment & scope in Civil services. She also spoke about the various Government policies including the Vishakha judgement, Problems in rural areas, discrimination faced by women, the reservation for women in fields like education, employment, even at panchayat level, etc.

Mrs. Anuradha Ravi emphasized that as learned people we should understand our policies first and let others know their rights and empower them. It would be a way by which we can contribute towards the society. During her talk she caught everyone's attention with a poster of Swami Vivekananda bearing the quote "All power is within you. You can do anything and everything, believe in that". She pointed out that even our Constitution does not mention men and women separately. It says "We the people", hence we must share our experience with others and empower them. And this could not be achieved unless we convert our weakness to strength and threats to opportunities.

Mrs. Anuradha Ravi gave an all together different but motivational meaning to all the 26 alphabets of English starting right from A-Z. These included Aim-Believe-Conviction-Dare to carryout duties-hold oneself with esteem and pride, experience and enjoy-focus-to be genuine-honest and harmony to yourself and society-to be independence as well as impartial-joy-knowledge the key to success-to be loyal to oneself and learn-monitor and it will help you to manage-Nobility-organize and optimize one's time-protect our self-quiz oneself so as to learn-respond and react-find solutions as nothing in life is easy-totality i.e. looking at right and wrong sides and analyzing-understanding-adding value to whatever you do and also to yourself-willing-excellence-be yourself i.e. keep yourself charged-and thus ultimately one would reach the zenith i.e. the peak.

Mrs. Anuradha Ravi explained in detail the pre-requisites for civil services. She also briefly introduced the students and teachers about income tax department and how the money collected through income tax is used to pay the salaries to army, navy, police as also to give free education to girls up to 12<sup>th</sup> standard.

Lastly she said that as all elements in nature get power from within themselves even for us our attitude would get us 100% marks as she rightly concluded that -Change your attitude and you are empowered.

Eighty Students 20 teachers and 8 non-teachers participated in the programme.