

## GOOD SHEPHERD ADVOCATES ORANGE CHENNAI

### I say NO to violence, how about YOU?



The 16 days of Activism against Gender violence was observed from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 by the Mission Partners and young student-advocates of Good Shepherd Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai. The neighbourhood echoed the voices of this powerful community who advocated fiercely to end violence against women and children.

- ❖ **Emotional Violence:** The students created awareness about the injustice done to women and girl children in the society and their invaluable role to fight physical, verbal and emotional violence.
- ❖ **Human trafficking:** Pray that you and I don't fall prey to this racket! Beware and be aware!
- ❖ **Women and Nature:** On one hand, we revere the elements of nature as 'Mother Earth' and 'Sister Rain'. Yet there is so much disparity, as we witness mothers and sisters being victims of gory violence and exploitation.



Where is the liaison?

#### **Leave no stone unturned:**

- ❖ **Campaign:** The children held placards bearing slogans 'Stop violence against women and girl children' and used every opportunity to campaign for the cause in and around the school campus.
- ❖ **Poster making:** Posters were exhibited by students on gender discrimination.

- ❖ **Women adorned with dignity:** Every woman and girl child should strongly uphold their respect and dignity.
- ❖ **Power of words:** It was highlighted that use of abusive language can hurt a person be it at home, workplace or at school.
- ❖ **Slogan writing and logo designing:** Students were asked to write slogans and design logos relating to 'Orange Your Neighbourhood'
- ❖ **Broken Crayons- Still Colour: Never give up!** In spite of all hardships, sexual abuse, eve-teasing and gender discrimination, each woman and child has a unique purpose and value in life. Let's continue to colour!
- ❖ **Generation Equality – Stand against rape:** Gender inequality, abuse of innocent girls and babies, street harassment and rape of women and girl children, are the burning issues globally. Women and girl children are traumatised due to gender bias and stereotyping in sports, business world and



even at home. The students enacted a skit highlighting these issues. Every child in the school wore orange ribbons showing their solidarity in fighting for their rights.

- ❖ **Signature campaign:** A signature campaign was inaugurated by our correspondent Sr. Mariam Kulangara. This campaign was an invitation to take a firm stand against rape of women and girl children.

We stand united under one umbrella to fight for every girl child's dream of living in a peaceful world, which is free of violence.



***“Go forward in the spirit of God. I am relying on your zeal.” - Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier.***