## **Press Release**

## **Awareness Session on Sexual Harassment**

An awareness session on Sexual Harassment, organized by the Internal Complaints Committee of Aggarwal College Ballabgarh, was held under the able guidance of Patron & Principal Dr. Krishan Kant Gupta on 12-02-2022. The Presiding Officer, Mrs. Kamal Tandon highlighted the motive of this awareness session. Four short films entitled "It's Not Okay", "Eve Teasing" "Moksh-Eve Teasing & Sexual Harassment", "That Day After Every day" were screened for the girl students of UG/PG classes. Advocate Uma Chauhan, Legal Advisor, District Court highlighted the importance of Internal Complaints Committee in every institute and notified that Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act) and Vishakha guidelines was enacted as a legislation to provide a safe, secure and enabling environment to every woman. She apprised of the need for every woman to work without fear at their respective workplace. She also motivated the girls to come forward for filing a complaint rather than to fear social stigma as the identity of the complainant will be protected. She further added that complaints can be lodged at Women helpline 1091 and police helpline 112. Dr. Geeta Gupta also encouraged girls to learn the course on "Self Defense" which will help them to defend themselves which will increase their self-esteem and boost their confidence. Around 100 students attended this session. The session was coordinated by Dr. Meenu Aggarwal. Members of the Committee, Dr. Naresh Kamra, Mrs. Lalita & Student representatives were also present. On the same day, the result of 'National Level Online Poetic Recitation Competition' organized by English Language Society Aggarwal College Ballabgarh was also declared. The topic of the competition was 'Indian English Poets'. Around 09 colleges participated with 12 entries. The

colleges were MDSD College Ambala, GVM College Sonepat, Dayanand Mahila Mahavidyala, Kurukshetra, GITM Delhi-NCR, SMM Palwal, etc. The participants sent their poems recorded as videos. They were given a time period of one week to prepare for this. They recited the poems of diverse poets like Rabindra Nath Tagore, Kamala Das, Nissim Ezekiel, to name a few. We keep on organizing such events under the able guidance of Principal Dr. Krishan Kant. Dr. Geeta Gupta and Dr. Sarika Kanjlia adjudged the participants and declared the winners. Disha from GVM Girls College, Sonipat got first, Sukriti Malik from GVM Girls College, Sonipat got Second and Sneha of Dayanand Mahila Mahavidyala, Kurukshetra got third prize in this competition. The event was conducted under the supervision of Ms. Kamal Tandon, Head of the Department and facilitated by Dr. Inayat Chaudhary, Mr. Subhash, Ms. Vijaya, Ms. Vinita and Ms. Anjana.