## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

The SKPC Gender Equality Forum aims at intervening the problems of transgender and to provide them a support system as there is a growing Transgender community in North Chennai which needs support groups working to promote awareness and acceptance. Discrimination and harassment against the transgender community is still prevalent in certain areas of North Chennai, so it's important to be sensitive and respectful. Hence they need

1.Legal Protection

- 2. Access to health care
- 3. Mental Health support.
- 4. Understanding and acceptance
- 5. Education & Employment opportunities

The IQAC & Department of Sociology has inaugurated SKPC GENDER FORUM on 27.10.2022. Dr.S.Kalavathi, Head, Department of Sociology, Queen Mary's College, Ms. R.Jeeva, Founder and Director of Transgender Rights Association, Dr. R.K Deepa, Chief Pediatric Cardiologist and Dr.Karunya Devi, Social Activist & Advocate were invited for inauguration.

SKPC GEF had conducted a Gender Sensitization programme on "The Legal Provisions for Transgender Persons –Protection of Rights Act 2019" on 31. 10.2022. Ms.S.Jeeva ,addressed the students and explained the Socio economic and Psychological trauma of transgender communities.

The Forum has plans to provide SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES to TRANSGENDER group and also awareness campaigns and seminars in the upcoming academic year.





