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**A Brief Report of Essay Competition on the topic-
Women Empowerment: Challenges and Opportunities**

Gender sensitization in classroom discourse is an essential aspect to work on removing gender discrimination and gender disparity. Gender sensitization is the awareness informed inclination to behave in a manner which is sensitive to gender justice and gender equality issues and it is also linked with gender empowerment. In consonance of the constitutional commitment for achieving gender equality in country, the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**, therefore issued a circular to all the educational institutes to organise programme that could essentially foster gender equality and aware students regarding gender sensitization. Henceforth, **Centre for Teacher Education, CIHTS** organised an Essay Writing Competition under a series of events on the occasion of **International Women's Day (8 March)**. The topic of the essay writing competition was "**Women Empowerment: Challenges and Opportunities**". The competition was scheduled to be held on 05.03.2020 in the Lecture Hall I of Sambhot Bhawan, CTE from 2.30 p.m. Twenty students belonging to four-year integrated B.A.B.Ed. and Two-year B.Ed. programme participated in the competition. **Dawa Lhamo** of two-year B.Ed. programme was declared the winner of the competition whereas **Tsetan Dorjee** and **Sangu Wangmu** were awarded first and second consolation prizes respectively. The winners were felicitated by Dr Chandrakala Padia, former Vice-Chancellor, Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, later on 7 March 2020.



All the female faculties of CTE were present during the essay competition and the students participated enthusiastically.



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