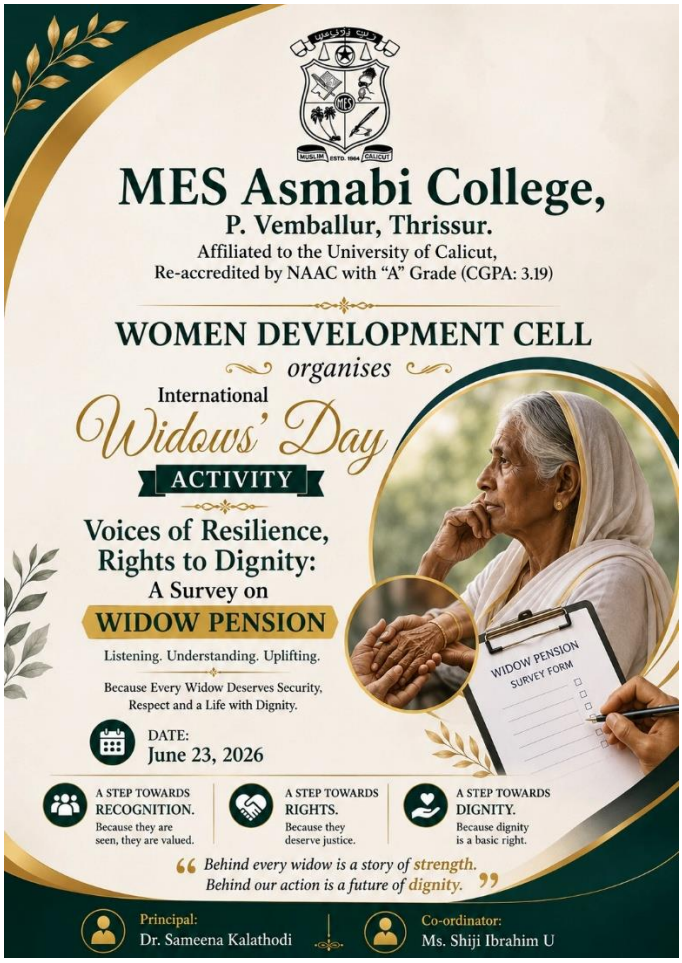
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Programme Report

The **Women Development Cell (WDC)** of **MES Asmabi College, P. Vemballur**, observed **International Widows' Day** on **23 June 2026** by organizing a meaningful outreach activity titled **"Voices of Resilience, Rights to Dignity: A Survey on Widow Pension."** The programme aimed to create awareness about the rights and welfare of widows while understanding their access to widow pension schemes and the challenges they face in availing social security benefits.

As part of the activity, student volunteers of the Women Development Cell conducted a **survey among widows** using a structured questionnaire. The survey focused on identifying whether eligible widows were receiving government widow pensions, the amount of financial assistance they received, and the difficulties encountered in accessing welfare benefits. The interaction also provided an opportunity for the participants to express their concerns, expectations, and suggestions regarding social support systems.

The survey was carried out through **face-to-face interviews**, where students respectfully interacted with the respondents and documented their responses. The activity not only enabled the collection of

valuable information but also fostered empathy, social responsibility, and awareness among students regarding the importance of inclusive welfare measures for vulnerable sections of society.

The programme reflected the objectives of **International Widows' Day** by emphasizing **recognition, rights, and dignity** for widows. Through this initiative, the Women Development Cell reinforced the message that every widow deserves security, respect, and equal access to government welfare schemes. The activity also highlighted the role of educational institutions in promoting community engagement and social justice.

The programme was organized under the guidance of **Dr. Sameena Kalathodi, Principal**, and coordinated by **Ms. Shiji Ibrahim U, Coordinator, Ms. Mary Christy,Ms. Farisha V M and Ms Minsila Hilal of Jwaala Women Development Cell**. The survey concluded successfully with active participation from student volunteers, who gained firsthand experience in community outreach while contributing to a socially relevant cause. The initiative served as a meaningful step towards understanding the needs of widows and advocating for their dignity and well-being.



