



# NEW HORIZON COLLEGE MARATHALLI

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## An IQAC Initiative

Gender Equity Cell

Organizes

## Essay Writing Competition

on the theme

### “Empowering Voices: Exploring Choice & Freedom”

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Timings:** 10:50 AM Onwards

**Title of the Event:** Essay Writing Competition on “Empowering Voices: Exploring Choice & Freedom”

**Target Audience:** All Students of B.Com, BBA, and BCA

**Venue:** Room Number - 302, Amar Hemu Kalani Block

**Organized by:** Gender Equity Cell

**Cell Head:** Ms. Banu Anbalagan

**Faculty Coordinators:** Ms. Divya M.K., Ms. Devaki, Ms. Madhumita Nayak, Ms. Purva Palliwal

**Student Coordinators:** Ankit Segel - III BCA, Anushree - III BCA

### About the Event:

The Gender Equity Cell organized an Essay Writing Competition on the topic “Empowering Voices: Exploring Choice & Freedom” for all BBA, B.Com, and BCA students on 17.10.25 from 10:50 AM onwards in Room 302, Amar Hemu Kalani Block. The competition also explored sub-themes including “If I Were Invisible for a Day: Observing Inequality” and “My Life, My Choice: Autonomy and Freedom”.

This event aimed to encourage students to reflect deeply on personal autonomy, freedom, and social inequalities, fostering a nuanced understanding of choice and empowerment in everyday life. Through this platform, participants were invited to critically engage with issues of social justice, personal agency, and ways in which individual choices intersect with societal structures. The essay competition emphasized the institution's commitment to promoting gender awareness, critical thinking, and responsible citizenship among students.

A diverse group of 8 participants actively contributed to the event, sharing their perspectives and insights on autonomy, freedom, and inequality. A heartfelt acknowledgment goes to our esteemed judge, Ms. Thanvi Kuttaiah, Assistant Professor, for her valuable contribution to the success of the competition. Essays were evaluated based on depth of understanding of the topic, creativity and originality of ideas, structure, language, and adherence to the theme.

### **Objectives**

The essay writing competition was designed to

1. Encourage students to reflect on personal autonomy, freedom, and social inequalities.
2. Foster awareness about the importance of individual choice and empowerment.
3. Provide a platform for creative expression on issues related to social justice and equality.
4. Reinforce the role of education in shaping socially conscious and responsible citizens.

### **Winners**

1. First Place: G. Shireesha – III BBA
2. Second Place: Akhilesh. B- III BCA

The competition successfully provided a space for students to articulate their thoughts on autonomy, freedom, and inequality, highlighting the significance of personal choice in shaping a just and equitable society. This event reinforced the power of words in advocating for awareness and social change, aligning with the institution's mission to cultivate informed, responsible, and empowered individuals.



*“Empowering Voices, Inspiring Choices: Students reflect on freedom, autonomy, and equality through thoughtful essays.”*



## Gender Equity Cell

Presents

# Essay Writing Competition

Theme:

**Empowering Voices: Exploring Choice & Freedom**

Sub Themes:

- **If I Were Invisible for a Day: Observing Inequality**
- **My Life, My Choice: Autonomy and Freedom**



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