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Vivekananda School of English Studies (VSES)

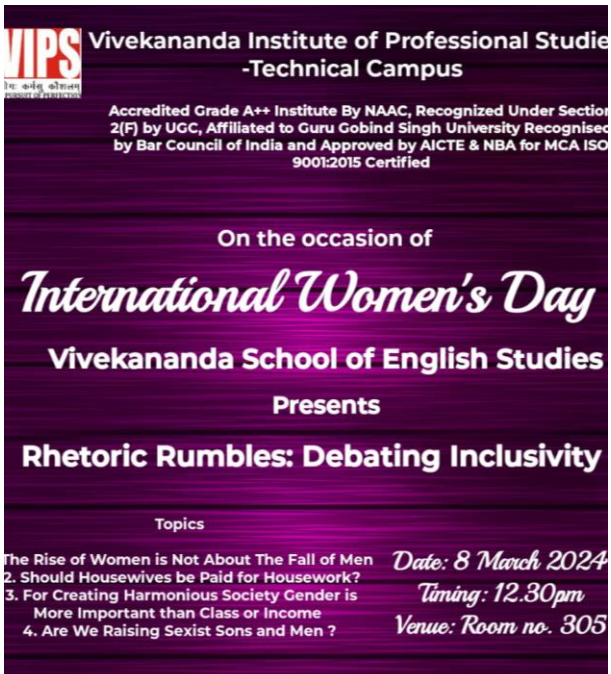
Rhetoric Rumbles: Debating Inclusivity

1. **Overview:**

Name of the Committee: Vivekananda School of English Studies (VSES)
Faculty Members: Dr. Sakshi Sundaram, and Dr. Jasmine Sharma

2. **Description:**

Vivekananda Institute of English Studies (VSES) organized an intra-department event named "Rhetoric Rumbles" to celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March 2024. This event took place in room no. 305, A Block at 12:30 pm. Poster of the event is attached here below:



3. Purpose of the Event:

The objective of this event was to provide an inclusive debating opportunity to the undergraduate and postgraduate students of English studies. It provided an engaging platform to students for discussing relevant ideas connected to the place and function of women in the contemporary society. This event helped students to conceptualize their views on women empowerment and the available resources through which this emancipation can be achieved on social, political, economic and legal fronts. The event witnessed an active participation of 7 students in total. A comprehensive list of debate topics is as follows:

1. The rise of women is not about the fall of men.
2. Should housewives be paid for housework?
3. For creating harmonious society gender is more important than class or income.
4. Are we raising sexist sons and men?

5. Outcomes:

The event received an outstanding response from the students. It encouraged the participants and the audience to delve deeper into the dynamics of gender operating at the global level. It created an optimal atmosphere to interrogate the condition of women in present times and how it could be improved through sensitization, empathy and constructive laws. The event fruitfully aligned with the goals of the institute and Swami ji's teachings on "Man making, character building, and Nation building" through a facet of thought that a nation will ideally become empowered and independent only when its women get equal rights and opportunities to grow and sustain.

6. Challenges and Lessons Learned:

The event did witness certain unavoidable challenges such as the direct application of ideas and conceptualizations to our curriculum. This can be overcome through a holistic revamping of curricula and teaching methods that may help students to equally learn and participate without barriers. Besides this, it boosted confidence in students and remarkably aided them in overcoming fear of public speaking.

7. Future Plans:

VSES hopes to organize events on women empowerment and gender sensitization in the long run.

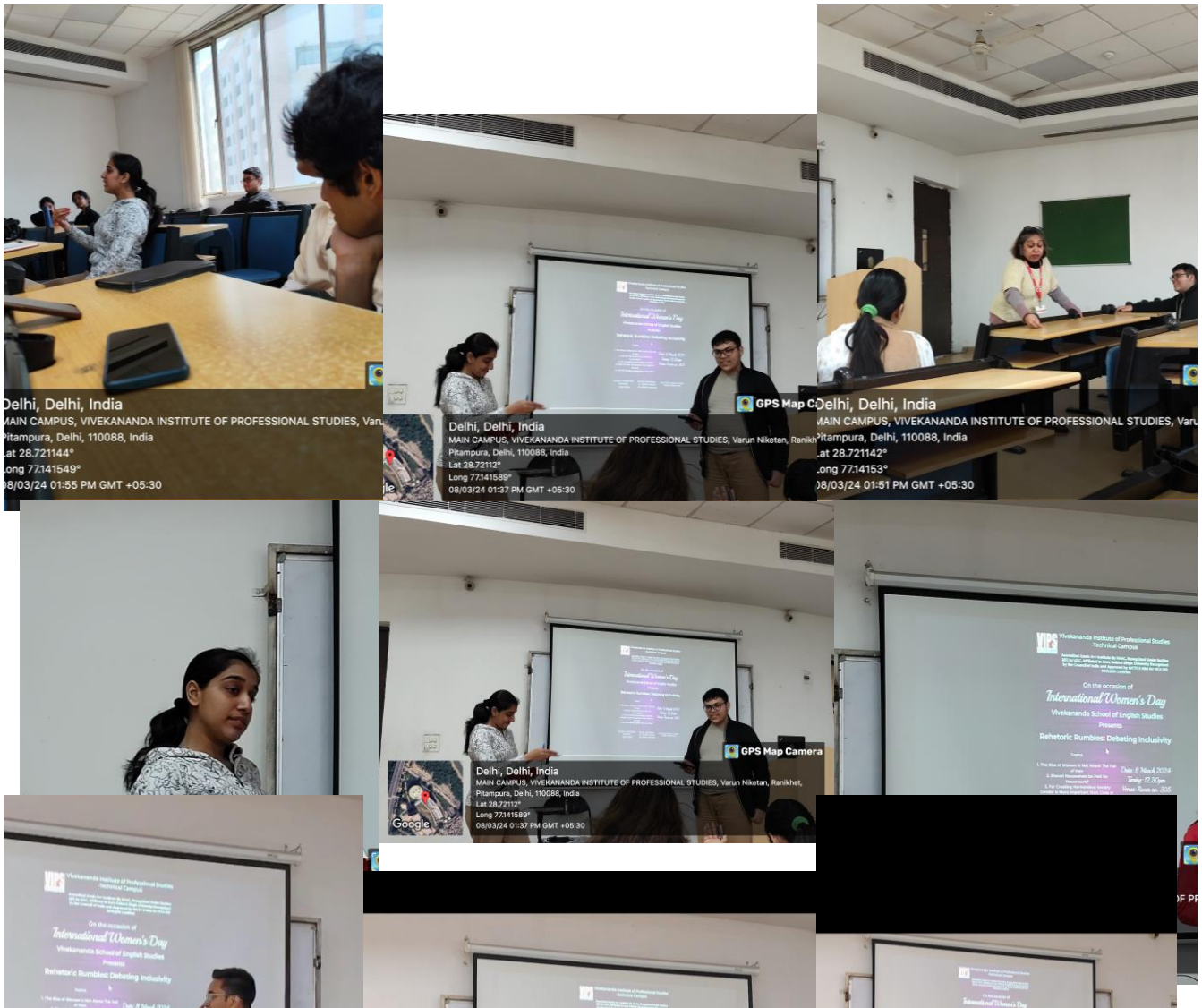
List of Participants:

1. **Somya Aggarwal (semester IV)**
2. **Ilika Chauhan (semester IV)**
3. **Chinmay (semester VI)**
4. **Aashna Azad (semester VI)**
5. **Mehul Malik (semester VI)**
6. **Florence Paul (semester VI)**
7. **Abhay Pant (semester VI)**

Members/Volunteers:

Himanshi (MA English semester II)
Sanya Mittal (B.A English (H) semester IV)

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