THE ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY HYDERABAD – 500 007

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Ms. Swati Lakra, I.P.S., Chief SHE Teams visited EFLU today i.e., on 09-02-2016 at 3.30 PM as Chief Guest to address the students on Gender sensitization as part of a program organized by Sensitization Prevention and Redressal of Sexual Harassment (SPARSH). She spoke on the topic "Gender Sensitization, Women's Safety and the Role of the Police". The Vice Chancellor Prof. Sunaina Singh welcomed the Chief Guest along with the Chairperson SPARSH Prof. Padmini Shankar.

Ms. Swati Lakra, I.P.S., raised awareness among the students regarding the functions and the responsibilities of SHE teams in women's safety. The following are the salient points of her talk.

- 1. Students can approach SHE teams through various means such as Whats App, email, twitter etc. They can also download Hawk Eye, the App meant for the purpose.
- 2. 1300 cases have been attended to and solved across the Telangana State.
- 3. There are no instances of the offence being repeated once the offenders are counseled
- 4. Counseling centers will be set up to address issues.
- 5. Video conference will be arranged for women who do not want to approach the court of Law directly.
- 6. When people call 100 the current response time is just 5 minutes and effort are in place to further reduce it.

Students across UG, PG and Research Programs, both male and female, attended the talk. Teaching faculty and non-teaching staff were also present at the program. The talk was very informative and interactive. It was well received and appreciated by one and all.

K. Padmini Shankar Chairperson, SPARSH