

Army Public School Jammu Cantt

Session on Gender Sensitivity

On 18 December, 2024, Army Public School Jammu Cantt organised an important session on gender sensitivity for the students of classes IX to XII. The session aimed to build awareness, promote understanding and inspire action toward creating a more gender-equal and inclusive society.

The session was conducted by the vice principal of the school, **Ms Manmeet Kour**. She emphasised that fostering gender sensitivity is a collective responsibility that empowers each of us to treat one another with dignity and fairness. Gender sensitivity goes beyond simply recognising the differences between males, females and other gender identities. It is about understanding the impact of these differences and ensuring that everyone, regardless of gender, has equal opportunity, respect, and support. Later, she laid stress upon various gender-related issues, including gender inequality, stereotypes and the impact of societal expectations on individuals' behaviours and opportunities.

She further highlighted that gender sensitivity plays an important role in reducing gender-based violence and harassment. In addition to this, she sensitised the children about the **third gender**. The objective behind this was to promote understanding, empathy, respect and inclusivity while ensuring that children grasp the fundamental concepts of gender identity, sexual orientation, and diversity. Along with this, she discussed some case studies of gender labelling and said that moving beyond these labels can lead to greater acceptance, self-expression, and equality for all people, regardless of their gender identity.

