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To whom it may concern,

Namaste! We are very excited to collaborate with St. Mira's College for Girls in the implementation and evaluation of the project entitled "*Prevent and Protect*," led by myself and Aashna Banerjee from the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, and Professor Mellisa Holtzman from the Department of Sociology at Ball State University. This project is a part of Aashna's doctoral dissertation to reduce the prevalence of gender-based violence and increase women empowerment programming in India.

It is my understanding, that the project will include the recruitment of female undergraduate students from the Bachelor of Arts program at your institution. All recruited students will participate in the Prevent and Protect comprehensive gender-based violence prevention program and they will complete surveys to determine the effectiveness of the program. The Prevent and Protect program is based on other programs that have led to significant increases in women's empowerment and the reduction in the prevalence of gender-based violence.

We are delighted to conduct the first comprehensive gender-based violence prevention program in India in partnership with St. Mira's College for Girls, Pune. We look forward to collaborating with you and your College on this innovative project to increase women's empowerment and to increase gender-based peace on India's university campuses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours,

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Director, Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

George & Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Psychology-Counseling

Past President, American Psychological Association - Division of International Psychology

Managing Editor, *Journal for Social Action in Counseling & Psychology*

Fellow, American Psychological Association (Counseling, Peace, and International Psychology)

Fulbright Scholar, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (2013-14)

City University of Hong Kong (2019); Southwest Minzu University (2019)

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Details of Research Collaboration
2023-24

St. Mira's College for Girls has collaborated with Ball State University- Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Indiana to conduct a research study titled "Prevent and Protect". The tenure of the research study is from February 2024 to March 2025.

The following students are a part of the research project-

Sr. No.	Name of the Students
1	Aarchee Muley
2	Anjali Pillai
3	Anushka Saxena
4	Ashwini Rokade
5	Bhoomi Sharma
6	Divya Bose
7	Gayatri Patil
8	Inderjeet Kaur
9	Ishita Pillay
10	Jayshree Chaudhary
11	Jerilyn Miranda
12	Khushnawaz Laher
13	Kirthana Nair
14	Krishnika Raman
15	Labdhi Bora
16	Lalee



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23	Purvi
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25	Revati Chetan Shirsale
26	Ruchira Rajendra Mandhare
27	Saayari Das
28	Samina Mulla
29	Shravani Kamble
30	Siya Shridhar
31	Siya Sapkal
32	Sreelakshmi Pillai
33	Suhana shaikh
34	Tamana singh
35	Tejaswini Rajput
36	Vaishnavi Bobde
37	Vaishnavi Masal
38	Vidya Warriar
39	Vrushti Van
40	Zainab Jariwala
41	Palak Bhandari
42	Anjali Bhardwaj
43	Amrita Chetia
44	Shehrebhanu Naharpurwala
45	Durgakunwar Deora
46	Priyal Jain



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50	L. Khushi Singha
51	Ishwar Chavan
52	Shivani Iyengar
53	Qum Fatima Parekh
54	Ummehmma Rampurwala
55	zainab Modak
56	Muskan Vasaya
57	Khushi Nahar
58	Santhi Naikar
59	Vyshnavi S Pisharody
60	Ruchee Singh
61	Harleen Makkar
62	Stuti Bhanushali
63	Ira Swami
64	Raaina Magnani
65	Nisha Pohane
66	Manisha Kothani
67	Sana Shaji
68	Mrunal Yadav
69	Heena Mittal
70	Payal Wagh
71	Hritishaa Prasad
72	Anshool Verma
73	Laavannya Jadhav
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75	Shalini Bhandar
76	Rishika Agarwal



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