

Event Report: "Cinéma, Cine y Kino" – Short Film Session & Discussion

Date: Thursday, 11th September 2025

Venue: D Block, 105A, Amity School of Foreign Languages (ASFL)

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Initiative: Mission Shakti



1. Introduction

The Amity School of Foreign Languages (ASFL) organized a significant cinema-based learning event titled "**Cinéma, Cine y Kino**" under the aegis of the **Mission Shakti Initiative**. The centre piece of the event was the screening of the documentary "**Ladies First**," which follows the life and challenges of the world-renowned Indian archer, Deepika Kumari.

2. Film Screening: "Ladies First"

The documentary provided a poignant look at the journey of Deepika Kumari, who overcame immense poverty and deep-seated social prejudices in rural India to reach the pinnacle of her sport. The "beautiful movie" served as a visual testament to the power of individual will and the necessity of breaking gender stereotypes in fields traditionally dominated by men.

3. Core Theme: Women's Empowerment

The primary objective of the screening was to highlight the various facets of **Women's Empowerment**. By witnessing Deepika's transition from a young girl with a handmade bow to an international champion, students were presented with a real-world application of the "Mission Shakti" values:

- **Agency:** The importance of women making their own life choices.
- **Resilience:** Navigating and overcoming systemic barriers and societal discouragement.
- **Success as Social Reform:** How one woman's achievement can inspire an entire community to rethink traditional roles.

4. Post-Screening Interactive Discussion

Following the film, an extensive discussion was organized with the students. The conversation focused on the evolving roles of women in modern society and the specific challenges they face today.

Key points of the discussion included:

- **Breaking Boundaries:** Students shared their views on how women are redefining excellence in diverse spheres, from athletics to academia.
- **Family and Institutional Support:** The group analyzed the critical role that supportive environments play in enabling women to succeed.
- **Personal Reflections:** Several students commented on how the film changed their perspective on "Ladies First"—not just as a polite phrase, but as a call for women to be the first to lead in every field.

5. Conclusion

The event was a resounding success, successfully blending the school's linguistic focus with critical social awareness. The combination of the "beautiful" documentary and the high-level academic discussion allowed students to engage deeply with the concept of equality, further strengthening the impact of the Mission Shakti initiative at ASFL.

