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### GNLU – NCW Legal Awareness Programme for Women

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

The GNLU Centre for Law and Society (GCLS), in collaboration with the National Commission for Women (NCW), is organizing a two-day Legal Awareness Programme for women on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2016 at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.

Recognizing the lack of legal awareness among women belonging to the poorer strata of the society and the absence of a proper channel to impart legal knowledge to them, the National Commission for Women conceptualized 'Legal Awareness Programmes' as a mechanism to overcome these impediments to women empowerment. The underlying objective is to create awareness among women about their constitutional entitlements, legal rights and remedies and facilitating access to justice to them by informing them about various means of redressal.

GCLS has taken up the responsibility to organize the Legal Awareness Programme for the benefit of the women of 35 villages in the Gandhinagar district. The aim is to sensitize women of the poorer strata of the society, in order to empower them and create a link to disseminate legal awareness in the face of the absence of such a channel. The programme intends to act as a liaison between women, the government and legal institutions designed for women. It will be conducted through interactive sessions with women and information will be disseminated through the use of documentaries, audio-visual materials, presentations and skits.

The sessions will be conducted by advocates, social activists, academicians, government and police personnel. The resource persons namely Ms. Neeta Hardikar, Mr. Anil Pratham, Dr. Ameer Yajnik,



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Mr. Dinesh Kapadia and Dr. Nidhi Buch will deliver special lectures. The programme includes a total of 5 lectures spanning the subject areas of 'Women, Family Law and Customs', 'Women and Criminal Law' and 'Access to Justice'. A movie related to pertinent social issues shall be screened and a problem-solving interactive session shall also be organized. Furthermore, each participant will be provided with reading materials containing relevant laws and relevant executive orders on issues related to the women.

As the largest democracy in the world, India has an emergent need to ensure that its rural female population does not remain in the dark about its legal rights and entitlements. This Legal Awareness Programme is just another step towards achieving gender justice and legal literacy in India.

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