

One Day Symposium on Laws Related to Women and Influencing Factors

Gandhinagar, January 05, 2019: The Gujarat National University through its LexTech (Science Technology & Law) Club & Gender Sensitization Committee, with the kind support of Gujarat State Commission for Women, organized a One Day Symposium on Laws Related to Women and Influencing Factors on Saturday, 5th January 2019.

Mr. Prerak Patel, Under Secretary, Gujarat State Commission for Women delivered the introductory address. The audiences were made familiar with the functioning, achievements, challenges and the road map of National Commission for Women, wherein the keen initiatives like women helpline 18002331111 and the 24x7 helpline 181 and the Nari Adalat established at the taluka level.

Smt. Lilaben Ankoliya, Hon. Chairperson, Gujarat State Commission for Women delivered the presidential address. The National Commission for Women has taken a serious note of the instances of sexual harassment of women that have figured in the last year. The audience were appraised with several Government initiatives like Mahila Bal Vikas Yojna, Mahila Aayog. In her several years of field experience that women often feel uncomfortable and embarrassed speaking about instances of harassment, abuse or rape to police officers and these initiative gives them the option to talk to specially trained and sensitized staff. Individuals shall learn to be aware of fake cases and there should be the awareness that such instances are controlled to prevent a miscarriage of justice.

Dr. Jyotsana Yagnik, Former Principal Judge, City Civil and Sessions Court, Ahmedabad was the speaker for the first session. She emphasized on Constitutional Rights and Role of Science and Technology in Trial for offenses against women. Every court in our country is a constitutional court and backed her statement giving various examples including the provision for speedy justice which derives its constitutional power through Article 21 of the constitution and that even ADR mechanisms and the concept of plea bargaining have constitutional authority.

Advocate Sanjay Thakkar discussed on the Legal and Scientific Measures for Prevention and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace. The hesitation to raise voice against discrimination of women is far more dangerous than any form of agitation. The educated people are reluctant to help and spread awareness among those less fortunate. The rehabilitation of victims and their education and support system is the duty of every individual of the nation and concluded by urging people to come forward.

Advocate Hina Desai deliberated on the aspects regarding shelter homes set up by the state for the protection of victims and their lacunas. There is a need for immediate medical examination of the victim and the monetary relief funds established for them.

Dr. Pragna Sorani, Assistant Professor, B J Medical College, connected the audience with the techniques used for analyzing the psychology of the victims of heinous crimes and the trauma that



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they suffer, its long term impacts and the impacts on those who are closely connected to her. There are few red flags that are commonly observed in an abusive relationship- extreme jealousy, isolating behaviour, emotional manipulation being the most common. The dissimilarity and the level of trauma and causes of these traumas create a vast impact that they can have on her children's lives such as separation anxiety, depression, insomnia, bed-wetting, self-hatred, and abusive future relationships. The methodology of rape and signs of psychological abuse can be used to identify the victim.

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