

REPORT

Women Development Cell (2020-21)

The Women's Development Centre held a series of interactive sessions on various issues concerning women beginning from 8th March 2021-the International Women's Day- to 27th March 2021. These events were organised by Dr. Aditi Govil, Convenor, WDC and its members-Dr. A. Archana and Dr. Aishwarya Jha. It was coordinated by Mr. Ranjan Kumar and Mr. Manish Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of History. Additional help was extended by student coordinators - Saumya, Anushka Aarti, Sambuddha Biswas, Shashank. This series of lectures was named 'Legal Extravaganza-Citing Judgements, Sharing Insights, Reforming Society: A legal literacy Conclave for Women's Rights.' The first webinar in this series was on 8th March 2021 - 'Liberating Women : Legally and Socially' in which the speaker was Honourable Judge Amit yadav, Secretary, District service legal Authority and Ms. Shabnam Hashmi, Activist- Womens' rights and empowerment. Its aim was to address the prospects of women's liberation, focussing on both legal advancement and the broader societal changes required to achieve gender equality. She provided an overview of the progress made in advancing women's rights globally. She highlighted persistent challenges such as gender based violence, discrimination, unequal pay and limited access to education and health care. She also emphasised the need for legal and social reforms to address these issues comprehensively. She discussed social norms and patriarchal structures that perpetuate gender inequality and explored the role of education, media and community mobilization in reshaping societal attitudes towards gender roles and expectations. She also discussed strategies for promoting gender equality at the grassroots level and fostering inclusive and supportive communities.

Attended by a coalition of women's rights organisations and activists, the event brought forth a range of trajectories to foster dialogue, raise awareness and inspire collective action for welfare of women. The second event was held on 20th March, 2021 in which the speakers- PCS Officer Dr. Anu Singh and Ms. Surbhi Karwa, a legal researcher- focused on women's rights in the workplace and marriage. Both speakers provided valuable insights into the challenges faced by women in these areas and discussed potential steps that could be taken to improve the conditions for women. Their expertise and experiences shed light on the legal aspects and societal implications of gender equality in these domains. They discussed the importance of gender responsive legal reforms in promoting women's rights and explored examples of successful legislative change that have enhanced women's legal status and protection. The experts delved into the economic disparities faced by women and explored pathways to achieve economic empowerment and equal opportunities. They explored topic such as equal pay, women's representation in leadership roles and the importance of supportive policies and initiatives.

In the third webinar (morning session) on 21st March 2021, speaker Mr. Amit Yadav delved into the complex issue of property rights for women. In the fourth webinar (evening session) on 21st March

2021, Honorable Judge Mrs. Neha Gangwar, discussed the legal provisions addressing the concerns of the LGBTQ+ community in India. The session explored the existing laws and their interpretation while also highlighting the challenges faced by these marginalized groups. This session not only provided legal clarity but also served as a catalyst for advocating for more inclusive legal frameworks.

The final session, on 27th March, 2021, was presented by Dr. Pavan Duggal, an advocate in the Supreme Court and the founder and chairman of the International Commission on Cyber Security Law. He addressed the ever-growing concern of cybercrime in the age fast growing internet usage. Dr. Duggal's expertise in this field allowed attendees to gain a comprehensive understanding of the laws designed to combat cybercriminals. Moreover, he emphasized the importance of digital literacy and provided practical tips on safeguarding oneself from falling victim to cybercrime. This session served as an eye-opener for the students, creating awareness about the need to be proactive and responsible in the digital age.

This conclave, consisting of sessions held between 18th March 2021 and 21st March 2021, covered a wide range of topics related to women's rights, including workplace rights, marriage, property rights, legal provisions for the LGBTQ+ community, and cybercrime. The diverse range of sessions provided a holistic view of the legal landscape pertaining to women's rights, incorporating both theoretical knowledge and practical solutions. The experts successfully educated the audience on key legal aspects while also inspiring them to become agents of change in society.

This conclave served as an empowering platform, equipping attendees with the knowledge and tools necessary to actively participate in the ongoing fight for gender equality and social justice. By citing relevant judgments, sharing invaluable insights, and proposing reforms, the conclave not only facilitated legal literacy for students but also contributed to convincing them to work towards the broader goal of creating a more equitable and inclusive society.

List of Attendee

1. Anuj Kumar
2. Shubham Raperia
3. Yashika Singh
4. Shubham Pratap Singh
5. Varsha Singh
6. Monica Parmar
7. Shivani
8. Kalpana Yadav
9. Viraat Tiwari
10. Tarun Mundepi
11. Abhishek Pandey
12. Utkarsh Tiwari
13. Samuddha Biswas
14. Anushka Singh
15. Saumya Pandey
16. Shashank Bharadwaj
17. Priyanshu Kumar

18. Sudhanshu Kumar
19. Lakshay Kumar
20. Suraj Ahiwar
21. Ujjwal kem
22. Tushar Kashyap
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