

Directorate of Students Welfare
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University

Subject: Proposal for 5 days programme by *Constitutional Club* under *Srijan* of GGSIP University on "Human Right Issues of Women" from 16th – 20th March, 2014

Violation of human rights in any form is a threat to social and economic development of State. In spite of recognizing this crude fact violence against women at every level is at peak. The atrocities that are committed on women be it at the home front or outside have not abated and are rather mounting, escalating and swelling up every day at alarming proportions, courtesy to new technologies and methods. Detection of sex of the child and slaying the female foetus, cyber crimes against women, rape, acid throwing etc are all in vogue now a days. In various societies her functions have been relegated to do the household chores. Violence which is committed on her is such a scourge that not only torments and maims her but also slays her - bodily, mentally, sexually and monetarily. It completely breaks and shatters the psyche of the woman and is not something that should be swept under the rug.

Although many legislations which are women comrade have been passed yet there are many questions which keep on haunting us- Is only law enough to bring about a radical change in the society which has since ages been ruled and dictated by men? Do they have teeth to bite? Do we really require rigorous or stringent laws? Will far reaching procedural and institutional reforms be of any use? Do we need to prevent violence before it starts? Can we say that better strategies or tactics or in other words culture change is going to help us out? Are causes like patriarchal society, traditions, caste system and sex based violence, illiteracy and servile mentality of women, the real causal factors for demeaning position of women and do they actually serve as a backbone for violence against women? Can education and self reliance of women help them in breaking all those old bondages and shackles in which they are presently trapped? Should 'Men organization' also come forward and champion for the cause of women? Can media play an important role in curbing violence against women or it just creates a build up and serves as a negative impact on people? Is equality still a dream which has till date not been realized?

These and many more questions of such nature crop up and require to deliberate upon. In light of above facts the *Constitutional Club* under *Srijan* of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University propose to conduct a 5 days awareness program from 16th – 20th March, 2015, to show our solidarity against any form of violence against women. The

campaign aims to raise awareness about Violence against Women as a human rights issue at the local, regional, national and international level.

Objectives:

- Sensitize the University community regarding the human right issues of women.
- Raise awareness about domestic violence and human rights, with the goal of preventing future violence through public participation and utilization of social media.
- Encourage men to take personal stances against violence.
- Challenge people to speak out, and think about their own actions, language, and beliefs.
- Encourage active civil society participation.
- Build a network of individuals and organizations committed towards creating a community free of violence against women and children.
- To contribute to the society at large by using education as a tool in matter of social justice and human rights.

Schedule:

The programs proposed for 05 days are as follows:

Day 1 : Inauguration of the program by distinguished Guests and Speakers.

Day 2 : Debate Competition for first year students on "*Use and Misuse of Women Centric Laws*".

Day 3 : Documentary creation competition on the theme "*Abuse of Human Rights of Women in Delhi*".

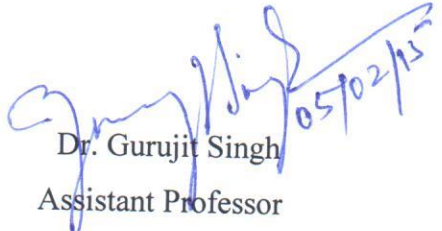
Day 4 : Nukad or street drama on the theme of "*Abuse of Human Right of Women*".

Day 5 : University Students Seminar on "*Womb to Tomb: Issue and Challenges Relating to Human Right Violation of Women*".

Expected Outcome

The 5 Days Campaign encourages participants to focus on areas that are most relevant to their specific context. Encourage participants to engage with their communities to challenge and change in positive terms the structures that perpetuate violence against women.


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