



SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NAGPUR

organizes

National Seminar

on

**Identification of Abusive
Relationships and Prevention
of Domestic Violence**

in collaboration and sponsored by

National Commission for

Women, New Delhi

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No Registration Fees

About Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur: -

Nurtured by the visionary ideas of Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, Chancellor, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) on the principles of vedic thought 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which means 'World as One Family', Symbiosis Law School (SLS) Nagpur is established to inherit splendid novelty, dynamism and excellence in education. Being a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur is strategically located in the potential education hub of Maharashtra thereby offering multitude of opportunities for the budding lawyers. Harping on the rich legacy of both Bar and Bench, SLS Nagpur promises to be one of the finest destinations for imparting legal education in Central India. SLS NAGPUR provides quality legal education and chisels a new generation of lawyers who are able, competent and humane. Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur offers Bachelor in Law- BA.LLB/BBA.LLB (5 Years) and Masters in law (1 Year) program. The academic curriculum, pedagogy and teaching methods are designed to enable the young budding lawyers to think critically, well conversant with legal principles and practice in a holistic perspective. The School is in a constant attempt to improve itself and as a result engages in a plethora of knowledge generating activities making it one of the most sought after institutions in the country.

About the National Commission for Women, New Delhi: -

The National Commission for Women was set up as statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 to:

- review the Constitutional and Legal safeguards for women;
- recommend remedial legislative measures;
- facilitate redressal of grievances and
- advise the Government on all policy matters affecting women.

Since its inception, the Commission has initiated various steps to improve the status of women and worked for their economic empowerment. The Commission provides financial support for organizing Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops/ Webinars to Colleges, Universities, State Commissions for Women etc. with the objective of getting an insight into the relevant subject and also throwing up recommendations for better implementation or even modification of the existing policies/programmes/schemes/projects relating to welfare and empowerment of women. Such programmes also provide a forum for sharing knowledge, information and experience of participants and resource persons on the subject. Such experience sharing could be helpful in better dissemination of the required information and also lead to better execution of schemes, etc. at the ground level.

About the Seminar: -

Women in a domestic space often are vulnerable and subjected to abuse in the background of the patriarchal norms. Sec. 3 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 recognizes 'abuse' in a broad perspective including physical abuse, sexual, verbal and emotional abuse, and economic abuse. However, it is usually only the physical and sexual abuse that is addressed seriously. The abuse is in a variegated form, often combination of multiple abuses depending on the age, social strata, economic stability, cultural background in which the woman is situated in. Despite the passage of more than a decade, the number of reported cases of domestic violence have been increasing. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Commission for Women, Delhi registered an increase of 2.5% cases of domestic violence since the national lockdown. The lockdown during the pandemic further deprived women of any possible institutional support in reporting the same. Women suffering from domestic violence, not only require medical aid, but require psychosocial support in the backdrop of possible ostracization once the incident is reported. Even the first responders to the victims sometimes transmit institutionalized patriarchal attitudes. Incidents where the instance of domestic violence is occurring for the first time are often settled so as to protect the honor of the families involved.

Unlike other forms of violence, domestic violence is situated with the perpetrator and the victim continuing to share the same physical space. It is in this background; the Seminar is organized with the following objectives:

1. To serve as an effective platform for sharing experiences on the existing legal framework and identify the possible gaps in its effective implementation including the rehabilitative measures.
2. To discuss and analyse the varied abuses that are not recognized by the existing legal framework.
3. To serve as a platform for women from academia, profession and other backgrounds, to discuss the impact of COVID-19 pandemic in domestic spaces and their challenges.
4. To come with suitable suggestions and recommendations in addressing the gaps and lacunae in the existing justice system.

The Seminar would be a medium through which activists, professionals, academicians, research scholars and students, collectively discuss on domestic violence, the nature of abuse and the gaps withing the existing legal and justice system. The Seminar with larger goal of awareness and sensitization, would address the same to all the participants through sharing of knowledge and experiences.

Broad Themes: -

- Identification and Theorizing abuse within Legal framework
- Gender as a factor in Abuse and Violence
- Laws and policies protecting women against domestic violence
- International framework for curbing Abuse and Domestic violence
- Judicial responses and trends in interpreting abuse and contexts of domestic violence
- Enforcement agencies and Institutional responses towards survivors of domestic violence
- Identifying unrecognized forms of abuse and violence in domestic spaces
- Impact of COVID-19 pandemic in survivors' access to justice
- Community participation and Role of civil society in curbing abuse and domestic violence

The above-mentioned themes are only indicative and any paper relevant to the main theme of the seminar may be submitted.

Guidelines to Authors: -

1. All the papers shall be reviewed by a team of experts and the notification of acceptance of the full paper for presentation shall be communicated within 02 days. The completed paper should be sent to slsseminar@slnagpur.edu.in
2. The first page should have the title and an abstract of not more than 300 words and at least 5 keywords should be mentioned, alongwith the details of the author and co-authors including their designation, institutional affiliation and email-id.
3. The contributions shall not be more than 3000 – 6000 words inclusive of tables and graphs, diagrams, photographs, references and bibliography.
4. The headings should be in 14 font size, Times New Roman and text in 12 font size with 1.5 spacing.
5. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman ,10 font size.
6. The citation style to be used should be Bluebook 20th Edition.
7. The diagrams and tables should have appropriate titles and sources if extracted.
8. The papers shall be checked for plagiarism. Papers with instances of plagiarism shall be disqualified from presentation in the Seminar.
9. Both the main author and the co-author should register in order to present their paper at the Seminar.
10. E-Certificate of participation/presentation shall be given to those participants presenting the paper.
11. Selected papers shall be released as an edited book or as Seminar proceeding with ISBN number.

Important Dates: -

Last date of Abstract submission	20.02.2022, Sunday
Last Date of Paper submission	27.02.2022, Sunday
Communication regarding selected papers for presentation	02.03.2022, Wednesday
Date of Seminar	08.03.2022, Tuesday

Registration: - No Registration Fees

Registration for the Seminar can be done through Link:

<https://forms.gle/xq4Jv8XYreRD4vSK6>

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