

SREE NARAYANA TRAINING COLLEGE, NEDUNGANDA**LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME****Sponsored by****National Commission for Women, Govt. of India****on 7th March, 2020****Resume of the Seminar**

Sree Narayana Training College, Nedunganda organised a One day National Level Legal Awareness Programme sponsored by National Commission for Women, Govt. of India on 7th March, 2020. As per the direction of NCW, the two laws selected for discussion were Family Law- Marriage & Divorce and Cyber Law. The detailed resume of the programme is as follows.

Venue of the programme was the College auditorium. The Inaugural session of the seminar started at 10 a.m. with the prayer Daivadasakam by college choir of Sree Narayana Training College, Nedunganda. The seminar was inaugurated by **Sri. V. Sasi, Honourable Deputy Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly**. In his inaugural address, he stressed the importance of organizing the Legal Awareness Programmes in order to enable women and girls to know their legal rights and to understand the procedure and method of access to the legal systems. He emphasized that the primary mandate of the National Commission for Women (NCW) is to seek justice for women, safeguard their rights, and promote women's empowerment. He congratulated the effort of the college for organising this programme which is the need of hour. Sir added that the Fundamental Rights as enshrined by the Constitution of India is providing an opportunity for empowerment of women. Dr. Smitha S., the Organizing Secretary of the Programme welcomed the dignitaries and the audience. Dr. Sheeba P., the Principal of the college and the Chief Coordinator of the Programme, delivered the presidential address. Shri. Aji S. R. M., Executive Member, S. N. Trusts delivered the keynote address. He opined that the womenfolk should not confine themselves within four wall and infact they should come forward to help other women to safeguard their rights. After that there was an inaugural talk and

presentation of theme by Adv. Supriya Devyani, well known senior advocate. Madam introduced the theme 'Women and Indian Constitution' through an excellent talk by giving an overview of the existing laws and constitutional provisions to protect women. The programme was felicitated in the inaugural session by Shri. Praveen Chandra, Member, Anchuthengu Gramapanchayat. Dr. Sangeetha N.R., Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College, proposed vote of thanks to the session.

Thematic Session I

The theme of the first technical session was 'Family Law- Marriage & Divorce'. The Keynote Address was made by Shri. Dr. Alexander Jacob I.P.S., D.G.P. Kerala (Rtd.). In his address, he specified and highlighted the role of family and the significance of relationship develops between two families through marriage towards a harmoniously developed society. He stressed that inadequate education or no education is the most important factor contributing to the backwardness of our masses, especially women. The low literacy among women brings down the national literacy. This gap which exists between the literacy rates of the two sexes also exists between the enrolment of girls and boys at all levels of education. The session was highly informative and beneficial as it discussed many issues related to Marriage, Hindu Law on Marriage and Divorce, Muslim Law on Marriage and Divorce, Christian Law on Marriage and Divorce, The Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936, The Special Marriage Act, 1954, Adoption Cases, Conditions for a Valid Marriage, Procedure for Remedy etc. The session was welcomed and the Chief Guest was invited to deliver his wisdom words by Dr. Reetha Ravi H., Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College, and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Viji V., Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College.

Thematic Session II

The theme of the second technical session was 'Cyber Law' and issues related to Cybercrimes. The Cyber Cell, Kerala arranged two eminent cyber experts as Resource Persons. They were Sri. Anil Kumar, Sub Inspector, and Sri. Adheen Asok, cyber experts, Cyber Cell, Kerala. The Resource Persons shared many case studies from the real experiences and remedies from their expertise as they do deal with several cases every day. They discussed a number of anecdotes related to Cyber Crimes against Women, Harassment through e-mails, Cyber stalking, Child pornography, Cyber bullying, and Cyber grooming. The Session was also very much fruitful to the audience as the Resource Persons suggested many Procedures for remedies and

measures for online safety from the real life contexts. Dr. Smitha S., Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College, welcomed the Resource Persons and the participants, and Dr. Dhanya B. Chandran, Assistant Professor; Sree Narayana Training College proposed the vote of thanks.

Audience raised many queries and the Resource Persons cleared everything efficiently.

Session III- Paper Presentation Session

The next session was the presentation of papers by the participating delegates. There were two parallel sessions for presentation of papers. In Venue I, Dr. Asha J.V., Professor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala and Dr. Sindhya V., Assistant Professor, Department of Education, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala were the Resource Persons and the moderator of the session was Dr. Sangeetha N.R., Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College. Fifteen papers were presented in the session. The resource persons evaluated the papers and presentations and made several valuable suggestions.

In Venue II, the session was moderated by Dr. Viji V., Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College, Nedunganda, and the Resource Persons were Dr. Reetha Ravi H., Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College and Dr. Rani K.V., Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College. Sixteen Papers were presented in the venue and the resource persons keenly evaluated the papers and made several positive suggestions.

With this, the Law Discussion sessions of One day National Level Legal Awareness Programme reached its closure.

Session IV- Feedback and Evaluation Session

The Programme was well attended by the delegates from different colleges of various Universities in Kerala; Academicians, Research Scholars, U.G. & P.G. students from different Law and Arts & Science colleges. The presence of members from different Self Help Groups in the local area was the major attraction of the Programme. Delegates from various institutions and SHG members expressed their views about the success of the seminar. They opined that all the sessions were highly informative and provided the participants with opportunities for expressing their views and seeking solutions to their queries. The organization and hospitality were highly appreciated by all. The seminar was a huge success as far as the feedback of participants and

Resource Persons are concerned. A total of Two hundred and Seventeen delegates attended the Programme and Thirty One papers were presented.

Session V- Valedictory Session

The Valedictory Function of the National Commission for Women, Govt. of India sponsored Legal Awareness Programme was inaugurated by Prof. V. S. Lee, Principal, Sree Narayana College of Advanced Studies, Sivagiri, Varkala in the College Auditorium, presided by Dr. Sheeba P., Principal, Sree Narayana Training College, Nedunganda. Sri. Amjith S., Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College, welcomed the gathering. After the presidential address by the Principal, Prof. V. S. Lee delivered the valedictory address. Certificates were distributed to the paper presenters by the Chief Guest. College Union Chair Person Kum. Anju L.T. presented the Resume of the seminar. The seminar concluded with vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Smitha S., the Organizing Secretary of the Programme who thanked all the delegates, staff members, SHG Members, students and Resource Persons for their whole-hearted participation for making the event a grand success. She expressed the sincere acknowledgement and gratitude to National Commission for Women, Govt. of India for their great support in providing financial aid in organizing such a valuable programme.

The Programme concluded with National Anthem.

Thanks

List of Resource Persons

1. Adv. Supriya Devyani, well known senior advocate
2. Shri. Dr. Alexander Jacob I.P.S., D.G.P. Kerala (Rtd.).
3. Sri. Anil Kumar, Sub Inspector, and Sri. Adheen Asok, cyber experts, Cyber Cell, Kerala.
4. Dr. Asha J.V., Professor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala

Eminent Personalities attended the Programme

1. Sri. V. Sasi, Honourable Deputy Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly
2. Dr. Sindhya V., Assistant Professor, Department of Education, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
3. Shri. Praveen Chandra, Member, Anchuthengu Gramapanchayat
4. Shri. Aji S. R. M., Executive Member, S. N. Trusts.