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PROGRAMME

Two-Days National Seminar on 'Women, Violence and Law: An Intimate Interrogation'

Date: **December 5-6, 2014**

Venue: **Seminar Hall, Netaji Subhas Open University, DD 26, Sector – 1, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700064.**

December 5, 2014

Inaugural Session

10.30 am: Welcome Address – Professor Debesh Roy, *Registrar, NSOU*

10.40 am: Introducing the Theme – Professor Kajal De, *Director, School of Sciences and Chairperson, WHPC, NSOU*

10.50 am: Keynote Address – Professor Samita Sen, *Vice Chancellor, Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal*

11.35 am: Address by the Chief Guest, Professor Malabika Sarkar, *Former Vice Chancellor, Presidency University, West Bengal*

11.50 am: Release of Edited Volume titled ***Gender Sensitisation, Women Empowerment and Distance Education: History, Society and Culture*** by Professor Malabika Sarkar

12.00 noon: Presidential Address – Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, *Vice Chancellor, NSOU*

12.15 pm: Vote of Thanks – Smt Nilanjana Chatterjee, *Assistant Director, Study Centres, NSOU*

Tea Break

12.20 pm – 12.30 pm

Panel Discussion

12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Panelists:

Dr Nandini Sahu - *Associate Professor of English, IGNOU, New Delhi*

Professor Pushpa Mishra, *Former Principal, Bethune College, Kolkata*

Professor (Dr) Apurba Mukhopadhyay - *Professor of Political Science, NIAS, Kolkata*

Moderator: Professor Malabika Sarkar, *Former Vice Chancellor, Presidency University, West Bengal*

Lunch Break

2.30 pm – 3.00 pm

Technical Session 1 - Paper Presentation

3.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Chair: Professor Amal Das, *Former Professor of History, University of Kalyani*

Presenters:

Invited Speaker - Sri Champak Bhattacharya, IPS, *Jt. Commissioner of Police (Orgn), Kolkata*

1. Swatilekha Bhattacharya - The Politics of Exclusion: The Status of Women in 'Modern' Society
2. Dr Sutanuka Ghosh Roy – Douloti the Unvoiced Female
3. Saumya Bose – Violence Against Women: The Age of Consent Bill (1891) Controversy
4. Dr Piku Chowdhury – Environmental Degradation and the Emerging New Identity of the Indian Woman: A Step beyond Stereotypes

December 6, 2014

Technical Session 2 - Paper Presentation

11.00 am – 1.30 pm

Chair: Dr Santanu Rakshit, *Associate Professor of Economics, PCK, Visva Bharati University*

Presenters:

Invited Speaker: Smt Rahima Khatun, *Nari-o-Sishu Kalyan Kendra, Khaskhamar*

1. Pooja Gautam: Legal Constituents on Sexual Harassment At Workplace: A Critical Analysis
2. Nishant Sirohi – Violence Against Women and the Justice Delivered: An Introspection
3. Nirjhar Dey & Madhurima Lodh: And Her Voice is Unheard: Manipuri Women and their Unyielding Struggle
4. Tahura Anzar: ‘Women, Violence and Law: An Intimate Interrogation’
5. Pyali Chatterjee: Role of Law Relating to Commercial Surrogacy in India and Protection of Surrogate Mother
6. Kajal De & Soumita Dutta - Identity and Deception in the Realm of Cyberspace: Crime against Women

Lunch Break

1.30 pm – 2.00 pm

Technical Session 3 - Paper Presentation

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Chair: Professor Kajal De, *Director, School of Sciences & Chairperson, WHPC, NSOU*

Presenters:

1. Priyanka Biswas – Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act: Is it a Game Changer?
2. Dr Sudakshina Ray: Temporal and Spatial Patterns of Reported Violence against Women in India 2007-2012
3. Bhavya Shukla & Vardhman Siddharth Panwar: ‘Women, Violence and Law: An Intimate Interrogation’
4. Sangeeta Chatterjee – Harassment of Women at Workplace: An Insight vis-a-vis Privacy Laws in India

Tea Break

3.30 pm – 3.40 pm

Valedictory Session

3.40 pm – 4.30 pm

Address by Dr Chandan Basu, *Organizing Secretary, Seminar Organizing Committee, NSOU*

Address by Professor Kajal De, *Director, School of Sciences and Chairperson, WHPC, NSOU*

Valedictory Lecture: Professor Jayati Gupta, *Department of English, West Bengal State University*



The Women Harassment Prevention Cell of
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cordially invites you to the Two-Days UGC-DEB Sponsored National Seminar
on

“Women, Violence and Law: An Intimate Interrogation”

commencing at 10.30 A.M on December 5-6, 2014

in

The Seminar Hall, 1st Floor, NSOU Headquarters

Professor Samita Sen, *Vice-Chancellor, Diamond Harbour Women’s University*
will deliver the Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session.

Professor Malabika Sarkar, *Former Vice-Chancellor, Presidency University*
will grace the occasion as Chief Guest.

Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, *Vice-Chancellor, NSOU*
will deliver the Presidential Address.

The edited volume ‘*Gender Sensitisation, Women Empowerment and Distance Education: History, Society and Culture*’ will be formally released at this august gathering.
Your presence is earnestly solicited.

Professor Kajal De
Chairperson, WHPC &
Director, School of Sciences

Dr Chandan Basu
Organizing Secretary,
Seminar Organizing Committee



Gender Sensitisation, Women Empowerment and Distance Education

History, Society and Culture

Edited by

Professor Kajal De • Dr Chandan Basu • Srideep Mukherjee

From the much discussed idea of women as subjects of 'double colonisation' through debates and legislations on women's rights, psycho-socio-economic spectrums, modes of representation and even current day activism to Gloria Steinem's proposition of looking upon women's struggle for equality as being 'the collective efforts of all who care about human rights' — this volume titled *Gender Sensitisation, Women Empowerment and Distance Education: History, Society and Culture* is an attempt to contain it all. Conceived as a post event publication after the rave attention received by the Workshop on 'Gender Sensitisation and Women Empowerment: Issues and Challenges' conducted by the Women's Harassment Prevention Cell (WHPC) of NSOU on February 27, 2013; this edited and peer reviewed volume compiles Papers and interactions from scholars across the board on a wide range of issues relating to the Gender question within the broadest contours of society. The editors hope that this will be just the beginnings of a long encore...

Kajal De is Professor of Mathematics and presently the Director, School of Sciences of Netaji Subhas Open University. After graduation with first class from Presidency College, Kolkata, she did her master's, M.Phil (ranked first) and Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from the University of Calcutta. Her areas of research are Information Theory, Operations Research, Graph theory and some branches of Computer Science. She has authored a number of research papers in reputed peer-reviewed international journals. She served a long span of about fifteen years at Vidyasagar University before joining NSOU eight years back. She was the chairperson of Women Harassment Redressal Cell of Vidyasagar University; and is now the Chairperson of Women Harassment Prevention Cell (WHPC) of Netaji Subhas Open University.

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