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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

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*