

Report: Short Term Course-Towards Legal Awareness

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The Department of Political Science and IQAC, Mata Sundri College for Women, Delhi University in collaboration with Divah Sprik Law Notes from 16th October- 13th November course encompassed 15 sessions conducted by legal experts and luminaries. This course was specifically designed for undergraduates' students who are not involved in the course of law. 234 students and participants who had enrolled in this course successfully completed it. The objective of the course was to deal with both theoretical as well as practical aspects of legal knowledge. It helped students and participants in imparting legal literacy as without legal literacy, people tend to get intimidated by authorities and justice often remains unserved. This course also helped students from the third and fifth semester who are studying skill enhancement course on Your Laws Your Rights.

The inaugural session of 16th October at 9.30am was moderated by the Course Coordinator, Dr. Rachna Kumari Prasad with the welcome and introduction of Chief Guest B.B.L. Madhukar (Director General, BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Delhi) who spoke on 75th year of independence and importance of vernacular, which was followed by the keynote speech by Principal, Prof. Dr. Harpreet kaur, she welcomed all the participants and congratulated course director Pranam Priya for bringing such comprehensive course. She focused on the importance of law in day to today life primarily for girls for empowerment followed by IQAC Cordinator Dr. Lokesh Kumar Gupta, Ms. Neetu Sharma, Ms Roselin Sekho and Pranam Priya, DSLN Director.

The theme of the first session was the legal history of India which was conducted by Ms. Shivani Lahoti, former assistant professor, GGSIPU, in which she analysed the genesis and historical development of laws in ancient India especially in context to the Hindu and Mohemmedan laws. It was followed by another engaging and interactive session, conducted by Adv. Mayank Sapra who provided a detailed insight of the constitution of India. Advocate Mayank Sapra conducted the 3rd session, on Civil Procedure Code, as well, which was again very informative and interesting covering various topics like substantive and procedural laws, stages of civil litigation, object, scope and extension of civil procedure code. Questions asked at the end of the sessions were answered in detail by the speaker. The 4th session constituted an overview of the IPC and the CrPc by Advocate Surya Karan Chaudhary. The next session on Sexual Harassment laws was taken up by Ms. Shivani Lahoti who discussed sexual harassment and abuse witnessed by women at their workplaces and the POSH Act 2013. The subsequent sessions were also held on "Women related laws "in which Advocate Pramanshi threw light upon various women related offences like Acid Attacks, Rapes, Domestic Violence, Pornography, Dowry demand etc. The session on how to file an RTI was taken up by Advocate Satamita Ghosh. The session on how to file a cyber complaint was conducted by Advocate Pramanshi.

The session on medical negligence and health care laws was very well conducted by the speaker, Ms Shivani Lahoti who started off by explaining the pillars of the Indian Healthcare System. In the next session, how to set up a start-up, the steps to set up a start-up was thoroughly explained by the speaker, Advocate Aman Singh. This was followed by the evaluation session in which a live online written quiz was conducted to assess the

understanding of students about the knowledge of various topics covered in previous sessions.

Finally, the concluding ceremony held on 13th November which started with the discussion on Farm Laws by Guest Abhinav Prakash, economic expert from SRCC, Delhi University proved to be a highly engaging and interactive session followed by summary report from course coordinator Dr. Khushboo. Principal Prof. Dr. Harpreet Kaur while delivering the vote of thanks emphasized the importance of this course and suggested bringing such courses on the college platform followed by a vote of thanks of Dr. Lokesh Kumar Gupta and faculty members of political science department.

The sessions witnessed enthusiastic participation and overwhelming response from the participants manifesting into much curiosity among them, indulging them into critical thinking about various laws and legal issues in India which they reciprocated by asking a series of questions in every session. Students and faculty from different colleges also participated in this course which made this course a huge success. One of the major highlights of each of the sessions conducted was the best question round in which the participants asking the most relevant and decisive question according to the speaker's choice were rewarded with cash prizes.

Inaugural session

Link: <https://youtu.be/dxaYsx-AM9o>

Valedictory Session

Link: <https://youtu.be/YEPnz5hNPJI>