

**National Consultation on  
Contemporary Developments in the Law Relating to  
Violence and Discrimination against Women**

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Arrival Day: **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

Buses will be regularly plying between the venue and the beach, so come a day early if you can

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be available for every day of the convention

*Day 1: Tuesday 19.06.2018*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Resource person</b>
9 – 9:30	Introduction to the first day session using the law to advance reproductive rights	Sarita Barpanda Director, Reproductive Rights Initiative, Human Rights Law Network Zahra Wynne, HRLN
9:30 – 10	Forced Sterilizations. Supreme Court decision in Devika Biswas' case and its follow up	Adv. Anubha Rastogi Y.K. Sandhya, Sahayog
10 – 10:30	Discussion	
10:30 – 11	Using the law to improve access to information and contraception. PIL filed in the Supreme Court	Zahra Wynne, HRLN Mrinalini Dayal, Haiyya <i>(To be confirmed)</i>
11 – 11:30	Discussion	
11:30 – 12:00	Obstetric violence and disrespectful care: PIL filed in the Guwahati High Court	Aparijita Gogoi, National Alliance for Maternal Health and Human Rights <i>(To be confirmed)</i> Debasmita Ghosh, HRLN
12 – 12:30	Discussion	
12:30 – 1	Women's Reproductive Health, Policies and Practices: Using the Law to enforce Services as per IPH Standards.	Bijit Roy, Population Foundation of India  <i>(To be confirmed)</i>
1 – 1:30	Discussion	
1:30 – 2:30	Lunch	
2: 30 – 3	Sex Selection/PCPNDT: Supreme Court Case VHAP v. Union of India	Rizwan Khan, Girls Count,
3 – 3:30	Discussion	
3:30 – 4	Abortion Rights: The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, Amendment Bills, 2014 and 2017	Medha Gandhi IPAS
4 – 5	Supreme Court decisions on Abortion Rights	Dr. Nikhil Datar Sneha Mukherjee, HRLN Petitioners for safe abortion services and their experience
5 – 5.30	Discussion	
7 onwards	Dinner and Film screening and interactive discussion: Something Like a War	

*Day 2: Wednesday 20.06.2018*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
9 – 10	Rape and Sexual Assault: the Criminal Law (Amendments) Act 2013	Rashmi Singh, Gender Expert.
10 – 10:30	Discussion	<i>(To be confirmed)</i>
10:30 – 11	<i>Khap Panchayats &amp; Honour Killings</i>	Manisha Mashaal, HRLN
11 – 11:30	Leading Court Decisions on Honor Killings	
11:30 – 12:15	Acid Attacks: Court decisions	Shaheen Malik, HRLN
12:15 – 12:30	Discussion	Survivors of Acid Attack
12:30 – 1	Witch Hunting: a Situational Analysis, leading towards the development of a PIL in the Supreme Court	Afreen Banu Khan, HRLN
1 – 1:30	Survivors speak	Monalisa, HRLN Jyoti, JATN, Jharkhand, Survivors of Witch-hunting
1:30 – 2:30	Lunch	
2:30 – 3:30	Violence Against Dalit and Tribal Women: Judgments from the Courts and Legal Strategies	Asha Kowtal, National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR)
3:30 – 4	Discussion	<i>(To be confirmed)</i>
4 – 5	Manual Scavenging: Judgments from the Courts and Legal Strategies for PILs	Edward Premdas, Centre for Health and Social Justice
5 – 5:30	Discussion	
5:30 – 6:30	Human Trafficking. Latest Studies and Information for the development of a PIL in the Supreme Court	Umi Daniel, Aide et Action, Jharkhand Anti-trafficking Network (JATN)
6:30 – 7	Discussion	<i>(To be confirmed)</i> Nirmal Gorana, HRLN
7 – 8	Sexual Harassment at the Workplace and Universities	Nandita Pradhan, PRIA, New Delhi
8 – 8:30	Discussion	<i>(To be confirmed)</i> JNUSU
8:30 p.m.	Dinner and Film Screening and Interactive Discussion: India's Daughter	

*Day 3: Thursday 21.06.2018*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
9 – 10:00	The Triple Talaq Judgment Personal Law and the Constitution The Uniform Civil Code	Mihir Desai
10 – 11	Discussion	
11 – 12	The Transgender Judgment of the Supreme Court and Subsequent Developments	Sutanika Ghosh, SAPPHO, <i>(To be confirmed)</i>
12 – 12:30	Discussion	Rachana Mudraboyina, Transactivist, Hyderabad <i>(To be confirmed)</i> L. C .Kranti, HRLN
12: 30 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 8	Trip to the beach	
8 – 9	Dinner	
9 onwards	Musical Instrument Session: Bring Your Own Music	

*Day 4: Friday 22.06.18*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
9 – 10	Women in Prisons and those Incarcerated in Public Institutions: the use of PILs	Adv. Anu Narula, Kamala Jagriti Manch
10 – 10:30	Discussion	
10:30 – 11:30	Legal Defence of Defenders	Sevanti Ninan, The Hoot <i>(To be confirmed)</i>
11:30 – 12	Discussion	
12 – 12:30	Women and Farmer Suicides	Kavitha Kuruganti, Alliance for Sustainable and Holistic Agriculture (ASHA)
12:30 – 1	Discussion	
1 – 2	Lunch	
2 – 2:30	Violence against Refugee Women	Advocates Fazal Abdali, HRLN Adv. Deepak Singh HRLN
2:30 – 3	Discussion	
3 – 3:30	Women's Reservation in Local Bodies: the NMA Case	Rosemary Dzvichu, Naga Mothers Association
3:30 – 4	Discussion	
4 – 4:30	Women with Disabilities: Jeeja Ghosh's Case	Jeeja Ghosh <i>(To be confirmed)</i> Rajive Raturi, HRLN Dr. Asha Bajpai, Professor, TISS Mumbai
4:30 – 5	Discussion	
5 – 6	<b>Film Screening and Interactive Discussion: Women with Disabilities</b>	

Day 5: 23.06.2018

Time	Issue	Resource Person
9 – 9:30	Surrogacy and the Law: Critique of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016	N.B. Sarojini, SAMA
9:30 – 10	Discussion	
10 – 10:30	Domestic violence and the use of law	Gayatri Sharma, Women Power Connect  K. Ajitha, Anveshi, Kerala <i>(To be confirmed)</i>
10:30 – 11	Discussion	
11 – 11:30	Dowry as a Violence against Women: The Use of Law	Pauline Arundhuti Gomes, Breakthrough
11:30 – 12	Discussion	
12 – 12:30	How to do a PIL	Adv. Mihir Desai
12:30 – 1	Discussion	
1 – 2	Lunch	
2 – 3	The Two-child Norm and Government Policies: The Supreme Court decision in Javed's Case	Dr. Abhijit Das, CHSJ
3 – 3:30	Discussion	
3:30 – 4	Maternity benefits and the Food Security Act	Aditya Srivastava Right to Food Campaign <i>(To be confirmed)</i>
4 – 4:30	Discussion	
4:30 – 5:30	Coercive hysterectomies	K. Akilha, Karnataka Janaarogya Manch <i>(To be confirmed)</i>  Narender Gupta, Prayas
5:30 – 6	Discussion	
6 - 7	Women in conflict zones. Cases done and legal strategies	Soni Sori, Chhattisgarh Aparna Marandi, Jharkhand
7 – 8	Discussion	
8 – 8:30	List of PILs proposed during the sessions Plan of action for research, advocacy and trainings.	Sarita Barpanda, HRLN
	Discussion	
8:30	Dinner along with late evening music and poetry.	

Departure day

Buses will be going to the beach throughout the day.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served.