

# **One Day Basic Training Programme on Human Rights & Women Rights**

**Sardar Patel Subharti Institute of Law, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University Meerut** in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission of India organized a training programme on Human Rights on 17th February 2024. This was the Fourth training programme organized by **Sardar Patel Subharti Institute of Law, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University Meerut** with the major financial support of National Human Rights Commission. Total Registration 483 & 392 students and 24 faculty members hailing from various Universities actively engaged in the training programme. Throughout the session, an average attendance of more than 110 participants was observed. The primary goal of this training initiative was to spotlight Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 4 and 5 via interactive sessions, aiming to raise awareness on diverse issues concerning women's

human rights. Additionally, the program sought to equip participants with the necessary skills to serve as effective human rights volunteers within society. Registration was facilitated through both online and offline channels. All participants were provided with the kit (i.e folder having notepad, pen, strings and course material). The total 120 kits were prepared out of which 110 were given to delegates and 10 were kept for resource persons. Dignitaries and guests were provided with badges during the tilak ceremony at the main entrance. The event was properly recorded and wide media coverage was done through national and regional newspapers. For smooth execution of the event various committees were formed and a team of 25 student volunteers were made. Volunteers were also provided with strings. The training programme had five technical sessions with themes varying from introduction to SDGs and Human Rights, Gender Equality: Need of the Time; Role of HEIs to ensure gender equality; Gender Equality and the human rights of women and LGBTI persons & Role of Law Students & Civil Society in the Attainment of Gender Justice respectively. The sessions were designed to foster a comprehensive understanding of human rights and their practical implementation within various fields, facilitated by experts in the realm of Human Rights. Each session commenced with a warm welcome by planters extended to the respective resource persons, followed by a token of appreciation in the form of mementoes & patka at the conclusion. Moreover, the one-day training programme was complemented by two refreshment breaks, featuring tea and snacks in the morning and evening, alongside a sumptuous lunch provided for all participants. Two B.A.LL.B students i.e Ankita Singh and Suchita Tripathi were appointed as reporters for the event.

## **Inaugural Ceremony**

The inaugural programme started at 9.30 am with the dais formation followed by Saraswati Mantra invocation and lamp lighting ceremony. Dignitaries were welcomed by planters as a part of Subharti culture and environment friendly drive. It was then followed by a welcome speech and concept presentation by Dr. Reena Bishnoi, Professor at Sardar Patel Subharti Institute of Law & Presiding Officer (ICC) Swami Vivekanand Subharti University Meerut. She commenced her speech by extending a warm welcome to all dignitaries' presents, emphasizing the pivotal role of the National Human Rights Commission since its establishment on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1993. She highlighted the commission's dedicated efforts towards the training and education of diverse segments of society in matters pertaining to Human Rights. Particularly, she underscored the significance of educating university students, considering it a primary responsibility in advancing the cause of human rights

awareness and advocacy.

According to Section 12 (h) of Protection of Human Rights Act 1993 – NHRC is mandated to “spread human rights literacy among various sections of society and promote awareness of the safeguards available for the protection of these rights through publications, the media, seminars and other available means”. In her address, Dr. Reena elaborated on the significance of the training program, emphasizing its aim to sensitize university students and faculty members about crucial human rights issues. She provided an overview of the sessions slated for the program, outlining the topics to be covered and offering a brief introduction to the esteemed resource persons who would be facilitating these sessions. Concluding her speech, Dr. Reena invoked a powerful quote by Swami Vivekanand: “There is no chance for the welfare of the world unless the condition of women is improved. It is not possible for a bird to fly on only one wing.” This quote underscored the importance of recognizing and valuing women's contributions to society. Additionally, she reiterated the importance of human rights development and urged participants to recognize their role in promoting human rights within society, highlighting the need for collective action in fostering a culture of respect, equality, and dignity for all individuals.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) J.L. Kaul, Former Vice-Chancellor & Professor of Law. During his keynote address, Prof. (Dr.) Kaul stimulated profound contemplation on the role of law as a catalyst for social change, particularly in the context of women's rights. He probed the effectiveness of legal frameworks in driving substantial shifts in societal attitudes and behaviors, raising questions about the nature and scope of the changes sought in relation to women's rights. Dr. Kaul expressed deep concern over the marginalization of women within the broader discourse of social progress, highlighting the discrepancy between their significant presence in humanity and their persistent neglect in discussions and efforts toward societal advancement. Furthermore, he underscored the contradiction between the active roles women play in society and the enduring prevalence of gender-based inequalities. Identifying entrenched mindsets as a primary barrier to meaningful social change in the realm of women's rights, Dr. Kaul emphasized the need to address deep-seated attitudes and perceptions for lasting transformation. He critically examined the efficacy of legal amendments, such as those concerning rape laws, questioning whether legislative changes alone suffice to eradicate instances of sexual violence and alter societal mindsets surrounding it. Ultimately, Dr. Kaul's address prompted introspection on the complexities surrounding the intersection of law, social change, and women's rights, challenging participants to critically evaluate current approaches and advocate for deeper societal transformation towards true gender equality. Prof. Kaul underscored the importance of integrating human rights education into academic curricula as a means to foster a more compassionate and empathetic society. He advocated for a sustainable development model that encourages active participation from every individual, thereby contributing to the creation of a more humane and sustainable society. Kaul also emphasized the significance of Women Development Goals as integral to achieving the greatest human rights for all. He called upon academicians to play a crucial role in sensitizing society about the importance of human consciousness and the need for rationality in governance, drawing parallels between community leadership and national governance in fostering rational consciousness towards achieving societal goals.

During his session, Shri Shyam Lal, Chief Training Officer & Deputy Commandant, RAF Academy for Public Order, Meerut (Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI) highlighted the critical importance of law enforcement officers being sensitive to the needs of the most vulnerable members of society. He emphasized the responsibility of policemen as servants of the common people, stressing the necessity for them to exercise their authority judiciously and with compassion. Shri Shyam Lal also addressed the issue of potential misuse of power by police forces, emphasizing the need for stringent checks and balances to prevent such abuses. He raised concerns about

instances where religious freedom is exploited, leading to the violation of the rights of innocent individuals. Moreover, Shri Shyam Lal advocated for a delicate balance between legality and necessity in law enforcement actions, emphasizing the importance of upholding the rule of law while also considering the practical needs and circumstances of each situation. Overall, his insights shed light on the complexities and challenges inherent in maintaining law and order while safeguarding the rights and dignity of all members of society.

Justice Shri Rajesh Chandra, Former Judge of High Court of Judicature, Prayagraj threw light on the judiciary's pivotal role in advancing gender equality in India. He highlighted the intersection of international agreements like the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with India's legal framework. Notable legal cases discussed included those addressing abortion rights, such as *X v. the Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department*, and inheritance issues for tribal women, exemplified by *Kamla Neti v. Special Land Acquisition Officer*. Additionally, discussions centered on the constitutional validity of provisions in the Domestic Violence Act, exemplified by *Hiral P. Harsora and Ors. vs. Kusum Narottamdas Harsora and Ors.* Furthermore, landmark cases like *Joseph Shine v. Union of India* and *Sayara Bano v. Union of India* were cited for their contributions to decriminalizing adultery and challenging the practice of triple talaq, respectively. Finally, the *Indian Young Lawyers Association vs. The State of Kerala*, commonly known as The Sabarimala Temple Case, highlighted the judiciary's stance against traditional gender-based restrictions. Overall, Justice Chandra's discourse emphasized the judiciary's commitment to fostering gender equality and championing progressive legal reforms in India.

Further emphasizing the sentiment, Dr. Vineeta Nikhil, Professor & Head at Subharti Dental College/ Former ICC Chairperson, aptly highlighted the need to shift the narrative from women being told solely about their duties to also being reminded of their rights. This crucial shift in perspective reflects a broader societal recognition of the importance of empowering women to assert their rights and advocate for their own well-being and equality. Dr. Nikhil's insightful words resonate deeply in today's context, where women continue to face various forms of discrimination and inequality. By reminding women of their rights, we not only acknowledge their intrinsic worth and agency but also contribute to the collective effort of building a more just and equitable society. It is a call to action for individuals and institutions alike to ensure that women are not only aware of their rights but also supported in exercising them fully. As we strive for gender equality and women's empowerment, Dr. Nikhil's message serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing journey towards realizing the full potential of every woman, free from constraints and limitations.

Further the programme was addressed by Prof. (Dr.) Abhay M. Shankar Gowda, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut in his address stated that the incorporation of health concerns in the 'rights' discourse, both at the international and domestic level – recognizes that the legal system bears the responsibility of aiding the medical profession in advancing the 'right to health'. In fact, the onus on governmental agencies goes beyond aspects like the regulation of the medical profession and support for research and development in the medical field. It also includes policy-choices pertaining to education, housing, environmental protection, labor laws, social security provisions and the protection of intellectual property among others.

Dr. Gowda also said that women are superwomen because they are multitasking so they should be treated equally. Instead, it has to be formulated and acknowledged as a positive right at a global level – one which all of us have an interest in protecting and advancing. Dr. Gowda illuminated the noteworthy achievement of Subharti University, highlighting its commitment to gender equality by promoting women to key positions. He underscored the significant milestone wherein all key positions within the university are held by female leaders. This accomplishment not only reflects the university's dedication to fostering an inclusive and diverse

environment but also serves as a testament to the capability and leadership potential of women in academia. He congratulated the Sardar Patel Subharti Institute of Law, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University Meerut for organizing such platforms for deliberations on such issues and thanking the resource persons for giving their valuable time for leading the discussions.

**Human Rights Pledge:** Dr. Gowda further solidified Subharti University's commitment to human rights by administering a solemn pledge/oath which has been taken by all the students, participation along with faculty members. This oath served as a poignant reminder of the shared responsibility we all bear in safeguarding the dignity, equality, and freedoms of every individual.

Later all the dignitaries were felicitated by mementoes and patka as a mark of respect. The inaugural ceremony ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Vaibhav Goel Bhartiya, organizing secretary of the one day training programme and also presented an overview on the human rights and development of specific rights for women. He stated that Protection and Promotion of Human rights have become a priority for governments' across the World. These rights have also become pivotal in the lives of human beings because without these basic rights one cannot think to lead respectful and dignified life in this cosmos. At international level, a bundle of Conventions, Declarations and Treaties have been formulated to provide adequate guidance to member states' to enact laws in their respective Countries to protect and promote human rights. Having inspired from international mandates on issues of human rights and their increasing violations worldwide vis-à-vis in India, the Government of India has also passed a specific law known as the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. This law prescribes for the establishment of National Human Rights Commission and State Human Rights Commissions for each State to further the goal of protection of human rights. The NHRC has been assigned multiple tasks under the Act to defend human rights. He stressed that the National Human Rights Commission as well as the State Human Rights Commissions are doing a wonderful job in the area of protection and promotion of human rights. It is taking suo motu cognizance of the human rights violations and issuing directions to the states and their agencies to prevent violations. Likewise, it is frequently entraining human rights complaints from different parts of the country and is not scared from imposing penalties and fines on guilty state agencies. The interests of vulnerable sections of the society such as women, children, and members of schedule caste, schedule tribes and old aged persons have been specially safeguarded. During its more than four decades working, it has exhibited a great role towards protection and defending human rights. He also informed that people have been frequently made aware about their human rights through modus of workshops, seminars, symposiums and conferences, free legal aid camps by the Sardar Patel Subharti Institute of Law.

### **Session 1: Gender Equality: Need of The Time**

**Chair: Dr. Vinai Kumar Singh, Deputy Director, Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi**

**Co-Chair: Dr. Seema Sharma, HOD, Dept. of Languages, SVS University**

This session brought together a diverse group of presenters, each shedding light on critical issues pertaining to gender equality, women's rights, and human rights. The session aimed to foster awareness, discussion, and advocacy for the promotion of equality and human dignity.

### **Presenters and Topics:**

Scenario of Women in Sports- The presentation discussed the persistent challenges faced by women in the field of sports, including limited opportunities, unequal pay, and societal stereotypes. Strategies to promote gender equality in sports, such as increasing representation and providing equal resources and support for female athletes, were emphasized.

Empowering Equality: Navigating The Path To Gender Balance- This presentation underscored the importance of empowering women and achieving gender balance in all sectors of society. Key strategies included promoting

women's leadership roles, providing equal educational and career opportunities, and challenging gender norms and biases.

**Breaking Barriers: Advancing Gender Equality In Every Dimension-** Strategies for breaking gender barriers and advancing gender equality across various dimensions of society were discussed. This included initiatives to address systemic discrimination, promote inclusive policies and practices, and empower marginalized groups, particularly women and girls.

**Gender Equality-** The importance of achieving gender equality was emphasized, highlighting key challenges such as gender-based violence, economic disparities, and limited access to education and healthcare. Strategies to address these challenges, including policy reforms, community engagement, and advocacy efforts, were explored.

**Gender Equality-** Another presenter placed emphasis on the urgent need for gender equality and the promotion of equal opportunities for all genders. The presentation discussed the benefits of gender diversity in fostering innovation, creativity, and social progress, and called for collective action to dismantle gender stereotypes and biases.

**Human Rights: Women's Reproductive Health-** The presentation emphasized the importance of women's reproductive health rights, including access to comprehensive healthcare services, reproductive education, and family planning resources. The discussion underscored the intersectionality of gender and health rights and called for policies to ensure reproductive autonomy and dignity for all women.

**Human Rights are Women Rights: A Study of Women's Rights in India** -The status of women's rights in India was examined, highlighting areas of progress and persistent challenges. The presentation emphasized the need for legal reforms and social interventions to address gender-based discrimination, violence against women, and barriers to equal participation and representation.

**Equal Pay for Equal Work: Analyzing Changes in Current Scenario** -Analysis of changes in the current scenario regarding equal pay for equal work was provided, focusing on gender pay gaps and wage disparities. The presentation discussed the importance of implementing fair and transparent pay policies, promoting pay equity initiatives, and advocating for legislative reforms to address gender-based wage discrimination.

**Breaking the Silence: Gender-Based Violence, Human Rights, and the SandeshKhali Incident in West Bengal: A Call to Global Action** -Urgency of addressing gender-based violence and human rights violations, using the Sandeshkhali incident in West Bengal as a call to global action, was emphasized. The presentation highlighted the need for comprehensive legal frameworks, survivor support services, and community interventions to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

**Domestic Violence and its Effect on the Health Rights of Women: Human Rights Issue** -Exploration of the impact of domestic violence on women's health rights and advocacy for greater attention to this human rights issue were discussed. The presentation called for holistic approaches to address domestic violence, including healthcare interventions, legal protections, and social support systems for survivors.

**The Buddha as a Human Right-** Discussion of the principles of human rights from a Buddhist perspective emphasized the importance of compassion, empathy, and social justice in promoting human dignity and equality. The presentation underscored the role of spirituality and ethical values in advancing human rights principles and fostering a culture of peace and non-violence. The session ended with another round of question and answer sessions. The whole presentation was a very insightful one.

In the human rights training held at **Sardar Patel Subharti Institute of Law, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University Meerut** Dr. Vinai Kumar Singh brought attention to several pertinent issues, notably focusing on

NRI marriages and the associated legal complexities. He highlighted the Law Commission of India's report on matrimonial issues concerning Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), emphasizing the need for legal reforms in this domain. Specifically, he discussed the recommendation for compulsory registration of marriages between NRIs/OCIs and Indian citizens, aiming to address issues related to marital disputes and ensure proper legal recourse for affected parties. Furthermore, Dr. Singh underscored the importance of bodily integrity in the context of women's rights, particularly concerning customary practices and cultural norms. He emphasized the need for due diligence in addressing instances where traditional customs may infringe upon the rights and autonomy of women. Drawing from international examples, Dr. Singh referenced Norway's approach to incorporating human rights principles into municipal legal systems. This inclusion serves as a model for ensuring the protection of fundamental rights within domestic legal frameworks. Dr. Seema Sharma, **Associate Professor & HOD, Department of Language** emphasized the significance of rich tradition and heritage in the context of women's rights, clarifying that this acknowledgment does not endorse conservative customs. Instead, she highlighted the importance of recognizing and preserving cultural heritage that upholds principles of equality, dignity, and empowerment for women. Seema's stance underscores the potential for traditional values to serve as a foundation for promoting gender equality and advancing women's rights, while also advocating for a progressive interpretation of cultural practices that align with contemporary notions of equality and justice.

At last vote of thanks was given by Ms. Sonal Jain, Assistant Professor, Subharti Law College and mementos were given as marks of respect and appreciation to the resource persons. Certificates to presenters of this session were also given.

## **Session 2: Attainment of SDGs And Human Rights of Women & Role of HEIs to Ensure Gender**

**Equality Chair: Prof. (Dr.) J.L. Kaul, Former Vice-Chancellor & Professor of Law**

**Co-Chair: Justice Rajesh Chandra, Former Judge of High Court of Judicature, Prayagraj** The session aimed to explore the intersectionality of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), human rights of women, and the role of HEIs in promoting gender equality.

### **Presenters and Topics:**

Attainment of SDGs and Human Rights of Women - The presenter discussed the intersectionality of SDGs and human rights of women, focusing on strategies to ensure gender-responsive implementation of SDGs and promote women's rights.

Financial Freedom of Women as a Human Right Issue: A Case Study -A case study on the financial freedom of women was presented, highlighting the challenges and opportunities for realizing women's economic rights as a fundamental human right.

Development of Education System in India: A Study -The presenter discussed the development of the education system in India, examining its impact on gender equality and women's empowerment, and proposing reforms for inclusive and quality education.

Role of Law Students and Civil Society in the Attainment of Gender Justice -The presentation discussed the crucial role of law students and civil society in promoting gender justice and advocating for legal reforms to address gender disparities.

Exploring NEP-2020 in Light of Inclusive and Quality Education with Special Reference to Women Rights: An Analysis- The analysis of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 from the perspective of inclusive and

quality education, with a focus on promoting women's rights and empowerment, was presented. Gender Equality: Need of the Time -The presenter discussed the contemporary relevance of gender equality as a pressing issue, emphasizing the need for concerted efforts to address gender disparities in all spheres of society. Empowering Women: A Path to Achieving SDGs and Human Rights- The importance of empowering women as a strategic approach to achieving SDGs and promoting human rights was emphasized, highlighting the transformative impact of gender equality on sustainable development.

**Prof. (Dr.) J.L. Kaul addressed that everyone** should respect each other's rights and dignity. Respect for others: because a lack of respect for someone fails to appreciate their individuality and essential dignity. Non discrimination: because equality in human dignity means we should not judge people's rights and opportunities on the basis of their characteristics. Tolerance: because intolerance indicates a lack of respect for difference; and equality does not signify uniformity.

**Justice Rajesh Chandra**, focused that most of the people are not aware of their rights we should inform them about their rights. He also said respecting the rights of others entails responsibility for one's actions and exerting effort for the realization of the rights of one and all.

At last vote of thanks and memento as token of respect was given by Dr. Vaibhav Goel Bhartiya, Organising Secretary of the programme. Certificates to presenters of this session were also given.

### **Session 3: Gender Equality and Human Rights of Vulnerable Gender**

**Chair: Shri Shyam Lal, Chief Training Officer (Deputy Commandant) RAPO Meerut (MHA, GOI)**

**Co-Chair: Mr. Ajay Raj (Asst. Prof) & Mrs. Afreen Almas (Asst. Prof.), Subharti Law College** The session aimed to address the intersectionality of gender equality and human rights, particularly focusing on vulnerable genders, and foster discussions on challenges and solutions in this regard.

#### **Presenters and Topics:**

"Empowering Every Voice: Nurturing Gender Equality and Human Rights in Vulnerable Genders" -The presentation emphasized the importance of empowering all voices within vulnerable genders to promote gender equality and uphold human rights.

"Unveiling the Intersection: Human Rights, Gender Equality, and the Persistent Objectification of Women in Contemporary Society"- This presentation delved into the intersectionality of human rights and gender equality, particularly focusing on the objectification of women in modern society and its implications. "An Evaluation of the Menace that Rise of Social Media Poses to Women's Human Rights"- The presentation examined the impact of social media on women's human rights, highlighting challenges such as online harassment and cyberbullying.

"Revisiting Feminist Jurisprudence in Light of Gender Equality: A Critical Evaluation"-This presentation critically evaluated feminist jurisprudence in the context of gender equality, exploring its relevance and limitations in contemporary legal frameworks.

"Issues Relating to Women of Disadvantaged Sections for Future"- The presentation discussed key issues faced by women from disadvantaged sections of society and proposed strategies for addressing these challenges in the future.

"Challenges to Access Healthcare Services in India with Special Reference to Female Sex Workers: An Analysis"- This presentation analyzed the challenges faced by female sex workers in accessing healthcare services in India, highlighting systemic barriers and proposing solutions.

"Study of Animal Rights as an Integral Part of Vulnerable Group"- The presentation explored the intersection of

animal rights and vulnerable groups, emphasizing the importance of considering the rights of animals within discussions of vulnerable populations.

"Gender Equality and Human Rights Particularly for Vulnerable Gender"- This presentation focused on the unique challenges faced by vulnerable genders in attaining gender equality and human rights, advocating for targeted interventions and policy measures.

"Breaking Barriers: A Study on Women Reproductive Rights in India"- The presentation examined the barriers to women's reproductive rights in India, highlighting legal, social, and cultural obstacles and proposing strategies for overcoming them.

"A Critical Evaluation of Supriyo v. Union of India and History of LGBTQIA+"- This presentation critically evaluated the legal landscape surrounding LGBTQIA+ rights in India, with a focus on the landmark case Supriyo v. Union of India and the historical context of LGBTQIA+ activism.

**Sh. Shyam Lal said** that third genders are vulnerable groups. SDGS Article 5 talks about gender Equality and it is not a women issue but it is a human issue. She also emphasizes gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as crucial to achieving all goals and targets and calls for the systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the implementation of the Agenda.

At last vote of thanks was given by Ms. Sonal Jain, Assistant Professor, Subharti Law College and mementos were given as marks of respect and appreciation to the resource persons. Certificates to presenters of this session were also given.

#### **Session 4: Role of Civil Society, Ambedkar Thought & Students in the Attainment of Gender Justice**

**Chair: Prof. (Dr.) Anjali Mittal , Dean , Faculty of Law, CCS University, Meerut**

**Co-Chair: Ms. Ana Sisodia, Faculty of Law, Subharti Law College**

This session provided a platform to examine various dimensions of gender justice and underscored the importance of collaborative efforts across civil society, academia, and student communities to achieve meaningful progress in this area.

#### **Presenters and Topics:**

Data Rights and Responsibilities: A Human Rights Perspective on Data Sharing- Explored data sharing from a human rights perspective, highlighting ethical dimensions and responsibilities associated with data usage.

Deepfake Technology: Emerging as a Threat to Human Safety, Particularly Impacting Women- Discussed risks posed by deepfake technology, emphasizing its potential impact on human safety, especially women. Equity

Unveiled: Safeguarding Human Rights across Vulnerable Genders in Contemporary Society- Delved into the importance of safeguarding human rights, particularly for vulnerable genders, advocating for equity and inclusivity.

Human Rights of Girl Child with Special Reference to PCPNDT Act, 1994- Focused on human rights of girl children, emphasizing the significance of the PCPNDT Act, 1994, in addressing gender-based discrimination.

Role of Law Students in Attaining Gender Justice- Highlighted the crucial role of law students in advancing gender justice, stressing the importance of legal education and advocacy in addressing gender inequalities. **Dr.**

**Anjali Mittal delivered in her address**, highlighting the crucial contributions of these entities. She emphasized the pivotal role of civil society organizations in advocating for gender justice, drawing from Dr. B.R.

Ambedkar's teachings to inspire movements for social equality. Dr. Mittal commended student activism, underscoring its proactive role in driving social change and promoting inclusivity. She stressed the need for collaborative efforts between these groups and policymakers to address systemic inequalities and promote gender-sensitive policies. Overall, Dr. Mittal's address provided valuable insights into the collective action



required to challenge gender norms and foster a more equitable society.

At last vote of thanks was given by Ms. Sonal Jain, Assistant Professor, Subharti Law College and mementos were given as marks of respect and appreciation to the resource persons. Certificates to presenters of this session were also given.

**Ms. Ana Sisodia**, Assistant Professor, Subharti Law College said that a vibrant civil society is a key element in a democratic society. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are important actors. He also highlighted that in order to be truly democratic, civil society organizations should be capable of representing the needs and interests of both their male and female members. A concern for gender equality is part of a broad social agenda, not just the responsibility of women's organizations.

The question and answer session that followed had many enthusiastic students raising doubts, questions, suggestions, and remarks. Overall the session was very informative, intriguing and empowering. Mementos were given as marks of respect and appreciation to the resource persons. Certificates to presenters of this session were also given.

### **Conclusion**

In the valedictory session Ms. Ankita Singh & Ms. Suchita Tripathi student of BALLB (4<sup>TH</sup> year) summarized the detailed report of the one day training programme in a very well structured manner (**Annexure-16**). **Dr. Prem Chandra**, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University delved into a thought-provoking discussion during the seminar, illuminating the Uttarakhand UCC law's discriminatory facets concerning marriage and live-in relationships. With meticulous analysis, Dr. Chandra highlighted the legal framework's shortcomings, particularly in perpetuating inequalities and injustices within intimate relationships.

In his **valedictory notes Dr. A.P. Garg, Dean Academics & Director Research**, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University presented an overview on human rights. He stated that Panchtatva relating to Human Rights are Accountability, Participation, Good Governance, Protection and Justice which have become priority for governments' across the World. Dr. Garg passionately underscored the imperative of addressing both human rights and women's rights, igniting critical reflection within the audience. With a probing inquiry, he challenged the prevailing assumption that women's rights are inherently encompassed within the broader spectrum of human rights. Dr. Garg's intervention sparked a profound dialogue on the nuanced intersectionality between human rights and women's rights, shedding light on the unique challenges faced by women in society. By advocating for explicit recognition and dedicated focus on women's rights as a distinct category within the overarching framework of human rights, Dr. Garg urged for a more comprehensive and inclusive approach to gender equality advocacy. His poignant question compelled participants to reevaluate conventional paradigms, stimulating a collective reexamination of strategies and policies aimed at safeguarding the rights and dignity of all individuals, irrespective of gender. Garg's contribution not only heightened awareness of the complexity of gender equality issues but also catalyzed a renewed commitment to advancing the rights of women as an integral component of the broader human rights discourse.

**Dr. Vaibhav Goel Bhartiya, organizing secretary** of the one day training programme in his concluding remarks stated National Human Rights Commission as well State Human Rights Commissions are doing

wonderful job in the area of protection and promotion of human rights. It is taking suo motu cognizance of the human rights violations and issuing directions to the states and their agencies to prevent violations. Likewise, it is frequently entraining human rights complaints from different parts of the country and is not scared from imposing penalties and Fines on guilty state agencies. The interests of vulnerable sections of the society such as women, children, and members of schedule caste, schedule tribes and old aged persons have been specially

safeguarded. During its more than three decades working, it has exhibited a great role towards protection and defending human rights. He also informed that people have been frequently made aware about their human rights through modus of workshops, seminars, symposiums and conferences, free legal aid camps by the Sardar Patel Subharti Institute of Law. The notion of condemning all forms of violence was evident in every section of the speakers. Dr. Vaibhav also motivated the audience about gender neutral approach. He discussed the role of law students and civil society for gender justice & also the role of educational institutions for gender equality. He also pointed out that the outcome of the training programme was also achieved as participants came to know about human rights of women and became skilled about the role of human rights volunteers in the society.

**Professor (Dr.) Reena Bishnoi, the convener** of the programme delivered the vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, resources persons and participants. She also thanked all the colleagues, staff and students who had worked incessantly to make the programme a success and successful conduction of Mistress of Ceremony Ms. Ifrah Siddiqui BA.LL.B (Xth Sem) and Ms. Palak Tyagi students of BA.LL.B (IVth Sem). She also paid special thanks to the National Human Rights Commission for its sponsorship. The valedictory session was preceded by the distribution of certificates to the rest of participants.