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NATIONAL SEMINAR
ON

WOMEN POLICE STATION/ MAHILA THANA (WORKING, EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS)



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Invites
Research papers for NLUO- NCW National Seminar 2022 entitled
WOMEN POLICE STATION/ MAHILA THANA
(WORKING, EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS)
(28 October 2022)



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About National Law University Odisha

The University was established and incorporated by the National Law University Odisha NLUO Act of 2008, for advanced teaching and research in law. NLUO is recognised under section 12(b) of the UGC Act 1956 and its degrees offered are recognised by Bar Council of India. NLUO is a member of UGC-INFLIBNET and a participant in the National Knowledge Network.

About National Commission for Women

National Commission for Women (NCW) was established by the Parliament in January 1992 with the mission of enabling women to achieve equality and equal participation in all spheres of life by securing their due rights and entitlements through suitable policy formulation, legislative measures, effective enforcement of laws, implementation of schemes/policies, and devising strategies for specific problems/situations arising out of discrimination and atrocities against women. NCW envisions that Indian woman must be safe both within and outside the home, and should be fully empowered to enjoy all of her rights and entitlements, with equal opportunities to contribute in all spheres of life. With its countless accomplishments, NCW continues to promote equality and empower women in all sectors

About Centre for Women and Law

The Centre for Women & Law (CWL) is a Research Centre of National Law University Odisha which works with the combined effort of faculty members and students of NLUO. The Centre was established with a view of having a platform for unremitting study of the structural, societal, legal and regulatory issues associated with gender from a multi-disciplinary perspective. The Centre envisions to undertake studies and raise awareness through holistic approach to gender issues, working towards equity and justice for all and provide a deeper legal and cultural appreciation of power imbalance. CWL operates as a research support group undertaking research projects, training and capacity building programmes for women's organisations and formal bodies involved with the execution of laws affecting women. It also works towards dissemination of knowledge and sensitization of society through its publications, webinars and conferences

About the Seminar

In India, two-thirds of married women are victims of domestic violence. Gender-based violence (GBV), including domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, and stalking, is a serious danger to women's equality and self-determination in public and private areas. Poor and disenfranchised people, particularly women, often lack access to a responsive police force, resulting in decreased security and increased crime and violence.

In an effort to address these concerns of Violence against Women (VAW), the Parliament has created a number of laws that allow women who have been victimized by violence to seek legal redress, such as the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 2013, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redress) Act of 2013, and the Protection of Women From Domestic Violence Act of 2005, giving those who are victims of violence a legal avenue for recourse. While the legal amendments were a step in the right direction, there was a need to establish a gender and child sensitive front level functionary, namely the police force, which is the first point of contact for women and children in crisis. In an effort to address these problems and safeguard women from assault and exploitation, several states have constructed Mahila Thana or all-female police stations (AWPS). Gender-sensitive policing necessitates specialised training, more female presence in the force, and community engagement to incorporate gender concerns into policies, procedures, and operational practices.

Objective of the Seminar

- a. The primary objective is to promote an exchange of opinions about the issues and challenges facing the society regarding Gender based violence and role of Gender targeted policing interventions (Mahila Police Thana, Women's Help Desk at Police stations and more women in as well as deploying more female officers to these WHDs and enforcement agencies, improves frontline officer responsiveness to women, as well as crime and crime reporting) to combat the same.
- b. The seminar will provide a forum for elite professionals to share their experiences and research-based facts and figures on Gender targeted Policing intervention strategies in today's time.
- c. In particular, discussions will focus on the possibilities to improve the efficiency of the current state of Gender Targeted Policing Interventions whilst ensuring that the society remains sufficiently robust from a holistic perspective.
- d. To encourage regional and national communication and collaboration; promote professional interaction and lifelong learning, recognize outstanding contributions of individuals, encourage scholar researchers to pursue studies in Gender based violence and Gender Targeted Policing interventions and its working, efficiency and effectiveness.

Seminar Schedule

The seminar is proposed to be held on **28th October 2022**, in hybrid mode.

Timings: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

The Venue of the Seminar is Seminar hall **National Law University Odisha Campus**.

Important Dates to Remember

Last date for the submission of Abstract: **25th August, 2022**

Notification of Acceptance of the paper shall be given within 5 working days by **31st August 2022**.

Last date for the submission of Final Paper: **30th September, 2022**

Notification of Acceptance of the paper shall be given within 10 working days by **10th October 2022**.

Last date for registration: **12th October, 2022**

Registration

There is **no registration fees**.

Registration Form for Participation: Click [here](#).

Form for paper presentation will be sent along with the approval of the abstract via mail.

Please note: Participant who want to attend the seminar and present the paper simultaneously are required to fill the form for both Paper Presentation and Participation.

Call for Research Papers

Centre for Women and Law, National Law University, Odisha invites academicians, researchers, students, practitioners, social and women activists to submit research papers based on original empirical research or review papers related to the theme of the seminar. The Broad area of the seminar is

"Women Police Station/Mahila Thana (Working, Efficiency And Effectiveness) ".

Theme of the Seminar

1. Law and Policy:

- The need for Gender Targeted Policing Interventions
- The effective implementation of Gender Targeted Policing Interventions
- Implementation strategies for Gender Targeted Policing interventions: Working, Efficiency, and Effectiveness
- Prevent, Detect, Mitigate, Monitoring, and Control Gender Based Violence
- Women Help Desks, Training of personnel etc.

2. **Social and Psychological interventions:**

- Socio-legal and Empirical studies on vulnerable groups and Crime incidence
- Crime Mapping at these Gender sensitive enforcement services
- Working of the Gender Targeted Policing interventions with community, and organizations to prevent GBV
- Limitations of Gender Targeted Policing interventions
- Victim advocacy and social work
- Therapy for victims

3. **Gender Targeted Policing interventions and women empowerment**

- Women in political and legal leadership
- Women position in the refugee crisis

4. **Gender Targeted Policing interventions and employment opportunities**

- Women in education and employment
- Policy interventions concerning Abortion rights and marital rape
- Legal Interventions concerning the growing Patriarchy and the subsequent creation of women help desk.

General Guidelines

1. Submissions are to be made in Electronic (MS Word format) form only and are to be sent to the google form (to be shared post approval of Abstract)
2. Each paper must be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 250 words and the maximum length of the paper should not be more than 6000 words. (Table, illustrations, charts, figures, etc. should be placed within the text at appropriate places.)
3. Subject line of Abstract Submission shall be: "Submission of Abstract: Seminar on Mahila Thana" and the same has to be sent to cwl@nluo.ac.in.
4. Citation/ referencing should be as per OSCOLA style.
5. Participants must fill in all the details including the name of the author/s, name of the Institution, Designation, Email Id, and Contact Number.
6. Text Specifications:
 - a. Font: Times New Roman
 - b. Size: 12
 - c. Line spacing: 1.5
 - d. Margin: 1 inch on each side
7. Footnotes Specifications:
 - a) Font: Times New Roman
 - b) Size: 10
 - c) Line Spacing: 1
8. Plagiarism in any form is strictly forbidden.
9. A maximum of two authors are allowed. (Co-authorship).

Scheme of the Seminar

The Seminar shall be held in Hybrid Mode (Physical and Virtual) to ensure more and pan India participation from people. This would help us get more divergent views from people across the country.

Format of the Paper

Format of the Research Paper

- Cover Letter
- Title of the paper (Bold)
- Abstract (250 words)
- Key words (A maximum of 5)
- Introduction
- References

Note- All the authors must send the declaration that the paper is original research work and has not been sent elsewhere for publication or presented in any conference/seminar.

Best Paper certificate

The authors of selected papers (received upto the last date of submission, following all the rules and with requisite seminar fee) as recommended after peer review, shall be awarded with best paper certificate.

Additionally, All the participants will receive a Participation certificate.