### One day Seminar on Legal Provisions for Women's Empowerment, October 10, 2018

## **About the Event**

Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) organized a one day seminar on "**Legal Provisions for Women's Empowerment**" on October 10, 2018 at PDPU, sponsored by Gujarat State Commission for Women and supported by Women's Cell PDPU. Various speakers from the field of law and Gujarat State Commission for Women informed the audience about the various legal provisions provided by the Indian Constitution specifically for women.

## **Dignitaries Present**

The Chief Guest of the event was Smt. Leelaben Ankolia- Hon. Chairperson, Gujarat State Commission for Women, Gandhinagar. The Guest of Honor was Smt. Veenaben Patel-Additional Collector & Member Secretary, Gujarat State Commission for Women, Gandhinagar, Justice Ravi R. Tripathi, Member National Law Commission and Retired High Court Judge, Ms. Vaibhavi Nanavati, an eminent Advocate of Women's Rights and Ms. Pritha Jha, a Legal Activist were the Speakers for the event. PDPU officials who shared the insight on the topic included Prof. T P Singh, Dean Student's Affairs at PDPU, Prof. Tarun Shah, Registrar, PDPU, Ms. Neeta Khurana Assistant Professor, Communication, School of Liberal Studies, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Associate Professor, Psychology, School of Liberal Studies. The Convener of Women's Cell, PDPU. Ms. Shailja Tripathi and Dr. Roshni Solanki coordinated the event.



# **Audience**

200 Students of PDPU, International Interns and Students of MP Arts and MH Commerce College attended the seminar.



## **Event Highlights:**

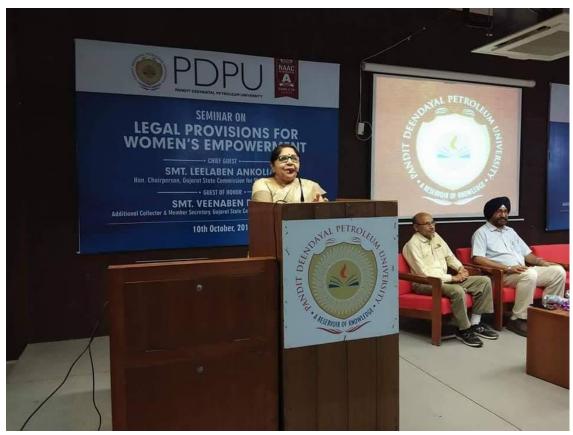
Dr. T P Singh, Dean Student's Affairs at PDPU spoke about the need to encourage girls to pursue education and become self-sufficient. He also emphasized on the need of organizing such programs on a regular basis.

The Registrar of PDPU, Prof. Tarun Shah hosted the event and urged all students to be aware of their rights.

Ms. Vaibhavi Nanavati, Advocate High Court, spoke of how we can stay safe by using the helpline 181 for Women's Safety. She also emphasized on importance of being vigilant and aware of one's constitutional human rights. She used real life stories to emphasize upon the message.

Smt. Veenaben Patel, Additional Collector & Member Secretary, Gujarat State Commission for Women gave various tricks and trips on safety. She spoke in detail about the activities of Gujarat State Commission for Women

Smt. Leelaben Ankolia- Hon. Chairperson, Gujarat State Commission for Women inspired students and shared a book on Women's Rights with students.



Ms. Pritha Jha, a legal Activist, spoke of sexual harassment of Workplace and informed of laws supporting women.

Justice Ravi R. Tripathi, Member National Law Commission and Retired High Court Judge stressed that laws alone will not help, but a shift in mentality and financial independence is required.

The conveners of the seminar Ms. Neeta Khurana and Dr. Ritu Sharma explained the meaning of empowerment and told the girl students to not just be led with their heart and use their brains but to learn to respect their own selves, live with dignity and be empowered to make a choice.



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