

# Annual Report on Activities of CASH (01-04-2018 to 31-03-2019)

## 1. Celebration of Women's Self Sufficiency Day

On August 3, 2018, one day Program on Celebration of 'Women's Self Sufficiency Day' was organised. This program is part of fortnight celebrations of Govt of Gujarat initiative taken to empower women in 2015. These celebrations are to be carried out within period of August 1 to August 14 of every year.

The program was inaugurated by Prof. B. A. Prajapati, Honourable Vice Chancellor of HNGU, Patan, Who was chief guest of the program in presence of Shri Vijay Chaudhary, Shri Ashish Joshi, Shri Brijesh Patel and Prof. Sangita Sharma in B.B.A department. Program started with Prayer of Ma Sarswati, followed by University song.



- Prof. Sangita Sharma, CASH chairperson, welcomed all the guests by words and explained what does self sufficiency means for a women and gave consolidated list of schemes initiated Govt. from time to time to make women self sufficient.
- Dr. Smita Vyas, Sectary, CASH gave information about functioning and various activities of CASH, HNGU, Patan.
- Prof. (Dr.) B. A. Prajapati, Honorable vice chancellor Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Patan, said that it is prime need that women should think about self sufficiency to get empowered. For becoming self sufficient, confidence and intention is must. But to achieve it, decision, skill, time management and some good attitudes are required. To become economically self sufficient women should get proper trained and Govt is arranging a number programs to achieve it.
- Mr. Vijay Chaudhary , Industrial officer, District industry center (D.I.C.), Patan gave many examples how many village women who had poor background became

economically self sufficient with their confidence. He took the example of Monaco biscuit and explained how this whole industry is handled by women only. He gave a list of programs handled by his office on the advice of govt of Gujarat. How to take loan and how much his office contributes if some woman wants to be self sufficient.

- Dr. Ashish Joshi, Coordinator, Deena Rural Self Employment Training Institute, Patan spoke about the trainings which his institute is imparting to women to become self sufficient. He emphasised on need of knowledge and training, both should go side by side. To become economically self sufficient, a person need to have knowledge of both soft skill and hard skill of the area of his concern. There is marginal difference when you



apply this training to real situation. To succeed in real situations confidence is level is key to success.

- Mr. Brijesh Patel, Faculty Member, SPIPA, Ahmedabad, explained how SPIPA is helping students to become self sufficient including women. SPIPA is carrying out a number of training programs on competitive exams like UPSC, GPSC, etc. He shared some examples of some success stories of female students of their institution. He said there is no alternative to hard work. Hard work is key to success and finally to self sufficiency.

In this program, there were 125 participants. Amongst participants, there were graduate, postgraduate students, Ph. D students, teaching and non teaching faculty from university campus. The students were from dept law, chemistry, architecture, commerce, computer science, life science and physics.

Program was graced by Dr. Smita vyas, Dr. Iia Patel, Dr. Neha Patel, Dr. Mitul Deliya(controller of examinations), Dr. Jay Trevidi, Ms. Payal Barot and Hemantbhai Patel.

Vote of thanks was extended by Mrs. Kavita Trevidi, Assistant Professor, BBA department and whole program was anchored by Dr. Ridhi Agarwal, Assistant Professor BBA department . The program was over after singing national anthem.

## 2. Debate competition

A Debate competition on the topic “**Women are Entrepreneur by Nature**” was organised on August 7, 2018 in dept of MBA, HNGU, Patan.

Dr Niley Kapadia, Assistant Professor, Physiology department, GMERS Medical College, Dharpur, Patan and Dr. Darshan Vyas, HOD, Department of Physics, HNGU, Patan acted as judges. 33 students from various departments like MBA, BBA, Law, Life sciences participated in the debate, out which 30 spoke in favor and 03 against the motion. The program was handled by MBA Students and the whole program was anchored by Mr. Mohmed Ali. All participants were welcomed by Prof. (Dr.) Sangita Sharma and whole program was graced by Dr. Smita Vyas and Dr. Ridhi Agarwal and MBA faculty members. Three students were awarded shields and certificates assigning first, second and third rank by judges and others were given participation certificate

First Prize: Manwar Sharda, Department of Chemistry

Second Prize: Priya Thakkar, Department of Chemistry

Third Prize: Kadia Magh, Department of Chemistry



## 3. One Day State level Program



One day program on “Empowering Women through Legal Awareness” on December 4, 2018 was organized in Convention Hall of HNGU, Patan. This program was sponsored by Gujarat State Commission for Women, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Inaugural function was graced by Honorable Chairperson, Gujarat State Commission for Women, Gandhinagar Ms. Leelaben Ankuliya, who was also President of the function. The inaugural function was organized in presence of Dr. Meera Ramnivas, Rtd. IPS Officer, ADGP, Human rights commission, Ahmedabad, Mr. G. B. Prajapati, additional collectorate District, Patan, Dr. D. M. Patel, Registrar Hemchandracharya north Gujarat university, Patan, Mr. Vishal Gadhvi, Judge and Secretary, District Legal Service Authority, Patan. Mr. Ketan Prajapati, District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit, Patan, Dr. Minal Raval, Principal, Daulatbhai Trivedi Law College, Ahmedabad, Shri A.K.Patel, Rtd, Deputy Conservator of Forest and Social Activist, Gandhinagar., Ms. Hansaben Patel. Project officer, Mahila ayog Gandhinagar and Prof. (Dr.) Sangita Sharma, Chairperson CASH, HNGU, Patan



In the inaugural function after completion of all formalities like Prayer, Lightening of lamp, wordly welcome, floral welcome, a wordly welcome of guests and aims and objectives of one day seminar were elaborated by Prof. (Dr.) Sangita Sharma, Chairperson of CASH.

- **Ms G. B. Prajapati**, Additional collectorate, patan was guest of honour in the program. He explained role of collectorate office in empowering the women of the area. He gave details of various departments working for upliftment of women. Also how many schemes are handled by them at district law.



- **Dr. D. M. Patel**, Registrar HNGU was present as Special guest and as head of our institution. He narrated how university has joined with Govt of Gujarat in solving issues of woman and achieving women empowerment in real sense



in the area. In arena of digital technology, it is very easy to have access to any type of knowledge. Only priority has to be fixed. He thanked Mahila Ayog for choosing our university for such type of program.

- **Ms. Leelaben Ankuliya**, Honorable Chairperson, Gujarat State Commission for Women, Gandhinagar, gave her presidential address. She narrated how State commission works for the betterment of women. It is prime need that students should be aware of the legal implications. Small decisions taken due to ignorance of legal laws can lead to major blunders in future life. Women can become more self sufficient and empowered by taking legal knowledge. Students should be careful during studies so that are not involved in any illegal issues unknowingly. It is our duty to impart students knowledge of Indian laws along with other courses. Knowledge is important for all students of any discipline because we all belong social ecosystem. Also rights should be also linked with duties. Today joint families are disappearing and old age homes are increasing. So education with cultural values is important. She elaborated a number steps Govt has initiated to empower the women and solve their issues.



Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Smita Vyas, Sectary of CASH, HNGU, Patan  
The inaugural function was over after singing national anthem

### Sessions

Then there were four sessions by eminent speakers of the day who spoke on the subject related to Empowering Women through Legal Awareness.

1. First speaker in technical sessions was **Dr. Meera Ramnivas, Rtd. IPS Officer, ADGP**, Human rights commission, Ahmedabad, shared her experience of police officer in handling various issues of women. Her topic was “Mahillay aur chunotiya” (Women and challenges) According to her Female foeticide, Child marriage, Gender Ratio, Harassment of women at workplace are common



challenges which women are facing. She said, A new challenge has entered in the Gujarat that is women trafficking for marriage. She narrated some of the cases during her period of service where, one women married several boys at different times. She also raised a question why a boy with 3 sisters behaves indecently with other girls on roadside. Society has big role play to handle these challenges.



2. Second session was handled by **Dr. Minal Raval, Principal, Daulatbhai Trivedi Law College**, Ahmedabad. She spoke on whether women needs empowerment or she is already empowered. Gandhiji has well said a nation cannot grow unless a women is respected in the nation. In present day social system, role of men is important to change the mind set against the discrimination. Women has to identify herself first, secondly raise her voice, then she will be able to seek legal support. For protection of women rights, there





are number of rules but those rules cannot help unless and until she knows how to approach. Minalben had direct contact with participants and gave day to day examples, how and why rights of women are violated.

3. Third session which was on topic to be covered on the day was Role of DLSA in Empowering Women. The speaker was by **Mr. Vishal Gadhvi, Judge and Secretary**, District Legal Service Authority, Patan. He explained how at National level NALSA works for empowering women and at district level DLSA works. He talked about elimination of all forms of discrimination against women. He also gave idea why society needed laws, and may be in future we may have more women protection laws. Women should know about laws to protect themselves from any type of situation. As youth of country, all students should make themselves aware with laws and help all needy women which are in our vicinities. DLSA is a platform where all women irrespective of caste and creed can take legal services free of cost. Again he proclaimed that total women empowerment is joint venture of society and state, both has to move in hand with each other.

4. Technical Session- IV was on the topic “Today’s Status of Female Foeticide /issues and legal challenges” by **Shri A.K.Patel, Rtd, Deputy Conservator of Forest and Social Activist, Gandhinagar**. He gave all data in power point presentation regarding situation of gender imbalance in Gujarat state and alarming city as Mehsana. He gave examples from history where girl was considered an unwanted child. Now also the traditions are continued in middle educated class which follows the old concept. So gender ratio is decreasing day by day. This imbalance will lead many societal issues in very near future. History reveals that all social reformists were male like Raja Ram Mohan Rai. Why today such reformists are not coming forward to eradicate female foeticide issue from the society? He distributed CDs and some books to highlight the future challenges of this issue.



5. Technical Session- V was on Laws Related to Child Rights and distinguished speaker was **Mr. Ketan Prajapati**, District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit, Patan, He said survey of India shows that 44 crore children are in India, out of which 17 crore are abused in anyway like child marriage or child labor or sexual harassment etc. It is pathetic that out of 100 abused children in India 52 children are sexually abused. It is our duty to protect our future and save children from such societal accepted white



collared people who are responsible for child abuses. A child is very timid; he does not know what is happening to him/her. There is need that we should take special care of our children. We should help society to come out of this nuisance. In 2012 POSCO Act was accepted. There are a number of legal punishments but suffering occurring to child can make him physiologically hurt for life. Ketan sir has shown many videos to highlight his vision of district office on this subject.

6. Last session was Interaction with Students, Valedictory & Certificate distribution. In this sharing session in which number queries were raised by participants and their solution was given by speakers.

In this program, there were 780 participants. Amongst participants, there were graduate, postgraduate students, M. Phil., Ph. D students, teaching and non teaching faculty

from university campus, other associated colleges. The students were from various departments and the faculties from science, commerce, arts, law etc.

Finally Vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Ridhi Agarwal, Assistant Professor BBA department

### **Objectives of Training Program**

- Students should recognize that they have a legal right and responsibility to exercise or assume it.
- To impart practical knowledge about the basic legal rights and remedies provided under various women related laws, thereby making them fit to face the challenges in real life situations.
- To recognize when a problem or conflict is a legal conflict and a legal solution is available.
- To know how to take the necessary action to avoid problems and where this is not possible, how to help themselves appropriately.
- To know when and how to obtain suitable legal assistance.
- The procedure of approaching and utilizing various channels available for the redressal of grievances i.e. the Police, the Executive and the Judiciary.
- The role of Courts in achieving gender equality, most importantly the concept of public interest litigation. The various machineries/organs of the Justice delivery system available for redressal of their problems/grievances. The role of District Legal Service Authority, Free Legal Aid and Lok Adalats.

### **Topics of Discussion**

Training Program will cover following topics relating to Human Rights

- Introduction of State Commission for Women
- Women and challenges
- Women and dowry laws in India
- Role of DLSA in Empowering Women
- Status of Female Foeticide /issues, challenges and laws
- Laws Related to Child Rights

### **4. Univesity level Essay Writing competition**

An Essay Writing competition was called from students of our campus on topic “Mee Too Movement and Indian Woman” in English/ Gujarati/ Hindi. The evaluator of the Competition was Dr. Jignesh Trevidi, Assistant professor, Life Sciences department, HNGU, Patan. Three students were awarded shields and certificates assigning first, second and third rank and others were given participation certificate on March 1, 2018.50 students participated.

First Prize: MS. Nisha Baljeet singh, Department of hospital management

Second Prize: Miss Mansi Kelaiya, Department of hospital management

Third Prize: Mr. Maheshwari H. Jawarharlal, Department of law

### **5. One Day state level Program**

One day program was organized on title “**Indian Woman and Challenges & Celebration of International Women’s day**” on March 1, 2019 at convention hall, HNGU, Patan. The inaugural function was organized in presence Dr. D. M. Patel, Registrar, HNGU, Mr. Vishal Gadhvi, Judge & Secretary, DLSA, Patan, Dr. Niyati Mistry, Professor, Government Arts College, Ghandhinager, Dr. Ankit P. Rami, Director of Takshila Academy, Mehsana.



The program started with prayer to Almighty followed by University song which was sung in honor of university.

- A worldly welcome of guests was showered by Prof. (Dr.) Sangita Sharma, Chairperson of CASH. She also and justified the topic of the program and emphasized that challenges are part and parcel of every woman and she is handling them carefully. Shri V. J. Gadvi, Guest of honour of Function and Secretary, District legal service authority gave the information about legal district centre and how laws can help women and what are the ways to approach the DSLA. If you are qualified you should regularly aware others what you know. Coastal areas of Gujarat is 100 km from this campus A number of issues are found among these areas. A group of 10 students can be sent who can study their problems and find ways to solve them. We can achieve higher qualifications, can have high status but should be sensitive enough to issues of our people. All women laws are not for creating fear among people but are for protecting vulnerable groups. Today, it is said if a person does not know computers, he is considered illiterate, similarly after 10 years if a person will not know laws, he will be considered illiterate. So, it is important to understand knowledge gravity of laws. Even today, dowry is prevalent in many parts of the country. So we need to change our mind sets otherwise laws will be only in words.
- Dr. Niyati Mistry, Professor, Government Arts College, Gandhinager, who was special guest of function, gave a clear idea with data what is status of women today in India. Her talk was thought provoking. Women has to prove herself every time, why so? What is status of women at national and international level. In 1955, there was Beijing conference where role and status of women in development was discussed. Ten indicators were decided. One of the them was population and gender / sex ratio. Women has to face all type of problems like sanitation,





health and leaves her study etc. Role of women in decision making is essential. When 17 year girl is getting married, why teachers are keeping mum, why society s keeping quite? We need a mind set change otherwise womens' agonies will continue for next 70years.

- Dr. Ankit P. Rami, Director of Takshila Academy, Mehsana emphasised on the need of development programs where both students and teachers both come to know about issues of society. He gave examples of various Goddess who are worshipped, how a women can be weak who is incarnation of Godness Dr. Sundaran, political science analyst said how can a creator is considered weak. Women is



creator of world. How can she be weak. It is backwardness of our society which considers women a weaker and vulnerable group. All girls should get basic knowledge of laws and self protection in the form of martial art. Change your attitude. Always transform your ideas in to actions. Girls should have faith in themselves, nothing is impossible.

- Dr. D. M. Patel, Registrar of HNGU, who was chief guest of function, said that women has been facing challenges in all ages, there is no doubt about it but women has to get empowered themselves. They have to be particular and clear what they want to achieve because they has two roles to perform. They have to plan their time properly and should be in time at all positions. He explained how HNGU is



taking care of all his employees. A lot has changed and more will change. The fire of intention of change should go on.

Vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Smita Vyas and at the end of inaugural function national anthem was sung.

In the afternoon there were different performances given the students. There were four competitions.

In Slogan competition 12 students participated and followed result was declared.

- First Prize: Acharya Akanksha from Department of Computer Science
- Second Prize: Rammani Roshani Pratapkumar from Department of Computer Science
- Third Prize: Barot Ami K. from S.K. School of Business Management



In Singing competition 16 students participated and followed results are

- First Prize: Nayak Shreya from Department of Life sciences
- Second Prize: Vyas Krupa from Department of Computer Science
- Third Prize: Prajapati Hetal from S.K School of Business Management

In Solo and Group Dance competition 30 students participated and results are

- Solo Dance First Prize: Thakkar Meet from Department of Computer Science
- Group Dance First Prize: Barot Harshad and Team from Department of Law

The participants were students, teaching and non teaching faculty members from different Departments of our university. 210 students participated in this program.

Dr. Ridhi agarwal and Dr. Kinjal Jani anchored and handled the entire program. Dr. K. K. Patel, Dr. Hemat Patel, Dr. Mitul Dehliya, Dr. Jay Trevidi, Ms Payal Barot, Dr. Illa C. Patel, Shri Chanduji Thakur, Ms.Ushaben Buch, Anjuman Kadari and Ms Kavita Trevidi have shown their special presence in the program.