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The Centre for Social Defense and Gender Studies has been set up at Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice, Jodhpur. The Centre is approved by the Government of Rajasthan. The Centre is currently headed by **Mrs.K. B. Vandana, IPS**. Areas of concern of the Centre include social security to the children, gender sensitivity, sensitivity towards the aged, mentally and physically challenged persons and other marginalized groups. The Centre works as an academic and practical mediator for creating sensitivity and awareness among the public towards the weaker sections of the society.

#### Areas of Concern of the Centre

- 1. Social Security of Children
- 2. Gender Sensitivity
- 3. Sensitivity towards the aged
- 4. Mental and Physical Disability
- 5. Marginalized groups

## Aim of the Centre

To work as an academic and practical mediator for creating sensitivity and awareness among the public towards the weaker sections of the society.

# **Objectives**

- ❖ To conduct conferences, meeting, seminars, workshops and other sensitization and academic programmes on the issues of social defense and gender
- ❖ Through continuous surveys, research and field level data collection, raise the issues of social defense and gender in front of the policy makers, implementing agencies and the Government
- Conducting academic courses in social defense and gender studies
- ❖ To act as a consulting agency on the concerned subjects

- ❖ To act as a harmonizing link between the society and Governmental policies
- ❖ To create awareness among the society towards the responsibilities of the citizens pertaining to the concerned issues
- ❖ To render lawful assistance to the members of the public, particularly women, children and members of the weaker section of the society

### Main functions of the Centre

- 1. To conduct various academic programmes at Post Graduate level, diploma and certificate courses
- 2. To conduct various courses and awareness programmes for public, police officials, Governmental and non-governmental organizations and corporate sectors, and
- 3. Create a data bank through continuous research and field level surveys.

The main functions of the Centre shall include:

- 1. Teaching
- 2. Training
- 3. Research
- 4. Publication
- 5. Documentation
- 6. Consultancy

# The following activities have been conducted by the Centre for Social Defense & Gender Studies:-

❖ Workshop on Combating Sexual Harassment at Workplace Legal and Organizational Framework on 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014.



This workshop was inaugurated by Mrs Aruna Bahuguna, Director NPA, Hyderabad and during the 2 day workshop, eminent experts addressed key issues like role of law enforcement agencies, role of organizations and civil society in dealing with sexual harassment at workplace. Empowering working women to combat sexual harassment were discussed.

❖ Workshop on Sensitization on transgender for police personnel of Jodhpur Commissionerate on 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> August 2014.



The workshop was inaugurated by honorable Justice P.K. Lohra, Rajasthan High Court, who delivered the key note address. The Objective of this workshop was to sensitize the police personnel, in dealing with TG and their issues. The Expert Ms. Anjali Gopalan from NAZ society sensitized the police personnel of Jodhpur Commissionerate.

❖ Workshop on Sexual Harassment at Workplace on 19/09/2014.



Objective of workshop was to discuss the adequacy of legal provisions dealing with sexual harassment at workplace. This workshop was held in collaboration with Woman Empowerment Department, Jodhpur.

❖ Presently, a survey on The Latest amendments in IPC related to sexual offences and its implementation by the government officials is being conducted in collaboration with The Department of Women Empowerment, government of Rajasthan.

The present study aims at finding out the level of awareness of victims and government officials regarding to the latest amendments in IPC relating to sexual offences and it also aims at finding out the level of implementation of these amendments by the government officials.

- Proposed academic courses
  - P G Diploma in Gender Studies
  - Certificate in Gender Studies
  - Certificate in Women Empowerment & Development
  - Certificate course in Violence against Women & Children
  - Certificate course in Investigation of crimes against Women & Children (For in service police officers)
- Conducting Self-defense course for the students as well as faculty members of the University.

