



*Deccan Education Society's*

**Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune.**

*Legal Research Cell invites you for*

*Fiat Justitia* – **let Justice be done...**

**National Judgement Analysis Competition**

**&**

**National Seminar**

**'Rage after the Rape'**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Venue: Kundanmal Firodia Auditorium,**

**Fergusson College Campus, Pune.**

**DES's Navalmal Firodia Law College** was established in the year 2004, under the illustrious banner of the Deccan Education Society. It is a state-of-the-art educational institution, imparting legal education through various degree and Diploma Courses. The college is located on the venerated Fergusson College Campus. We take great pride in being an academic institution creating realistic understanding of interaction between legal process and social change. We always strive to cultivate professionalism and encourage emphasis on interdisciplinary knowledge and research.

The **National Judgement Analysis Competition** aims to encourage students to inculcate the skills of analysing and formulating a comprehensive study regarding the pattern of judgements that have been awarded in the cases of rape. Various landmark judgements further shall provide a medium to all the budding advocates to express their opinions on the trend and help them to suggest new and effective methods of combating with the problems.

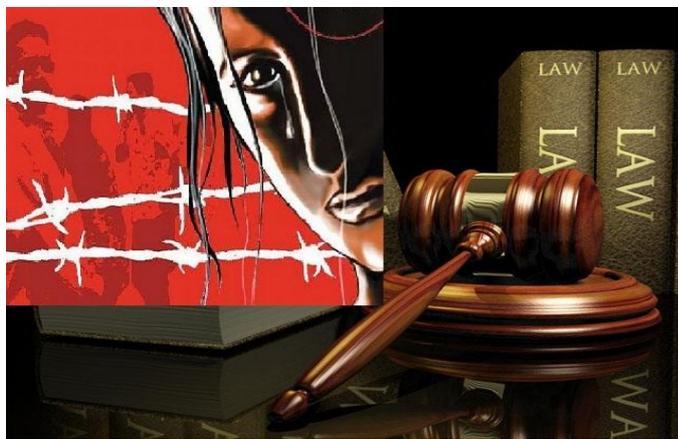
### **National Seminar**

In the last two decades we have seen a sudden change in the society. There is development in all spheres – social, economic, scientific. A number of new laws were passed. Old ones were amended. But along with all such developments we have also seen a striking growth in crime against women. The cases of rapes, molestation, eve-teasing and other cases of sexual harassment are plastered everyday in the news papers, shouted about on TV channels and there is lot of hue and cry regarding the same. The big question here is that why have we been unable to combat with such a heinous crime which has ruined the life of innumerable victims and all the other people associated with them? Where have we failed? Are the legal provisions insufficient or the machinery has failed to perform its functions? Or have we, as individuals and as a part of the society failed? The seminar aims to find an answer to all such questions and light a torch to lead away into a more reformed society and system where the dignity of a woman is the dignity of the society.

### **Sub-Themes**

#### **DAY 1: SESSION 1:**

**Quest pro meliore lex? : curbing the loopholes and shortcomings in the existing legal framework**



Rape is a punishable offence but in spite of the same the crime graph is on a rise. Are the relevant laws sufficient to curb the increasing crime rate? Is there a need to reform the laws? Also, why does the Juvenile Justice Act confer a status different from the IPC on the juvenile offender???? So many questions remained unanswered for so long, will the answers to the same, be helpful to perk up the scenario?

## DAY 1: SESSION 2:

### End of Innocence: 'Child in conflict with law' – Whether should be absolved for rape?



Recently, there is rise in sexual offences by the juvenile offenders. Is the Juvenile Justice Act giving a wrong advantage to such offenders? Should the juveniles, involved in sexual offences, be considered as 'children in conflict with the law'? The conflict between the IPC and the Juvenile Justice Act should be brought into light and the answers to the above questions need to be looked for.

## DAY 2: SESSION 3:

### The role of media and police: Accusing the victim.....justifying the actions of accused.



The question arises WHY so many unreported rapes? Is the police investigation another trauma for the victims? How far have the police handled such cases with sensitivity? Why are the authorities judgemental about the character of the victim and have justified the acts of the accused passively? Is it because of the media that the society's views have moved past stereotypes of rapists and more sympathetic to victims now? Media Hype- for ratings? Safeguarding the identity of the victim- duty of media?

## DAY 2: SESSION 4:

### Role of Governmental and Non-governmental agencies: The need for change in mindset: Challenges for rehabilitation of the victims in the society



How necessary it is for us, as a society, to change our mindsets? We need to protest before it happens and not later. Rape is a crime which cannot be justified in any way. Rehabilitation of the victim is the biggest issue that needs to be discussed at length. Despite being a victim why the sufferer gets treated like an untouchable. We need to change, both as an individual and as a society.

## **Registration Fees:**

### **1. For Seminar:**

Student Participants: Rs. 300 Professionals: Rs. 500

(Inclusive of food and accommodation for the days of the conference)

(D.D. should be in favour of "The Principal, D.E.S. Law College" payable at Pune)

### **2. For National Judgement Analysis Competition:**

(as mentioned in the Competition Blue Book)

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