

About the Seminar

In the shadows of societal norms, a marginalized group grapples with unique challenges: sex workers and their children. This often-neglected segment of our population faces a complex web of human rights issues that demand our attention, understanding, and compassion. Sex workers and their children confront pervasive stigma and discrimination that extends far beyond the realms of their work. This discrimination can lead to isolation, reduced access to essential services, and violations of their basic human rights. Laws and policies regarding sex work vary widely across the globe. While some nations criminalize it, others adopt a harm-reduction approach. The legal context directly impacts the rights and safety of sex workers and their children. Effective advocacy and policy changes are necessary to protect and promote the human rights of sex workers and their children. This requires engagement at local, national, and international levels. In our collective pursuit of a more just and equitable society, we must confront the multifaceted challenges facing sex workers and their children. Upholding their human rights benefits these individuals and their families and contributes to the broader goal of creating a world where all dignity and rights are respected and protected. The National Commission sponsors this seminar for Women, in New Delhi. The overall goal of the seminar is likely to be the promotion of a more inclusive and supportive environment for the children of sex workers, recognizing and protecting their rights as individuals

Seminar Objectives

- Increase awareness and understanding among participants about the unique challenges and vulnerabilities faced by children of sex workers and foster a deeper understanding of the human rights of children, emphasizing that every child, regardless of their parent's occupation, is entitled to basic rights and protections.
- Challenge and combat social stigma and discrimination faced by children of sex workers, to promote empathy, understanding, and support.
- Gain information on existing legal frameworks that protect the rights of children, and discuss potential areas for legal advocacy and reform.
- Discuss the health and well-being of children in this context, including access to healthcare, mental health support, and strategies for ensuring a safe and nurturing environment.
- Explore ways to empower the communities of sex workers to actively participate in the protection of their children's rights, and discuss community-based initiatives that can contribute to the well-being of these children.
- Generate and discuss policy recommendations aimed at creating an environment that respects and upholds the rights of children of sex workers.
- Identify the availability of support services, both governmental and non-governmental, that can assist children of sex workers and their families.
- Facilitate networking among organizations, activists, and professionals working in the field to encourage collaboration and the sharing of best practices.

The National Commission for Women

The Chairperson of the National Commission for Women is Smt. Rekha Sharma. The National Commission for Women was set up as a statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 (Act No.20 of 1990 of Government of India) to review the Constitutional and legal safeguards for women; recommend remedial legislative measures, facilitate redressal of grievances and advise the Government on all policy matters affecting women.

Sub-themes of the Seminar

- Childhood & Development
- Child Prostitution, Child Pornography & Child Trafficking
- Right to Education
- Legal Rights
- Access to Health Care Occupational Rights
- Poverty and Economic Rights
- Stigmatization and Discrimination Violence and Exploitation
- Child Protection and Welfare
- Gender Equality
- Legal frameworks
- Social Securities, social assistance and social services
- Community Support and Empowerment
- Rehabilitation of the sex workers and their children
- Advocacy and Policy Change
- Intersectionality
- Any other sub-theme related to the main theme

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“Sex Worker and their Children: Legal, Educational, Health and Occupational Challenges”

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- Ms. Lalitha S. A. Vice President, SPID- Society for Participatory Integrated Development, New Delhi
- Prof. Arvind P. Bhanu, School of Law, Amity University, Noida
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- Dr. M. H. Sidhiqui, MBBS, MD, Star Children Hospital, Bilaspur (C.G.)
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