



**ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY**  
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM



**NSS CELL**

One Day Webinar  
on  
**CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN  
– A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE**

28 October, 2020

Convener

**Dr B Kezia Rani**

NSS Coordinator

Chief Guest

**Prof M Jagganadha Rao,**

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, ANUR

Resource Person

**Rahimunnisa Begum,** Advocate & Academician

## Introduction

*Crimes against Women – A legal perspective* is a pertinent topic given the rising crime rates in the nation towards women. The workshop intends to discuss the legal pathways that can be pursued by the victimized women. The webinar is a part of the initiative by the NSS Cell of Adikavi Nannaya University to disseminate necessary information to the women students and staff facing any form of discrimination or injustice. The Webinar is therefore a discourse on various Laws and Acts that are posited in the IPC for any sort of crime committed towards women.

The topic is pertinent not only because of heightened crimes against women but the worrisome roots of this increase. It has been observed that crimes against women have increased during the pandemic due to lockdown. The lockdown forced families to be indoors which increased the opportunities for harassment for men with women nowhere to go. Therefore, a steep increase in domestic violence is observed during the pandemic. The pandemic has also robbed the working women of their financial independence which worsened the overall crimes committed against them. Many girl students are either witnesses or victims of domestic violence. Therefore, it is essential that necessary opportunities of recovery and safety are provided through legal knowledge.

Furthermore, the adolescent girl students often face harassment and bullying from adolescent male students. These include from seemingly harmless online stalking to gruesome sexual assaults. The adolescents are generally impulsive in their acts and therefore necessary guidance and supervision are necessary to avoid dire consequences. However, they are old enough to be responsible of their acts. Thus, it is imperative that they are informed of the legal and social consequences of their actions either online or offline.

Many educational institutes have their own internal regulations, such as Cells and Counsellors and tie-ups with local law-enforcing agencies to ensure the safety of the girl students studying however at times girls may be afraid to report to these agencies out of fear of sociological stigma and victim shaming.

This webinar will therefore give them an opportunity to understand the various frameworks that are placed at various social levels to protect women and young girls from harm and injustice. The event is planned to be an interactive and communicative one to enable the provision of solution to any individual problems being faced by the participants.

# Objectives of the Program

The objective of the webinar is to:

- To provide information of the Acts and Laws in place for the protection of victimized women.
- To explore the different activities that women face that are forms of harassment and injustice.
- To inform the participants about the various agencies in place that can be sought in case of harm or harassment.
- To inform of the various measures that can be followed at individual level for safeguarding from online harassment and stalking.
- To disseminate the legal procedures that are involved in resolving issues such as domestic violence.
- To inform the red flags that indicate harmful intents of the fellow male students/ co-workers or partners.

# Organizers

## **NSS CELL**

The NSS Cell of Adikavi Nannaya University comprises of 290 Units with over 29000 volunteers offering their services across East and West Godavari Districts. The NSS Cell represented the University in the Republic Day Parade of Republic Day Celebrations, 2020. The Cell has organized many service programs, blood donation camps, rehabilitation center during the pandemic. The NSS Cell strives to render more community services in the future for the benefit of the poor, needy and marginalizes sections of society.

During the pandemic, the NSS Cell took up many initiatives to continue its service to the community. It has been involved in distribution of essential groceries to families impoverished by the lockdown. The NSS Cell also initiated safety measure such as distribution masks and hand sanitizers to the employees of the University.

Apart from these, the NSS Cell also took up various academic initiatives that include conduct of various Webinars, Workshops and FDPs at international level virtually. This webinar is a part of the series of webinars planned to be organized by the Cell during the pandemic to ensure that the academics and services go hand-in-hand.

## Resource Persons

### **Rahimunnissa Begum, Advocate and Academician**

Rahimunnissa Begum is an advocate who completed her education in Andhra University and Pondicherry University. She is presently working in Gitam University and a research scholar there.

Ms Rahimunnissa is advocate from 20 February 2002 to till today practicing in Great Vizag. She was a trainee subeditor for All India Law College. She is a guest lecturer in APSRDA. She is a parttime faculty at ICFAI National College.

She has an illustrious academic record from Andhra University for her work in Hindu Law. She participated and organized various seminars, workshops and webinars on socio-legal issues and also conducted in legal aid camps. She is selected as a panel speaker by the National Youth Council of India with the topic *Relation between Addiction, Depression and Antisocial behaviour*.

## Profile of the Chief Guest

Prof. Mokka Jagannadha Rao, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamahendravaram has done his education both in India and Aboard. He got his Master's degree in Engineering from University of Alaska, USA. He got his Ph.D. from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, in the year 1985. He joined as Assistant professor in the Department of Geology, Andhra University in 1986 and later promoted to Professor and head of the department from the same department/ He is a serious researcher and academician having more than 33 years of experience in both teaching and research. He has published nearly 150 papers in National and International Journals. 33 scholars got awarded their PhDs under his guidance. His students are not only from geology but also from Computer Science, Geo Engineering, Geo Physics and Allied Physics.

He has strong research Collaboration with various organisations from USA, Canada and Australia. He has completed 8 funded projects, from leading funding agencies of this Country, including DST, UGC, CSIR, DOD, APMDC-DMRTUF, MoES, ISRO and ONGC. He got huge consultancy projects from ONGC namely:

1. Studies on Holocene Evolution of Mahanadi Delta,
2. Studies on Land Subsidence due to Hydrocarbon exploration and exploitation at KG-PG Basin, A Pulsing Remote Sensing and Field studies.

He has a vast experience in administration. He held various administrative positions:

1. Director for Information Management Centre, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, AP
2. Dean for PG& Professional Examinations, Andhra University, AP
3. Director for International Students Affairs-Andhra University
4. Director for Delta studies Institute-Andhra University
5. Chairman for Board of Studies, Dept. of Geosciences, Ambedkar University, Srikakulam, AP

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## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME



Invites you for a one day webinar on  
**Crimes against women - A Legal Perspective**  
On Oct 28th at 10am

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**Prof. M. JAGANNADHA RAO**  
VICE-CHANCELLOR  
ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY

### GUEST OF HONOR



**Prof. B. GANGA RAO**  
REGISTRAR  
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### ABOUT UNIVERSITY

Adikavi Nannaya University was established on April 2006. This University aims to combine the pristine cultural and the contemporary demands of educational excellence in its vision. Adikavi Nannaya University prides in being the largest University of Andhra Pradesh with nearly 450 colleges. The University is dedicated to excellence in academics and is zealous in making its students resourceful and responsible citizens of India.

### ABOUT NSS

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### ABOUT THE EVENT

The Constitution of India guarantees to all Indian women equality (Article 14). No discrimination by state (Article 15). Equality of opportunity (Article 16). Equal pay for equal work (Article 39A and Article 42). Renounces practices derogatory to the dignity of women (Article 51A) etc...

S No.	Crime against women	IPC Section
01	Kidnapping	359,360,366
02	Eve teasing	509
03	Chain snatching	378
04	Rape	376, 376A, 376B, 376C, 376D
05	Sexual Harassment	354A
06	Domestic Violence	498A
07	Cyber Crimes	IT Act 2000, Section 66C
08	Acid Attacks	326A, 326B

# Program Sheet



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NSS Cell

### **One Day Webinar on Crimes Against Women A legal perspective**

**28-October 2020**

## Program Sheet

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Welcome Address
10:10 AM – 10:20 AM	Opening Remarks by Dr B Kezia Rani, NSS Coordinator, Convener
10:20 AM – 10:30 AM	Introduction of Chief Guest
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Address by Chief Guest, Prof M Jagannadha Rao, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, ANUR
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM	Introduction of Resource Person
11:10 AM – 12:00 PM	Session by Rahimussa Begum, Advocate & Academician



## Convener's Opening Remarks

Dr B Kezia Rani in her opening remarks stated that there is an immense need to create awareness to the girl students of the various laws and protection frameworks provided by the Government and Constitution of India. All the girl students and female community should be aware of the Articles and Sections provided by the Constitution and IPC regarding the misbehaviour by the dominant gender.

Though the Indian women had been given prime importance in religious text, it is not the realistic state of women in the society. We also know that Women should be worshipped but in the present situation, is this situation prevailing? If this is true why are there many attacks against women including sexual assaults, acid attacks, honour killings, female foeticide and infanticide. Educational institutions are no exception to these gender-based discrimination and harassment. This webinar is therefore an opportunity to create this important discussion.

Thus, the victimized women should come forward to create awareness and openness of the occurrence of this injustice and loss being done. Every girl student should therefore know their rights and ways in which protection measures are set up by the constitution and IPC.

I hope that this Webinar will be fruitful in creating necessary knowledge and awareness to all the participants.

## Chief Guest's Address

Prof M Jagannadha Rao, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Adikavi Nannaya University and the Chief Guest of the Webinar in his address expressed that this is a great occasion to inaugurate the webinar entitled *Crimes Against Women – A Legal Perspective*. The topic is pertinent for the status of women, though significantly better in the recent years, the rate of crimes against women is still on rise. The role and participation

The statistics from National Crime Records Bureau, 100 women are subjected to harassment each day and approximately 2.5 lakhs of crimes against women are recorded from the past five years. The constitution and exemplary efforts, especially from the State Government, especially the initiation of Disha Act (which was inaugurated in the University Campus). It also should be noted that the majority of the students learning in the University are women.

Though the IPC and Constitution are robust in providing protection to female, the statistics, I feel report only a portion of the cases occurring for many cases remain unreported due to social stigma. At times, women are not neglected by law enforcing agencies such as Police Stations. Therefore, there is a need for more stringent implementation of the laws. Therefore, there is a need to create awareness regarding the legal systems and procedures which can be approached in case of crime. Such a webinar will help to create knowledge and instil courage to the girls and women in need.

As the saying goes, *Justice Delayed is Justice Denied*. Disha Act of AP is one such measure to reduce the delay in delivering justice. I feel that other states should implement such Acts too. I also feel that there is a need for setting up of more Women Police Stations which give more freedom and reduce the desperation of the victimized women. Similarly, the social media has also become a tool of harassment for women where female users are harassed through fake post that degrade the character of a women. Such deeds are accompanied by extortion and blackmail.

Therefore, there is a need to create procedures that protect the identity and safety without any consequent infamy. Laws and Law enforcers are existent but there should be also preventive measures to reduce the crimes against women. Such measures should be present at various social levels beginning from the parents. A crime prevented is better than crime committed.

## Guest of Honour's Message

Prof B Ganga Rao, Registrar in his speech stated that the crimes against women is a long-lasting problem. Despite creation of new laws, the rate of the crimes is on increase. Volumes can be written on the heroic deeds and exemplary contributions of women in this period.

In the ancient Vedic India, women are respected and treated equally with women. But with changes in sociological and cultural frameworks, the women were pushed back suppressed by various evil and unethical social rules and traditions

The India too is not different from the Vedic Society, the women in the society are harassed sexually, psychologically and socially. The recent statistics show a decrease in participation in various fields such as politics, health status, literacy status and work.

While on the other hand, the spread of social evils like dowry death, child death, rape, sexual harassment and exploitation of women workers, torture, humiliation have grown over the recent years.

This webinar will cover these topics and methods to confront these evils. It is appropriate and necessary for the present situations.

## Resource Person's Address

Rahimunnisa Begum in her talk pointed out that in 2020, with the ongoing pandemic, the crimes against women has seen a steep increase. It is therefore time to introspect the various social factors that have caused in this increase. It is time that the civilized society thinks about these causes which include the easy accessibility of women or the sudden change in the mindsets of criminals.

Therefore, this times of growth and empowerment of women in every sectors does not paint the whole picture of the struggles of women in the society.

The common crimes against women acid attack, sexual harassment, kidnapping and abduction, trafficking and rape. Even during the pandemic, a lot of girls and women are trafficked. Rape is the ultimate crime against women where women are scarred for life.

Other crimes include causing miscarriage without consent, death of the pregnant and unborn child amounting to culpable homicide. It is against the society at large not just women. Other crimes include illegal slavery, child labour which are also widespread.

Eve teasing is another common crime that is prevalent at many educational and public places. It has come down a little in the recent times but it is not eradicated. Gender discrimination is another form of crime that is very widespread in the society that is prevalent at many levels in the society.

All these acts are strictly prohibited by the IPC and various sections are provided in the law that will punish the criminals. It is therefore necessary to create necessary awareness and initiate change not just in women but also in men.

Therefore, it is an appeal to all the participants to fight, protest for a crime free society. It is essential to change the mindsets of both the men and women. If such a society is attained than, I think, 2020 will truly be a remarkable year.

## Number of participants:

500 (Faculty, NSS Volunteers)

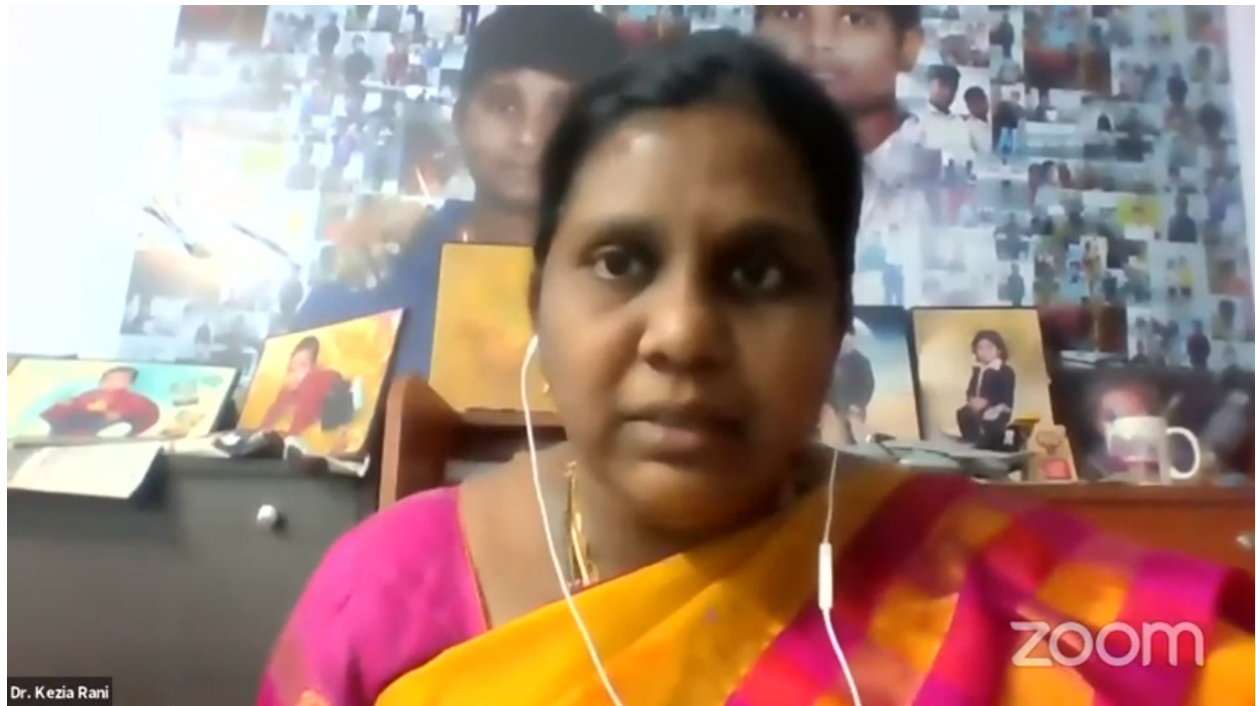
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## Outcome of the Event:

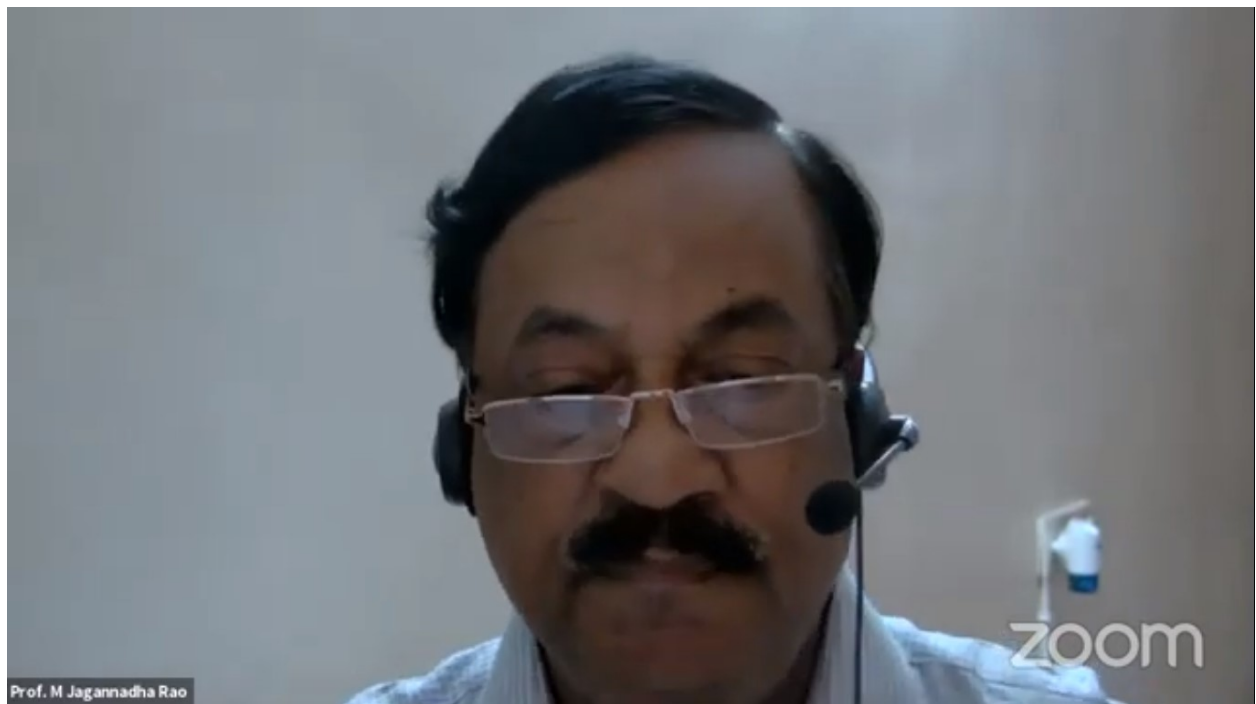
The Webinar served as the platform to discuss the various legal pathways that are available to women. The webinar also served the intended purpose by informing the participants of the various agencies that help can be sought from in the situation of victimisation.

The Webinar also informed the participants of the various laws and acts of IPC furthermore elucidated upon the consequences and punishments.

## Photo Gallery:



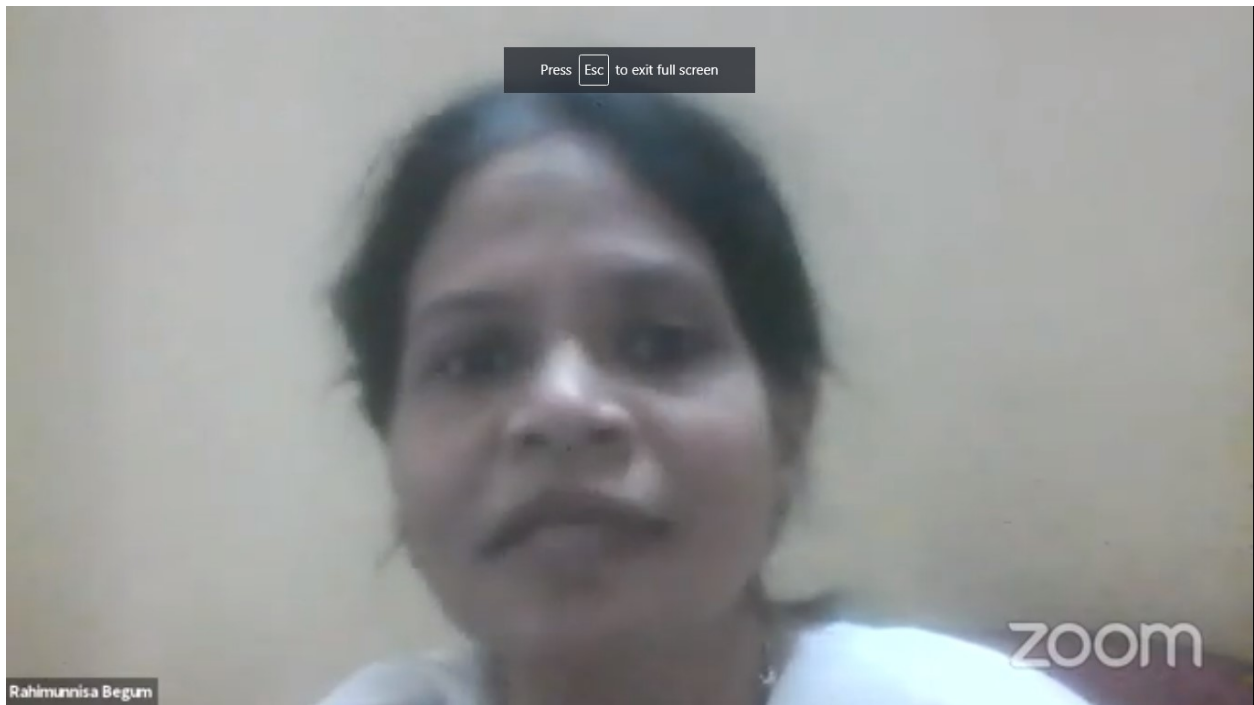
Dr B Kezia Rani, Convener's Opening Remarks



Prof M Jagannadha Rao, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Chief Guest's Address



Prof B Ganga Rao, Registrar, Guest of Honor's Address



Ms Rahimunnissa Begum's Talk

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## Sections

### Kidnapping

- Sec 361-366 IPC- offence of kidnapping- girl less than 18, boy less than 16 yrs
- Sec 369 IPC- child less than 10 yrs
- Sec 366(A), 372, 373 IPC- less than 18 yr girl for Prostitution
- Sec 366(B) importing less than 21 yr girl for Prostitution

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## Theft

### Section 378 IPC, Theft Explained

Let's Understand ingredients of Theft

1. Movable Property
2. Possession of other person
3. Dishonest intention
4. Moving or Taking without consent of person

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