



CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND LAW

Events of 2016 - 2020

2020

1. **Date:** 4TH MAY 2020

- a. **Event:** COLLABORATED WITH NCW TO ORGANIZE A WEBINAR
- b. **Theme:** MISINFORMATION AND ONLINE SAFETY PRACTICES IN THE TIMES OF COVID-19
- c. **About the Event:**

Centre for Women and Law organized a webinar in collaboration with the National Commission for Women on "Misinformation and online safety practices in the times of Covid-19, with an objective to empower people to be

- i) AWARE of their digital rights and responsibilities;
- ii) CHOOSE consciously by making safe, smart, informed choices,
- iii) RECOGNISE and Manage Online Risks;
- iv) RESPONSIBLE Netizens following rules & regulations.

2. **Date:** 6TH MARCH 2020

- a. **Event:** COLLABORATED IN ORGANIZING REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON FEMALE LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATED RATE ORGANIZED BY NCW
- b. **About the Event:**

Centre for Women & Law and Centre for Industrial Relations & Labour Laws of National Law University Odisha in collaboration with National Commission for Women (NCW), Government of India, and V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida organized a “**Regional Consultation on Female Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR)**” on 6th of March, 2020. The main themes of the consultation were crimes against women and their relation with FLFPR; respect for safety, rights, and dignity of women and cultural norms and mindsets vis-a-vis women and their relation to FLFP; the impact of sexual harassment of women at workplaces, public places, etc; the impact of prevailing laws on FLFPR; impact on FLFPR on marriages, pregnancy, childbirth, child care and other responsibilities of women; transition from informal to formal sector and the specific scenarios prevailing in these sectors vis-a-vis women.

2018

3. **Date: 31ST MARCH 2018**

- a. **Event: 2ND SMT. SAILABALA PUJARI MEMORIAL PUBLIC LECTURE BY HON'BLE JUSTICE RUMA PAL**
- b. **Theme: JUDICIAL RECUSALS**
- c. **About the Event:**

The Centre organised the 2nd Smt. Sailabala Pujari Memorial Public Lecture taken by Hon'ble Justice Ruma Pal on the 31st of March, 2018. The theme of the lecture was 'Judicial Recusals'. The Hon'ble Justice underlined the principles underlying recusals in Common Law, whether reasonable perception or suspicion of bias by other people is sufficient to vitiate a hearing, judicial impartiality as a fundamental right, who must decide the issues of recusal, and more along similar lines. Justice Pal elaborated the principle taking the example of the unprecedented event when four senior judges of the Supreme Court held a press conference to bring before the public their grievance for better understanding of the concepts.

2016

4. **Date:** 4TH JULY 2016

- a. **Event:** 1ST SMT. SAILABALA PUJARI MEMORIAL INAUGURAL PUBLIC LECTURE BY PROF UPENDRA BAXI
- b. **Theme:** SPHERES OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND OF TERRITORIALITY: THE MANY SPLENDID CONTRIBUTIONS OF MS. SAILABALA PUJARI
- c. **About the Event:**

The Centre organized the 1st Smt. Sailabala Pujari Memorial Inaugural Public Lecture taken by Prof. Upendra Baxi on the 4th of July, 2016. The Lecture was on the theme of ‘Spheres of Access to Justice and of Territoriality: The Many Splendored Contributions of Ms. Sailabala Pujari’. Ms. Pujari was the first woman legal practitioner and assistant public prosecutor of Western Odisha. Prof. Baxi underlined Ms. Pujari’s achievements: her active role as a lawyer, membership of jail visiting committees and juvenile justice board, a member of several sexual harassment committees, and also a founder of a journal for women namely ‘Swayamprava’. He also raised questions about the ‘judicial infrastructure’ and ‘means of access to justice’.

