

NATIONAL SEMINAR
on
Knowledge and Awareness of the
Reproductive Rights of

women:

Issues and Challenges

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ABOUT THE



Reproductive rights involve a broad range of socio-economic, political, economic, safe health rights and non-discriminatory gender rights. Women's reproductive health should be prioritized as they are responsible for shaping a better tomorrow by giving birth to healthy individuals. Reproductive rights began to be framed as a part of human rights from the United Nation's International Conference on Human Rights (1968). World Health Organisation (WHO 2009) rightly explicates the reproductive rights as:

“Reproductive rights rest on the recognition of the basic right of all couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number, spacing and timing of their children and to have information to do so, and right to attain the highest standard of sexual and reproductive health. They also include the right of all to make decisions concerning reproduction free of discrimination, coercion and violence”

As per census 2011 of India, the youth population (15-24 age) accounts 20% of the total population and expected to share 35% by 2020. Lack of knowledge and awareness of sexual and reproductive health among youth increases the chances of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), unplanned pregnancy and unsafe abortions. Although, in India, maternal mortality ratio (MMR) for 15-39 age group, has reduced to 77% with 556 in 1990 to 130 per lakh live birth in 2016. But still, approximately 2.4 million are infected with HIV/AIDS with 40% women. Also, one third of abortions related with unplanned pregnancies with mostly adolescents.

This seminar aims to provide an important platform for researchers, academicians and students to aware youth population about their reproductive rights, issues and challenges and to discuss the solutions to deal with related themes. The target group of the seminar includes professionals, academicians, students & research scholars from various disciplines. This seminar will provide an opportunity for the participants to equip them with the necessary knowledge, attitude, and skills to become mature and socially responsible individuals.



REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AS HUMAN RIGHTS

- Definition and Concept
- Issues and Concerns: child marriage and related health issues, family planning, safe and legal abortion practices and post abortion care, consensual sexual and reproductive choices
- Prevention and control of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs/AIDS). New reproductive technologies like IVF, surrogacy and questions of ethics involved.

CONCEPT OF FEMALE BODY AND SEXUALITY IN INDIAN CONTEXT

- Historical, biological and socio-cultural dimensions
- Issues relating to chastity, sexuality, morality etc.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN INDIA: CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS

- Review of existing legal structure relating to sexual and reproductive rights
- Barriers in accessing information and health services
- Socio-cultural, political and economic challenges

AWARENESS GENERATION OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS: MEASURES AND STRATEGIES

- Role of education and higher institution in disseminating the information
- Role of health care providers and NGOs in strengthening the grass root levels and community groups to create sustainable environment
- Women involvement in policy-making and programme implementation
- Gender neutral analysis of women reproductive rights

Any other relevant sub theme substantially related to the idea of Women Reproductive Health.

The organizers invite original and unpublished research papers from professionals, academicians, research scholars and students on the above mentioned sub-themes. The submissions must be relevant and up-to-date.



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY



The University of Rajasthan holds the distinction of being the oldest Institution of higher learning in Rajasthan. It was established as Rajputana University on 8 of January, 1947. The University is recognised from the time of its inception under sections 2f and 12B of UGC Act and has also got the status of University with Potential for Excellence (UPE). In 2018, University ranked in the range of 101-150 (in University category) by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and has the honour of having been accredited 'A' grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).



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ABOUT NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN



National Commission for Women (NCW) is the statutory body of the Government of India, generally concerned with advising the government in all policy matters affecting women. It was established in 31 January, 1992 under the provisions of the Indian Constitution as defined in the National Commission for Women Act 1990. The objective of the NCW is to represent the rights of women in India and to provide a voice for their issues and concerns.

