

SAFMA ACTIVITIES

2022-23

GENDER

SAFMA's relentless efforts in the field of advocacy of GENDER with thrust on Prevention of Gender Based Violence.

In partnership with PARI (People Against rapes in India), a movement addressing sexual violence, commenced Project titled '**Violence Against Women- Prevention, Redressal And Rehabilitation**' in March 2022 with donation from Purpille.com a beauty shopping destination. 53 victims/families given financial support towards rehabilitation, sustenance, medical expenses, house rent among others. 28 Training Workshops covering over 10,000 CHANGEMAKERS held in Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand & Delhi. In addition attended over 3000 calls on the HELPLINE. To create an enabling safe working environment for women, resulting in increase in their participation in the labor force SAFMA conducted physical & online trainings on Women's Rights & POSH Act for * Food Corporation of India, Institute of Food Security, Gurugram on Steps to conduct inquiry as per DoPT OM No.11013/ 2/ 2014 Estt. (A-III). * Conducted empirical research covering 743 respondent in Delhi, Haryana, and Odisha and submitted REPORT to NHRC "**Status and Functioning of Local Complaints Committees under The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013** and awareness levels among women in the work force".

On International Women's day March 8 2022, represented SAFMA at discussion by PARI "**NARI KE DO DIN**" to institute an **annual 2-Day session on women's issues in the Parliament**. Called for sensitising parliamentarians on combating violence against women; including improving women's representation and leadership in parliament. Stressed was need to encourage male legislators to play a substantive role in the representation of women's interests.

Chuppi Todo * To sensitise young persons, promote gender equality and break stereotypes SAFMA developed Basic State Specific Training Manual 'Violence Against Women Prevention, Redressal & Rehabilitation' in Hindi & English explaining laws in simple language & include helpline nos. of police stations and other authorities (Bihar, Madhya Pradesh & Delhi) * Leaflet 'Raise Your Voice' with Golden Rules and a pledge to be taken by students * For Advanced Support 'Violence Against Women Support Training Manual'. Handbook for Women * 'Chuppi Todo' booklet in Hindi, Odia & English on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013.

SAFMA President nominated on NHRC sub-committee on CEDAW to ascertain status of CEDAW's implementation in India and gaps. It examined 33 articles of the Constitution, 54 legislation, 63 policies, reports, schemes, programmes, advisories, memorandums of understanding, rules, and regulations, etc.

Global Presence SAFMA has taken full advantage of making it's presence felt globally by participating in online international webinars *11.10.22- Informal briefing for representatives of ECOSOC organisations by the Chair of the Third Committee * 26.10.22-Attended virtual event- "Race" And Racism: Roots of Atrocity Crimes organised by UN Dpt. Of Global Communications



- Counselling and provided assistance to 25 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
- Funded education of 3 children in J&K through Kashyap Seva Foundation and 1 child in Nanki Public School, Delhi.
- Coordinated with SDM Office Saket, Delhi for COVID -19 vaccination camp on 26.10.22 (First dose) and 20.01.2023 (Second Dose) at Mother Teresa's Home, for 100 destitute, mentally & physically challenged.
- Donation to St. Stephens Hospital Patients Welfare Society for treatment of orthopedically disabled/ polio affected children.
- Financial aid given to a poor mother whose child who had been sodomised/ sexually abused and cross case filed by accused.

Gender Sensitisation & Legal Literacy Awareness

Participation includes-
 * 04.05.22- WITT-Women in TAAI & Tourism Conclave "Mission with a Vision -Celebrating women's Empowerment"
 * 21.06.22- "Interplay between Gender & Human Rights" by NHRC
 * 18.09.22-Sensitised Judicial Officers on "Protection of Women from Domestic Violence and other Atrocities: Facilitating Justice for Victims"
 * 01.11.22 -Online discussion "Hijab Issue: Analysis of the Split Verdict" by JIGYASA Delhi Univ.
 * 11.11.22- 'Education Tomorrow' A Thought Leadership Conclave by School of Law, UPES Univ. Dehradun, Uttarakhand
 * 30.12.22- Discussion to Increase and Support Actionable Next Steps with regards To Gender Diversity & Inclusion, on Theme: Systematic changes to make the environment more inclusive Planned by G100 Media Arts & Communication India.
 * 13.02.23-Chief Speaker in webinar on Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights for students of RV College of Nursing, Bangalore
 * 07.03.23- National Conference on Prevention of Violence against Women by Bhagidari Jan Sahyog Samiti, The Institution of Engineers (India) with partner Delhi State Legal Services Authority
 * 10.03.23- "Security of Women", Delhi Univ. Law Centre,
 * 11.03.23 Webinar 'SHE Talk on Women's Safety & Wellness' Karnataka (NITK).

Women's Empowerment SAFMA supported Women's Empowerment & Skill Development project with the aim of making women self-reliant by providing vocational education (tailoring & stitching) training undertaken in partnership with Samarpan Foundation. Women will get certificate from SINGER after passing examinations.



Law & Women's Rights

- **Writ WP(Crl) 514/22** was filed by SAFMA in Supreme Court with prayer - Inquiry be completed expeditiously, not exceeding 60 days; Immediate/Time Bound Disbursal of Compensation/ Interim Financial Relief as per R.9 of NALSA Scheme 2018; All the State Govt/UT to publicize Scheme; uniformity in procedures & compensation amount per order in WP(C) 565/2012; "Sexual Assault Victims" din R.1(o) NALSA Scheme to include offences under POCSO; Mandatory Reporting of FIRs by Police to SLSA/ DLSA; Application for compensation allowed to be filed by victim/dependents or guardian u.s 357 A (4) CrPC and R.5 5 NALSA Scheme; All the States & UTs follow the model NALSA Scheme; Standardized monitoring system ensuring simple procedures & time bound decision in Applications.
- Won case WP(C) No.11016/2017 in Delhi High Court, for a woman advocate's right to maternity entitlement under The **Maternity Benefit Act 2017**.
- Won case WP(C)No.10498/2015 by Delhi High Court for **recruitment of women in the territorial army**. The Delhi High Court agreed that 'any person' mentioned in Section 6 of the Territorial Army Act, 1948 includes both males as well as females. Quashed were the impugned advertisements to the extent they exclude women from appointment to the Territorial Army as ultra vires of Articles 14, 15, 16 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India.
- WP(C) 9898/2019 in Delhi High Court for **usage of Hindi** to record victims'/witness depositions in Delhi's 6 District courts including POCSO courts & JJ BOARDS. In spite of giving evidence in Hindi, the testimony is recorded in English, denying child victims of sexual assault justice. They have no idea what has been recorded, nor what they deposed correctly recorded. FIR as stated by victim in Hindi; statement under S.164 CrPC in judge's own handwriting in Hindi; but language changes to English for testimony before court.
- Supreme Court judgement in WP(C) 73/2015 decided in our favor replicating paragraphs of SAFMA writ for a **uniform policy of registration of FIR, arrest and**

Working for rape victims
SAFMA found they are denied Access to Justice & Fair treatment, Restitution, Compensation and compelled to forfeit the right to live with dignity.
 For the enforcement of their fundamental rights guaranteed under articles 14 and 21 of Constitution of India SAFMA filed Writ Petition WP(Crl) 514/22.





bail in cases of S.498A IPC; in order to protect interests of economically backward section women, who enter into arranged marriages, mostly as minors and are subjected to horrific acts of violence

HUMAN RIGHTS - In furtherance of SAFMA's objective of protection of HUMAN RIGHTS of authorities human rights violations :-

ACID ATTACK - Complaint to NHRC Diary No. 191893/CR/2022 file no. 7777/30/8/2022 in case of Delhi where two men threw acid on a class 12 girl. The Commission was urged to take cognizance and issue NOTICE to NCT of

DELHI seeking implementation of judgement of the Supreme Court, specifically in reference to:-

1. Whether **Model Rules for Compensation** have been framed by States, AND WHETHER the rate of compensation is uniform in all the States. PI Provide copy. 2. Whether State Legal Services Authorities have given **wide and adequate publicity** in the State/UT so that each acid attack victim can take the benefit of the Victim Compensation Scheme. AND what amount has been spent in the past five years and whether budgeted or not. 3. Whether **private hospitals** have provided free medical treatment including medicines, food, bedding & reconstructive surgeries. 4. **No of Certificates** issued by Hospitals (private & govt) to victims of acid attack where first treated. 5. With regard to **banning acid sale** including ONLINE SALES, has NCT DELHI issued appropriate notification and on what date AND whether notification within period specified by the apex court. 6. No of cases regd under the provisions of IPC and what action was taken against SELLER WEBSITE **Lack of awareness & stigmatisation of menstruation** -In Thane, Ulhasnagar, near Mumbai, the commercial capital of India, a 12-year-old girl was murdered by her 30-year-old married brother on 12.05.2023. The reason being the girl's inability to explain the bloodstains from her menstrual cycle to her brother, who immediately assumed she must be involved in a relationship. The lack of awareness and stigmatisation of menstruation violates the right to right to freedom from inhumane & degrading treatment and from abuse & violence. This incident brings to light the extent of ignorance, misconceptions, and lack of knowledge around menstruation; exposing society's deep rooted sense of entitlement over female sexuality, which justifies punishing them for engaging in any activity deemed 'dishonorable'. The Commission was requested to take cognizance of the human rights violation of young girls and DIRECT the State Govt of MAHARASHTRA to show cause NOTICE addressing the following points:-1.The steps the Government has taken to educate girls about menstruation, before they begin experiencing it. 2.Measures taken to educate all stakeholders, particularly boys & family members, about gender & sexuality.



CHILD RIGHTS SAFMA has been working in the field of CHILD RIGHTS since inception and of protection of children from sexual violence SAFMA continues to provide support to parents of child whose case is registered under S.6 POCSO Act, Punishment for aggravated penetrative sexual assault, and pending adjudication in POCSO Court Delhi. **Workshops conducted in slums to create awareness on the POCSO Act for both parents & children.**

ENVIRONMENT SAFMA reiterated its commitment to **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY** with emphasis on compassion for sentient beings. Supreme Court held (Jallikattu case) that Article 51 A (g) of the Constitution is the "magna carta of animal rights" and made several observations to safeguard the "life" of animals under Article 21- right to life, a fundamental right. Core objective of SAFMA is to create awareness of Fundamental rights & function as pressure group in pursuance of which donation of Rs 25,000/- from YOUWE & CARS for animal welfare & was used to support medical boarding facility for stray abandoned dogs by IndieLove Pet Services.

IPR SAFMA continues its efforts in protecting Intellectual Property Rights of Artisans, specifically continuation of registration of BLUE POTTERY AUTHORISED USER /craftsperson given Notice of expiration for Renewal (Authorised User) under Section 18(4) of the Geographical Indications of Good (Registration & Protection) ACT 1999 and Rule 60(1) of Geographical Indications of Good (Registration & Protection) RULES 1999 regarding RENEWAL.

