

# CAUVERY COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

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Tiruchirappalli-620 018.

## FREE LEGAL AID CELL

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## LEGAL LITERACY CLUB

(2013-2019)

The Free Legal Aid cell was established in Cauvery Colleg for Women during the year 2009, under the guidance of District Legal Services Authority, Tiruchirappalli. It focusses on providing free and competent Legal Services to weaker sections of the society to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by the reason of economic or other disabilities. To achieve this objective, the free legal aid cell organises series of awareness programmes and legal counselling services to the student folk and teaching and non-teaching staff by inviting legal practioners like judges, sub-judges and advocates. The cell has carried out the following programmes during the academic year 2013-2019.

S.No	Name of the programme	Date	Resource Persons	Beneficiaries
1.	Know your Law	18.03.2015	J.Jayachandiran, Advocate, Trichy Mrs.P.Shanthi, Advocate, Trichy Mrs.Gajalakshmi, President, Snegam Trust, Trichy	100 Students
2.	Legal and Premarital Counselling in Celebrating international Women's Day	08.03.2016	Mrs.Sheela Chelliah, Counsellor, Trichy Mrs.R.Sridevi, Panel Advocate, District Legal Services Authority, Trichy	360 Students
3.	Discussion to Start Legal Literacy Club	19.09.2016	Principal District Judge and Chairman Thiru.S.Kumaraguru Tmt.A.Geetha, Secretary, Sub- Judge, District Legal Service Authority.	20 Professors from various colleges
4.	Legal Literacy camp and Inauguration of Legal Literacy Club	26.09.2017	Principal District Judge and Chairman Thiru.S.Kumaraguru Tmt.A.Geetha,	50 Students

			Secretary, Sub-Judge, District Legal Service Authority. Trichy	500 Students
5.	Women and Law	27.09.2017	Ms.M.Indhumathi District Legal Service Authority. Trichy	100 Literacy Club Members
6.	Legal awareness on Women laws	23.11.2017	Mr. Martin, Advocate, District Court, Trichy	150 Students
7.	Visit to New Model Legal Services Camp	29.01.2018	District Legal Service Authority. Trichy	30 Students
8.	Introduction to Legal Services and Women Laws	30.01.2018	Ms.M.Indhumathi District Legal Service Authority. Trichy.	100 Students and students from Government Law College
9.	Visit to District Legal Services Authority	10.02.2018	Principal District Judge and Chairman Thiru.S.Kumaraguru District Legal Service Authority Trichy	30 Students
10.	Awareness programme On Legal Awareness	22.02.2018	Mrs.Geetha Sub Judge Trichy district court Trichy.	55 Women from Kumaravayalur Village
11.	Cyber Crime	22.09.2018	Thiru M.Nagappan, Judicial Magistrate, Mrs.R.Sridevi, Advocate, Trichy	1200 Students



Mr.J.Jayachandiran, Advocate, Trichy addressing on “Legal Rights of Women”.



**Mrs. P. Shanthi, Advocate, delivers a lecture on  
'Legislation to Protect Women' organized by Free Legal Aid Cell  
(CAPSA)**

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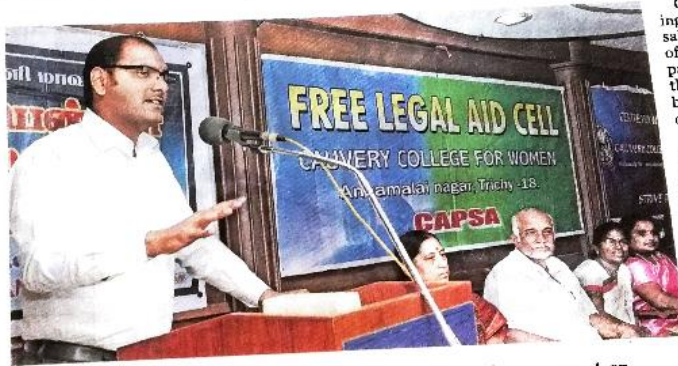
# Law protects women all along: experts

Nahla Nainar

**TIRUCHI:** A "Know Your Law" programme to raise awareness about women's legal rights was held by Cauvery College for Women, under the auspices of the Centre of Advocacy and Research and Snegam Trust, in the city on Wednesday.

Advocates B. Shanthi and J. Jeyachandran of the District Legal Committee were those who addressed the gathering of around 200 students, briefing them about the legislation available to women in distress while simultaneously cautioning them against misusing the law.

"Women in India are protected by law from birth to death," said Ms. Shanthi, "but how many of us are aware of what is legal or not? Three years after the Nirbhaya gang-rape incident what has grabbed headlines recently is the documentary that has interviewed one of the rapists, and his regressive comments about women," she added, re-



*J. Jeyachandran, advocate, speaking at the legal rights for women at an awareness programme in Cauvery College in Tiruchi on Wednesday.*

— PHOTO: M. SRINATH

ferring to the now-banned BBC production India's Daughter.

She said limiting women's movement in public was not practical as the number of women workers on night-shift jobs had gone up. "It's

important for women to speak up when they face sexual harassment, but don't misuse the law to get your back on your spouse or in-laws," said Ms. Shanthi.

"Victimising your in-laws with exaggerated complaints

will be harmful for the family in the long run."

According to Mr. Jeyachandran, women in India, despite being at risk, have access to a "very strong and clear legislation that not many are aware of."

Commenting on the growing divorce rate in the city, he said: "Women's expectations of marriage and their life partners have gone up and these are largely influenced by what they see on television or in the movies."

The courts would prefer couples to settle their differences amicably on their own rather than spend long years waiting for verdicts."

Gajalakshmi, president, Snegam Trust, said that more should be done to stop marginalising sex workers, transgender, and women living with HIV/AIDS.

"Women have been facing sexual violence for a long time, perhaps it is only now that we are speaking about it more openly."

"Young women should develop their skills and use education to work for who are disadvantaged."

R. Murugan, principal of the college's governing council and V. Sujatha, also spoke.

Press release of the programme "Know your Law".



Principal Dr. V. Sujatha addressing the gathering during International Women's Day



Mrs. Sheela Chelliah addressing the gathering during International Women's Day



Mrs. Sheela Chelliah addressing the gathering on "Pre-marital Counselling"



Principal District Judge and Chairman Thiru.S.Kumaraguru and Tmt.A.Geetha, Secretary, Sub-Judge, District Legal Service Authority, Trichy interacting with the representatives from different colleges to start Legal Literacy Clubs in all the colleges in Trichy and the meeting held at District Legal Service Authority, Trichy District Court Campus.



Tmt.A.Geetha, Secretary, Sub-Judge, District Legal Service Authority, Trichy interacting with the representatives from different colleges.



Principal District Judge and Chairman Thiru.S.Kumaraguru and Tmt.A.Geetha, Secretary, Sub-Judge, District Legal Service Authority, Trichy addressing the gathering during Legal awareness camp.



Legal awareness camp



Principal District Judge and Chairman Thiru.S.Kumaraguru and Tmt.A.Geetha, Secretary, Sub-Judge, District Legal Service Authority, Trichy inaugurating legal Literacy Club at Cauvery College for Women.



Tmt.A.Geetha, Secretary, Sub-Judge, District Legal Service Authority, Trichy addressing the members of Legal Literacy Club after the inauguration.



Ms.M.Indhumathi, District Legal Service Authority. Trichy tanking class for the members of Legal Literacy Club on Women and Law.



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Mr.S.Martin, Advocate, Trichy District court addressing the gathering on Laws on Women.



Members of the Legal Literacy Club Visit to New Model Legal Services Camp organised by District Legal Service Authority. Trichy.



Ms.M.Indhumathi, District Legal Service Authority. Trichy addressing Introduction to Legal Services and Women Laws.



Mrs.Geetha, Sub Judge and advocates from Trichy district court helping rural women in their legal issues.



Principal District Judge and Chairman Thiru.S.Kumaraguru and advocates, District Legal Service Authority, Trichy explaining the functioning of District Legal Service Authority to the members of Legal Literacy Club.



Ms.Yasodha, Family Counsellor, SOCEAD, Trichy explaining the familial problems dealt in the court to the members of Legal Literacy Club



Thiru M.Nagappan, Judicial Magistrate addressing the gathering on Cyber Crime