

**Proceedings of the seminar
on
"Domestic Violence: An Issue of Concern"**

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Haryana Institute of Public Administration organized a Seminar on "Domestic Violence: An Issue of Concern" in which eminent and distinguished experts and panelists participated. The proceedings opened with welcome address by Director HIPA , Mrs. Rajni Sekhri Sibal ,IAS, where she welcomed the dignitaries and participants in the Seminar .. The keynote address was delivered by Mrs. Kanwaljit Deol, IPS, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat wherein she elaborated on the enforcement aspect of Domestic Violence Act and informed that the Enforcement aspect is grossly inadequate for the implementation of this Act. We need special court and more judges to handle cases under Domestic Violence Act.

Sh.G.V.Gupta,IAS (Retd.) and Prof. D.Banerjea , Ex. Chief Coordinator, School of Criminal Justice & Administration , National University Juridical , Calcutta gave an enlightened presentation on Domestic Violence. The other panelists including Mrs. Vrinda Grover, Executive Director, MARG , Mrs. Veena Eagleton, IAS (Retd.) Chairperson, Vidya Roshan Charitable Trust elaborated on the myths and facts about domestic violence and the salient features of this Act.

The Seminar Was attended by a wide variety of informed people coming from allover Haryana and Delhi which included Probation officer cum- Child Marriage Probation Officer ; CDPOs ; local leaders , elected representatives of Urban Local Bodies etc.

The Proceedings were followed by a lively discussion. The crux of the proceedings was that the subject has not received as much attention as it ought to. A well coordinated National efforts should be made to tackle the evil effectively. Shri R.S.Kharb, Joint Director , HIPA , propose a vote of thanks.