

Summary of business conducted in the sensitization
workshop on the issue of Human Trafficking held for
the Judicial Officers & others, on 19th April, 2015,
at District Court, Sangli.

As proposed by "Justice and Care", and permitted by Hon'ble High Court, the special sensitization workshop on the issue of Human Trafficking for the Judicial Officers and others was held on 19th April, 2015 in the hall of Bar Association, Sangli. The said workshop was attended by the Judicial Officers of the District as well as the District Government Pleader, other public prosecutors and police prosecutors in the entire district as also by officials of other departments and social workers. Over 80 officers attended this workshop. The workshop was proved to be successful by attendance and participation of concerned officers.

The workshop was presided over by the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Sangli, Shri A.D.Upadhye. The main resource person for the workshop was Ms. Michelle Mendonca, the Director of said "Justice and Care" professional team. All the Judicial Officers reported at 09.30 a.m. After refreshment and tea the actual working of the workshop started at 10.00 a.m.

The functioning of the workshop started by lightening of traditional lamp at the auspicious hands of the Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shri A.D.Upadhye, Ms.Michelle Mendonca, Director, Partnerships of Justice and

Care, the District Government Pleader, the Addl.District Collector, Sangli, the Deputy Superintendent of Police and other dignitaries.

Floral welcome of Shri A.D.Upadhye, Principal District Judge, Sangli was done by Mrs.K.S.Hore, D.J.-2 & Addl. Sessions Judge, Islampur. The floral welcome of Shri Vijaykumar Pawar, Asstt. District Collector, Sangli, was done by Shri G.S.Shegaonkar, Adhoc DJ.-1, Sangli. The floral welcome Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sangli, was done by Shri C.P.Bhagwat, Jt.C.J.J.D. & J.M.F.C., Vita. The floral welcome of Adv. Ms. Michelle Mendonca was done by Mrs.N.S.Shinde, 2nd Jt.Civil Judge, Sr.Dn., Sangli. Floral welcome of Nehal Parekh was done by Shri K.C.Mane, Jt.C.J.J.D., Shirala and floral welcome of Shri C.D.Mane, D.GP, Sangli, as done by Shri P.R.Rane, Civil Judge, Jr.Dn., Miraj.

After floral welcome of the dignitaries, the welcome speech was delivered by Shri A.D.Upadhye, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Sangli. In the welcome speech he briefly pointed out the nature and also the importance of the ITPA Act. He stated that the right against exploitation is guaranteed by the Constitution (Article 23). He referred to the present state of affairs in society and the increase in the crimes of human trafficking. He also insisted for deep study of the Act for application thereof to the cases under the Act. He expressed thanks to the NGO Justice and Care for arranging the workshop in the district and appealed to the audience to participate in the discussion.

Thereafter, the first session of the workshop started at 10.15 a.m. In this session, firstly Ms. Michelle Mendonca introduced the role of their team in supporting the victims of trafficking and other forms of injustice. She stated the system needs to be reformed for giving justice to the victims of human trafficking. She stated that conviction rate of cases under the ITPA Act is just 9%. According to her trafficking is not a victimless crime and there are many forms of trafficking i.e. for child labour, force for marriage, commercial sexual exploitation, for adoption, for begging and also for purpose of organ donation. She narrated about the trafficking supply chain consisting of source, transit and destination. She also stated elements behind the crime such as poverty, ignorance, domestic violence, gender imbalance, etc. She also made power point presentation on the screen. She also stated about presumptions under the Act and punishments prescribed by said law.

Thereafter, her colleague Nehal Parekh addressed to the audience on the point of 'Trauma'. She referred to understanding of trauma, what causes trauma, stages and legal procedure of rescue operation. She referred to the rescue team consisting of special police officer, etc.

In second sessions of workshop after tea, Ms. Michel Mendonca spoke about the pre-trial stage, trial stage, and also referred to rehabilitation, reintegration and prevention forms. She pointed out necessity of recording of

statements under Sec.164 of Cr.P.C. She also read out the guidelines of Hon'ble Apex Court in various cases on the points of victim's statement, discrepancies, delay, falsehood as regards grant of bail, framing of charge, trial and punishment in such cases. The attendants could understand the subject due to the eloquent speech of Ms.Mendonca and the effective power point presentation.

Thereafter, Nehal Parekh stated about the rehabilitation, reintegration and prevention factors.

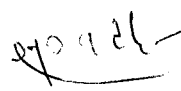
Thereafter there was discussions and some questions raised were discussed. The over all workshop was proved to be useful and helpful for the Judicial Officers, Government Pleaders, police prosecutors, social workers and officials of concerned departments.

Lastly the vote of thanks were offered by Smt.A.D.Deo, D.J.-4 & Asstt.Sessions Judge, Sangli. The anchoring of entire workshop was done by Shri S.R.Navandar, ad-hoc D.J.-3 Sangli. After the lunch, the workshop was over.

Hence the summary of business of this special workshop.

Sangli.

Date : 23.04.2015.


(A.D.Upadhye)
Principal District and
Sessions Judge, SANGLI.
