

Sex Workers Community is the one which is usually avoided and ignored.

In order to break this notion of stigmatization and create awareness about the rights and issues faced by sex workers, The Paripoorti Cell of our college in collaboration with Maharashtra Women Commission had organized one day workshop on “Rights Of Sex Workers: Problems and Solutions.”

The event began with lamp lighting ceremony followed by the introductory speech of student representative of Paripoorti Department giving the brief history, objective and activities undertaken by paripoorti Cell. There were three eminent resource person to address the gathering.

Starting with the gathering was addressed by Dr. Abhijit Dhere, Professor at MIT College, Pune. He extensively spoke about the sociological impacts on the sex workers community. It was an extremely engaging intellectual discourse wherein the need of change in the mindset of the society in order to let the sex workers be treated as human beings was emphasized.

The second speaker for the day was Smt. Sayali Shankar, being associated to the research sector at University, ma'am explained in depth the gender and sex inter link and the differences. She vividly spoke from the sociological viewpoint in reference to sex workers community and laid vital importance covering the atrocities faced by the said community.

The last speaker for the day was Adv. Yashpal Purohit. Sir, being in the legal field and having practical experience brought in a different angle to the earlier discussion. The entire discussion was surrounded on the need for proper legal protection and awareness which should be facilitated to these community and major landmark judgements by Supreme Court on matters relating to sex workers were also discussed.

Overall, the entire lecture series was highly enriching for all the students. The event was a huge success wherein the objective of inclusivity and better understanding of the current position of sex workers in the society was achieved. students were made to think and ponder on the questions like :Is Indian society ready for legalization of sex work?