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ON

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE IN INDIA-SOCIO-LEGAL ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND OUR PRIORITIES IN THE GLOBAL MODERNISED WORLD

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ON 25TH AND 26TH OF APRIL, 2024

ORGANISED

BY



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Professor of Sociology)
Presidency University

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Dr. Arunkumar Maiti
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TIME- 10 am onwards

VENUE- A.K. BASAK AUDITORIUM (Presidency University, Kolkata)



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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Founded in the heart of the City of Joy by none other than Rastraguru Surendranath Banerjea, in 1885, now stands as one of India's Oldest law College, Surendranath Law College. Adding to its hundred and thirty-seven years of glorious history, this college has presented India with some of her finest gems as the name connotes Dr. Rajendra Prasad (The first President of India), Shri Harendra Kumar (The first Governor of West Bengal), Justice Bijan Kumar Mukherjee (the first Bengali Chief Justice of India) and many other luminaries and eminent personalities. Since its inception, this college has produced and continues to produce many legal luminaries, academicians as well as corporate personalities. The College today aspires to provide quality education to students of all sections of society without any kind of discrimination and to enable them to stand up to the challenges of the new millennium with courage and conviction. The college has claimed its place among various universities of India by bagging many Gold Medals in academics. Let's not forget about the brilliance demonstrated by the students of Surendranath Law College in moot court, speaking arts, literary arts, quiz, sports, music, dance, fashion and even fields like technology and e-sports.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Presidency University, which is based in Kolkata, is one of the nation's oldest academic establishments. After being founded as Hindu College in 1855, it was renamed Presidency College, and in 2010 it was given university status. The University has a long tradition of academic achievement and has sent out many notable figures in a variety of professions. Presidency University, which is well-known for its dedication to the liberal arts and sciences, has a thriving student body as well as a distinguished staff. With a blend of tradition and modernity, Presidency University remains a beacon of education in the cultural capital of India.

Presidency University has always been a torch bearer of social service over the prestigious decades of its being. NSS is a step forward for fulfilling our notion. The best college must have the best features to brighten the students' future. The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a Central Sector Scheme of Government of India under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The NSS Cell in Presidency University was first introduced in the year 2014 with 200 students and now there are 313 students stronger with three Units. The nine years of NSS in the Presidency University has added to sustainable and ecological living, higher standards of learning with awareness drives, celebrating Yoga Day and health camps special camps for the welfare of both students and society. One of the best Universities like ours have also actively participated with its NSS Cell in spreading Covid19 awareness in all possible ways. The NSS Units had also stood by the society through community kitchen and distribution of medicines. These nine fulfilling years is the citadel for the future generation of students. Presidency University are not just making futures, but also building a citizen friendly society. The dream of a successful and peaceful society is no more a dream.



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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The demographic shift in India predicts a significant increase in the elderly population due to declining fertility rates and improved healthcare, with estimates suggesting that by 2050, 19.1% of the population will be above 60 years old. This demographic change brings forth various age-related health challenges such as memory loss, cognitive decline, and arthritis.

To address the concerns of the aging population, the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 (MWPSA Act, 2007) was enacted. This legislation obliges children or legal heirs to provide financial security and care for elderly parents, backed by Maintenance Tribunals at the district level. Additionally, voluntary societies registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 assist elderly citizens in filing complaints at these tribunals.

The MWPSA Act also emphasizes the role of the State in providing healthcare facilities, including medical assistance and old age homes, while safeguarding the property rights of the elderly. Failure to comply with the Act can result in legal consequences, such as imprisonment or fines for the children or legal heirs.

However, despite the provisions of the MWPSA Act, certain loopholes exist. For instance, the Act primarily focuses on the obligation of children or legal heirs, leaving elderly individuals vulnerable to mistreatment by in-laws. Moreover, the maintenance allowance of Rs. 10,000 may be insufficient for elderly individuals requiring long-term palliative care. Cases have been reported of elderly individuals being abandoned or mistreated by their children, highlighting the need for stronger protection measures.

This seminar aims to address these loopholes and challenges faced by the elderly population in India. By engaging various stakeholders, including civic society, caregivers, medical experts, social workers, and youth, the seminar seeks to initiate a dialogue to improve the socio-legal framework and enhance the overall experience of aging in India. The ultimate goal is to formulate new policies that bridge the existing gaps and ensure the well-being and dignity of senior citizens in the country.

This seminar would address the existing loopholes in the MWPSA Act (2007) and point out the challenges faced by the elderly population of the country by highlighting various instances. The aim of the seminar will be to initiate a multi-stakeholder conversation that will include civic society, caregivers, medical experts, social workers and youth in order to impart knowledge about the socio-legal framework that exists for the elderly people in India. The seminar will also pave the way for reformulating new policies by addressing the existing gaps and improving the overall experience of ageing in India.



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OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINAR

1. To create awareness of a geriatric-friendly society and promote initiatives to sensitize the youth about the legal frameworks surrounding geriatric care and well-being.
2. To impart legal knowledge to the caregivers and family members in society and actively engage the civic society in preventing mishaps of old patients in public spaces.
3. To advocate for policy reforms that would address the gaps in existing socio-legal frameworks by holding discussions about the topic.
4. To introduce a multi-stakeholder initiative where the civic society, caregivers, medical experts, social workers and citizens can actively engage in dealing with the needs and challenges of old people in society.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- To provide an international platform where the civic society, caregivers, medical experts, social workers, and citizens can actively engage in dealing with ageing in society.
- To introduce policies at global scales that would address the challenges faced by the sunset population of the world.
- To forge cross-sectional global ties between multiple stakeholders, such as caregivers, healthcare providers, social workers, civic volunteers, NGOs, Government and citizens involved in the process to develop holistic strategies for elderly care.
- To engage the global community in advocating for the rights of the elderly and meet the needs of the elderly population of the world.

TITLE- PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE IN INDIA-SOCIO-LEGAL ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND OUR PRIORITIES IN THE GLOBAL MODERNISED WORLD

THEMES AND SUB-THEMES FOR PAPER PRESENTATION

- Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and Amendments
- Role of children, family members and caregivers in managing old patient
- Food, nutrition and care of old patients
- Financial and other prolonged stress as a cause of illness among elderly population
- Perception of ageing among women of urban and rural areas
- Life expectancy and dementia
- Understanding the legal rights and protection of older adults
- Property rights and eviction prevention for elderly people
- Comparison of rural and urban areas in understanding legal rights



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- Stigma and marginalization of the elderly people
- Recreation in old age and community activities
- Role of civil society in engaging old people in daily lives
- Migration and old age
- Language barriers, adapting to a new cultural environment in old age
- Familial structures and abuse causing depression and anxiety among old people
- Poverty and structure of care for old people
- Self- care among old people
- Knowledge and awareness about the rights of the elderly in India
- Anti-age discrimination laws at work place and flexible work set-up

CALL FOR PAPERS

Faculty members from Universities and Colleges, Project Fellows, Researchers, Postgraduate & under-graduate students are welcome to contribute their abstract and full paper on the sub-themes or related topics for the Seminar. The papers shall be of 8000 words only. The last date of submitting the abstract is **22nd April, 2024** at the given mail Id- snlc.extensioncommittee@gmail.com. Contact for help- 9830389466 (Prof. Sumita Saha)/ 9804394849 (Prof. Mery Biswas)

REGISTRATION DETAILS

For participation, registration is mandatory. Only registered participants will be allowed to take part in the Seminar.

- Participants must make sure of their presence in the Seminar throughout its entirety.
- Attendance shall be solicited during the first day as well as the second day of the Seminar via Google Forms.
- Successful submission of the Google Form attendance on both days along with the registration will make an individual eligible for an E-certificate.
- All the participants shall register themselves for the Seminar.
- Participants opting for paper submission shall attach an abstract while registering themselves.
- Every participant registering must join the WhatsApp Group through the link provided in the Google Form at the time of registration.
- Registration fees: No Registration fees are required.



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DAY 1: 25TH APRIL, 2024

SCHEDULE: 10 AM TO 3:30 PM

PHASE-I

TIME

10-10:15 AM

TOPIC

Keynote address

CHIEF GUEST

Hon'ble Justice Biswaroop Chowdhury
High Court Calcutta

TIME

10:15-10:30 AM

TOPIC

Keynote Address

SPEAKER

Dr. Arunkumar Maiti
Programme Advisor
(Dean of Students, Presidency University)

10:30- 10:45 AM

Keynote address

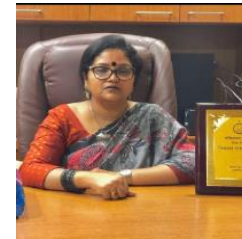
Prof. Sumita Saha
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Professor at Department of Sociology
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10:45- 11 AM

Keynote address

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BREAK- 11-11:30 AM

PHASE-II

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
11:30- 12:30 PM	Impact of Migration of the Young on the Elderly Persons in Kerala	S.Irudaya Rajan Chairman International Institute of Migration and Development
		
12:30-1pm Talukdar	Life expectancy and Dementia	Prof. Arunangshu (Head of the Department of Geriatrics) Medical College Kolkata
		
1-1:30 PM	Protection of Legal Rights of Elderly population in India: Welfare and Maintenance of parents and senior citizens Act, 2007	Prof (Dr.) Kavita Singh Professor of Law Criminal Justice System in WBNUJS Kolkata



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LUNCH BREAK- 1:30-2:30 PM

PHASE-III: INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER

TIME

TOPIC

SPEAKER

2:30-3:30 PM

[The Rights of Older people in World](#)

Bianca Brijnath

University of Melbourne, Australia

Director Social Gerontology,

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Honorary Professor, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health

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DAY 2: 26TH APRIL, 2024

SCHEDULE: 10 AM TO 2:30 PM

PHASE-I

TIME

TOPIC

SPEAKER

10-10:15 AM

“Food and Mental health of Geriatric population” **Dr. Anindita Ray (Chakravarti)**
“Food for Thought”

Head of the Department
(Food and Nutrition)
Maharani Kasiswari College
University of Calcutta



10:15- 10:30 AM

“Living with an Ailment: A Sociological Exploration of the Elderly People Living in Conflict Zones” **Prof. (Dr.) Azra Abidi**

Head of the Department
Sociology

Jamia University, Central University, New Delhi





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TIME

TOPIC

SPEAKER

10:30-10:45AM

Ageing Alone: Challenges and network systems of elderly living alone in urban India

Dr Jagriti Gangopadhyay
Assistant Professor
Coordinator of Center for Women's Studies MCH



10:45- 11AM

Negotiating the Self, Family, and Life Course amidst New Visions of Growing Old: Class Based Engagement

Dr. Nilanjana Goswami
Assistant Professor, Sociology
Bits Pillani, Goa



11-11:15 AM

Framing elder care through a care justice approach: Cleavages, conundrums and ethical future

Dr. Sayendri Panchadhyayi
MA, MPhil, PhD (Sociology)
Visiting Faculty
National Law School of India University (NLSIU)
Bangalore



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TIME

TOPIC

SPEAKER

11:15-11:30 AM

Ageing and labour market outcome in India

Dr. Jayeeta Deshmukh

**Assistant Professor
Department of Economics
Presidency University**



11:30- 11:45 AM

**Rights and Security for people Living
With Dementia**

Nilanjana Maulik

**Secretary General
ARDSI, Calcutta Chapter**



TEA BREAK: 11:45AM - 12 NOON

PHASE-II

- **Paper presentations**



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TIME- 12 noon -1 PM

LUNCH BREAK- 1- 2 PM

PHASE- III

- **CLOSING EVENT**

Vote of Thanks- 2-2:15 PM

Closing Ceremony- 2:15-2:30 PM

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- Shradha Sen (Surendranath Law College Student Union President)

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