

Press Release

Men's Rights Activists converge to demand Equality for Men!

- Participants from all over the country gather for two day for the 10th National Conference on Men's Issues.
- They discuss issues such as matrimony, law, justice, health, reproduction, adoption and property rights of men.
- Focus is to make the world better place for men.
- Sufferings and pain of men highlighted all over.
- Veteran activists stress the need for support system for men.
- Lack of research and data on men's issues to be overcome by promoting research fellowships.
- Attempts to criminalize matrimonial relationship in the name of marital rape law discussed and condemned.

The 10th National Conference on Men's Rights and their Issues opened in the city on Saturday morning. The two day conference is being organized by the Save Indian Family (SIF), the umbrella organization of the men's rights activists and various organizations in the country and abroad. The first day was agog with the enthusiasm of the men's rights activists converging from all over the country to raise their voices for men's induced by the strong bias of the system that brought these men and their well wishers together. Anupam Dubey, the Organising Secretary of the event told that having overcome the initial pain, the activists are now determined to fight back and claim their rightful dues. The issues relating to matrimony, law, justice, health, reproduction, adoption and property rights of men were never even discussed. They are the focus of this event.

On the occasion various stalwarts of the Men's Rights Movement (MRM) descended to interact with and prepare the future activists of the MRM. Neeladri Das a veteran activist and founder of the SIF stressed the need for help & support system for males. Indian society lives under the unexplained dogma that men don't need support and are tough enough to face the adversaries in life. As the society witnesses' massive rise in false

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cases being filed by women of malicious intent, a large number of men and their families feel helpless and trapped in the labyrinth of legal corridors. Fake cases of rape, dowry, molestation & stalking etc are used by unscrupulous women to settle personal scores. Although the officials have enough information and proof of the ground realities of these fake cases, they are willing to do little or nothing to help the men. Due to long standing litigation, men lose money, time and health. There is no official support system to listen to their pain and address their sufferings. Shielding behind matrimony & other civil & criminal laws, evil minded women even attempt to usurp the property of men. Men are expected to draft a will that would come handy and useful after them.

Amit Deshpande of Vaastav Foundation, Mumbai discussed the need for formal research on men's issues. It would surprise all, that the government has no official data on the health, education, economic status and other issues related to men. Even the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) only collected data on the health of women and children. This is beyond logical understanding that why men were left out of the statistics? Deshpande proposed starting research fellowship in this area. Narrating his experiences in doing so previously, he suggested that Universities and research institutions should be encouraged to promote research on issues concerning the males.

Amit Lakhani, the Founder Trustee of Men Welfare Trust, Delhi talked about the challenges he faced in contesting a petition seeking to make marital rape a criminal offense in India. He explained the contents of the PIL, the relief sought and the faulty averments advanced by the petitioners before the Delhi High Court. Lakhani said that the relief sought in the petition is already available in the Indian Law. The petitioners have presented all cooked up facts to seek a relief which would further criminalize matrimony to the detriment of men.

Earlier in the day, the event started with participants from all over the country registering for this mega event. Suresh Ram from Chennai, TR Partha from Hyderabad, Abhay from Kolkatta, Rohit Dogra from Punjab, Dileep Sarkar from Tripura, Dr. Vivek Agarwal from Bareilly, Sumant Mishra from Bhopal, Gaurav Bhattacharya from Kanpur and hundreds of volunteers reported for the event. Interestingly, there are a good number of women participants like Dr. Indu Subhash & Sarita Singh from Lucknow, Kalavati Patel from Ahmedabad.

Regards,

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