

## **One-Day Legal Awareness Program on** **"Breaking Barriers: Understanding Gender Equity and Girls' Rights"**

**Date:** October 8, 2024

**Venue:** Rajeswari Vedachalam Government Arts and Science College, Chengalpattu

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### **Introduction**

- On October 8, 2024, Crescent Legal Aid Committee organized a Legal Awareness Program titled "Breaking Barriers: Understanding Gender Equity and Girls' Rights." This initiative aimed to empower students with knowledge on gender equity and girls' rights, addressing pressing issues surrounding women's rights in India. The event was a collaborative effort involving Crescent School of Law's Legal Aid Committee, faculty coordinators, and student coordinators, under the guidance of the Dean of Crescent School of Law, Dr. C. Chockalingam.

### **Event Highlights**

- **Ceremonial Start:**  
The event began with the "Tamil Thai Vazhthu" and a lamp-lighting ceremony, symbolizing the formal inauguration. The Dean delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the importance of gender equity and quoting renowned social reformers for inspiration.
- **Guest Felicitations and Presidential Address:**  
Mrs. A.S. Kumari, Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu State Women's Commission, delivered the presidential address. She discussed gender equity laws, dowry prevention, sexual harassment, and the importance of self-respect, drawing insights from social reformer Thanthai Periyar.



### **Handing Over of Sanitary Napkin Vending & Disposal Machine**

- A key focus of the event was the handing over of five sanitary napkin vending and disposal machine to Rajeswari Vedachalam Government Arts and Science College, Chengalpattu. This initiative, generously sponsored by both faculty and student coordinators, underscored the program's commitment to promoting women's health and hygiene in educational institutions.
- The machine was officially handed over by the Dean, alongside faculty and student



organizers, symbolizing proactive steps toward addressing menstrual health challenges faced by young women. The initiative not only provides necessary hygiene resources but also contributes to the ongoing efforts to normalize conversations around menstrual health, which is essential for achieving gender equity.

## Key Sessions

### 1. Session by Mr. P.B. Prince Gajendra Babu:

Addressing gender equity, Mr. Babu utilized Tamil literature to underscore cultural values related to gender equity and highlighted the fundamental rights of women.

### 2. Session by Mrs. Poongodi Prakash:

Mrs. Prakash discussed domestic violence laws, helpline services, and provided information on support mechanisms for issues like stalking and forced marriages.

## Conclusion

- The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. M.A. Saleem Ahmed and Mr. K. Raja Rajan, followed by the national anthem. Faculty and student coordinators played a pivotal role in making the event a success, fostering a deeper understanding among students on critical gender equity issues.

## Acknowledgments

Special thanks to the dignitaries, speakers, organizers, and participants for their contributions to this enlightening and impactful event.

## Coordinators

### ➤ Faculty Coordinators:

Dr. M.A. Saleem Ahmed, Ms. J. Tamilselvi, Mr. J. Perumalsamy, Ms. G. Banupriya

### ➤ Student Coordinators:

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**One Day Legal Awareness Program On**

**BREAKING BARRIERS:**

**"UNDERSTANDING GENDER EQUITY AND GIRLS' RIGHTS"**

**08th October 2024 @ 10.00 AM**

**Venue -**

**Rajeswari Vedachalam Government Arts college, Chengalpet -603001**

**Chief Guest**

**Mrs. A.S.Kumari**  
Chairperson of Tamilnadu State Commission for Women

**Special Guest**

**Mrs S.Sangeetha**  
District Social welfare office, Chengalpet collectorate

**Dr. P.K Killivalavan**  
Principal of Rajeswari vedachalam government arts college, chengalpet

**key speakers**

**Mr. P. B. Prince Gajendra Babu**  
General Secretary State platform for common school system - Tamilnadu

**Mrs. Poongodi Prakash**  
Center administrator Department of social welfare and women empowerment

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