



Press Release

National Library Of India & International Justice Mission Organized A Panel Discussion To Mark International Women's Day

Kolkata, 7th March, 2020: National Library of India, Kolkata, and International Justice Mission (IJM), organized a panel discussion on **“I Am Generation Equality: Realising Women's Rights”** at the National Library to mark this year's **International Women's Day**.

Dignitaries present on the occasion were Mr PL Sahu, Joint Secretary (Libraries), MoC& DG, National Library of India, Ms Swati Bhattacharya, Senior Editor, Anandabazar Patrika & Author, Ms. Usri Roy, Executive Director Of Savhera, Ms. Elizabeth Koshy, Lead Social Serving Training, IJM, Mr Saji Philip, Director of Operations, IJM, and Mr Mathew Joji, Director, Strategy and Communications, IJM.

“Talking about gender parity, a lot has been done by the Central and State governments and a lot has to be done. We want to bring men and women on an equal parliament” said **Mr PL Sahu, Joint Secretary (Libraries), MoC& DG, National Library of India**.

Ms Swati Bhattacharjee, Senior Editor, Ananda Bazar Patrika & Author, stressed on the importance of education at the panel discussion. She emphasized on how generation equality is an interesting phrase as it reflects on how we can make books more relevant, learning more relevant and useful in the lives of girls.

“When it comes to empowering women, and closing the gap, it is important we start from the grass root level”, said **Ms Usri Roy, Executive Director Of Savhera, India**.

The panelists shared their insights from their personal and professional endeavours and eventually affirmed to elevate women's and children's rights.

“If education is not useful for the good of the society as a whole, then it is pointless. Do not be silent. Silence is one place where violence can breed. It is the time to speak up for equality”, said **Mr Saji Philip, Director of Operations, International Justice Mission**.

About International Justice Mission:

International Justice Mission (IJM) is a global organization that protects the poor from violence throughout the developing world. IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims of violence, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems. Since 2006, IJM Kolkata has been working alongside government agencies to rescue and rehabilitate victims of sex trafficking, prosecute offenders and train public justice officials.

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