



2020

# Prajnya 16 Days Campaign against Gender Violence REPORT



# Overview

Thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Prajnya 16 Days Campaign against Gender Violence was an all-digital effort. That did not diminish our creativity or outreach, we think. We continued to pilot innovative formats, new partnerships and audiences and new platforms. Our ability record and archive online extends our reach manifold and turns this into a 365-day Campaign.

Thank you for your support and your interest! The most important work we do is to expand the community of those who believe that we must end the silence around gender violence and build a violence-free society. You make it possible.

This is a brief report. You can [read detailed accounts here](#).

## Campaign Partners in 2020



**Day 1: November 25, 2020**  
**2020 Prajnya Gender Violence in India Report**  
**launch webinar**



**2020 Report highlights:**

- COVID-19 impact
- Caste and gender violence intersection
- New sections on custodial violence and violence against LGBTIQ+ persons.

A panel discussion was held to launch the 2020 Gender Violence in India Report. Kausumi Saha, who curated and authored the report, presented its highlights, including the COVID-19 pandemic impact on gender-based violence. Semmalar Selvi, who contributed an essay on the intersection of caste and gender-based violence spoke about the politics of such violence. Eminent scholar, Dr. Kalpana Kannabiran, commented on the 2020 report and made some broader remarks on gender violence and its context in India.

Access the 2020 Gender Violence Report here:  
<http://prajnya.in/storage/app/media/gvr2020.pdf>

# Day 2: November 26, 2020

## Spotlight on the ILO C190

### Violence and Harassment Convention

ILO C190 is a landmark labour rights norm, directly addressing workplace violence. This 2020 Campaign information initiative comprised three series of slides with relevant content. The first highlighted the Convention; the second contained information relating to the workplace sexual harassment law in India, using resource created by Prajnya over the years, and the last drew on a webinar series on 'Gender and the Changing World of Work,' held earlier this year.

The Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (ILO C190) recognizes

"the right of everyone to a world of work free from violence and harassment, including gender-based violence and harassment."

Excerpts from



"Despite remote access to each other, complaints of sexual harassment registered during the pandemic range from calls at odd hours, unwarranted requests for video calls, gender biased comments and inappropriate language used in a team meeting."



**FRIEDRICH BERTELSMANN** GENDER AND THE CHANGING WORLD OF WORK A Webinar Series

What our speakers said

**“**

Women are time-poor... Employment policies are only partial unless we work on the care economy infrastructure, because time poverty affects income poverty.

**”**

Dr. Lekha Chakraborty  
National Institute of Public Finance and Policy



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# Day 3: November 27, 2020

## Spotlight on Gender Violence and Militarisation: New Resource

Taking note of how much content is now circulated and consumed on WhatsApp and developed a series of six (very) short video presentations that can be easily shared.



# Day 4: November 28, 2020

## Labyrinth



"Labyrinth" is a policy design simulation game designed for Prajnya by Hemant Shivakumar of Round One. The ten participants in the game had to find a solution for a city's rising gender violence problem.

We received very positive feedback from the participants, As one said, "Thank you so much for thinking of me and for inviting me to Labyrinth. It was challenging and so invigorating."



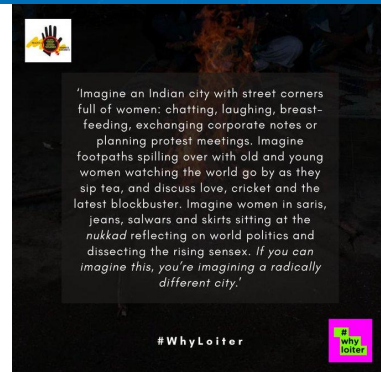
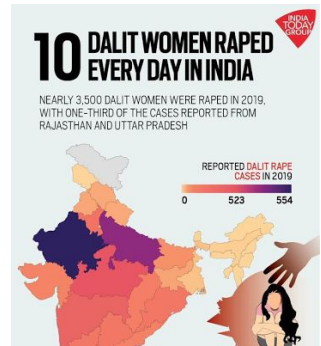
# Day 5: November 29, 2020

## Friends@Prajnya

### Twitter Takeover 1

We invited friends to take over our Twitter account for the day and tweet on issues they work on:

- Priyanka Samy, GBV: Mainstreaming Issues of Marginalised Women
- Radhika Radhakrishnan, Countering Gender-Based Violence Online
- Sameera Khan and Shilpa Phadke of “Why Loiter?,” A Movement To Reclaim Public Spaces



# Day 6: November 30, 2020 இணைவோம், கதைப்போம்



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## இணைவோம், கதைப்போம்

நவம்பர் 2019ல் நடைபெற்ற உள் புகார் குழு உறுப்பினர்களுக்கான பயிற்சியின்  
மறுசுடுகை மற்றும் மதிப்பாய்வு

நவம்பர் 30, 2020, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

மேலும் தகவல்களுக்கு [programmes.prajnya@gmail.com](mailto:programmes.prajnya@gmail.com) / 9790810351 தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள்



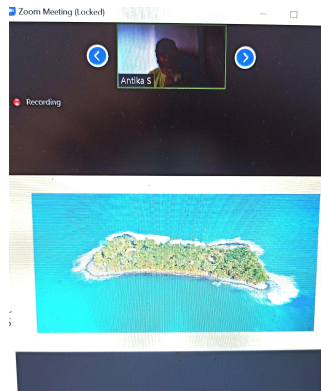
"Inaivom, Kathaippom" was a reunion and review session for those who participated in Prajnya's 2019 training session for those serving as External/ NGO members on Internal Committees. Ten persons attended and shared their IC and their lockdown experiences with us and each other.



# Day 7: December 1, 2020

## Inclusive Equality: A Workshop

Project Raise of the Equal Community Foundation conducted a workshop in which they shared insights from their work and offered strategies for including men and boys in the journey towards gender equality and a violence-free world.



Project Raise and Prajnya also collaborated on a social media campaign, #WhyWait, where Project Raise partners shared what they did to promote gender equality, and Prajnya posted a series of graphics urging people not to wait for a special event or law before taking the initiative to promote gender equality.

# Day 8: December 2, 2020

## The Violence of Heteronormativity: A Symposium



Orinam brought together this power-packed panel as part of the 2020 Campaign: Maya Sharma, Vikalp; Deepthi K., Orinam; Mridul Dudeja, The LABIA Collective; and Suchaita Tenneti, Ph.D. student.

Speakers discussed heteronormativity itself--how it manifests and what its consequences are, and then ways in which it is internalised and enforced, including curative violence.

Watch the [panel discussion here](#).

Watch individual presentations separately [here](#).

# Day 9: December 3, 2020

## International Day for People with Disabilities



SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES IN INDIA  
December 3, 2020



Shanta Memorial  
Rehabilitation Centre and  
Prajnya collaborated to  
produce a small booklet on  
SGBV against Women with  
Disabilities in India.

Access the resource as [PDF](#). A  
document version is accessible  
here. Email us at  
[prajnyatrust@gmail.com](mailto:prajnyatrust@gmail.com) for a  
Word version.

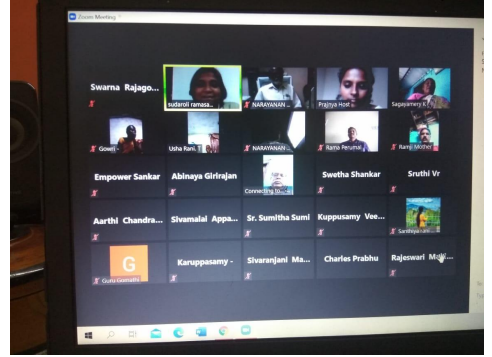


SMRC and Prajnya also  
collaborated to organise and  
record a panel discussion on  
“The Pandemic and Violence  
against Women with  
Disabilities: Communities and  
Inclusion.” Dr. Renu Adlakha  
and Nidhi Goyal were in  
conversation with Dr. Nandini  
Ghosh.

You can [view the video](#) here.

# Day 10: December 4, 2020

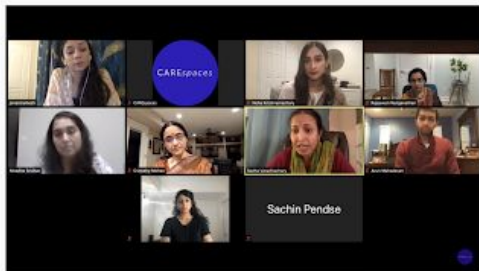
## சுற்றத்தில் நோய், இல்லத்தில் வன்முறை



Thirty-three districts were represented by 24 NGOs in this afternoon of sharing and discussion about the incidence of domestic violence and experience of support service provision and help-seeking during the pandemic. From the field accounts shared, it was clear that not just domestic violence but other forms of violence, especially child marriage and child sexual abuse, were on the rise in this time of lockdown. Participants agreed that mutual communication and collective action were required.

# Day 11: December 5, 2020

## Boundary-setting & Safety in the Indian Arts: A Guided Discussion by CAREspaces



“Boundary-setting & Safety in the Indian Arts” was a guided, online discussion for parents on recognizing safety concerns, how to speak to children about it, and how to move forward to safety.

Janani Ramesh and Neha Krishnamachary, co-founders of CAREspaces, moderated.

Nivedita Sridhar, Radhamani Varadhachary, Rajeswari Satish, Srimathy Mohan, Meera Seshadri, and Arun Mahadevan were the panelists.

[Watch the discussion here.](#)

# Day 12: December 6, 2020

## Should we separate the art from the artiste? A Debate

SAHA hosted a debate on the following topic: Should we separate the art from the artiste? The idea was to explore different perspectives on how to think about issues concerning sexual harassment in the arts. The debate featured the following artistes: Akshay Anantapadmanabhan, Roopa Mahadevan, Shreya Devnath, Sikkil Gurucharan, Vidya Kalyanaraman and Vishnudev KS.



[Watch the debate here.](#)



# Day 13: December 7, 2020

## Friends@Prajnya

### Twitter Takeover 2

On a second day, we invited friends to take over our Twitter account for the day and tweet on issues they work on:

- Amba Salelkar and Akila RS, Workplace Sexual Harassment and the Law
- Kanmani Ray, Gender-Based Violence Against Transgender Persons
- Sharanya Sekaram, GBV and COVID-19 in Sri Lanka and Beyond



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9. Number.—Unless the contrary appears from the context, words importing the singular number include the plural number, and words importing the plural number include the singular number.

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11. “Person”.—The word “person” includes any Company or Association or body of persons, whether incorporated or not.



# Day 14: December 8, 2020

## பாலியல், சாதிய வன்முறை - இறுகிய பிணைப்பு



A powerful panel of speakers on the intricate intersection of caste and gender violence brought alive the continuing oppression that marks everyday life for a majority of Indians. The panelists were Shalin Maria Lawrence, Writer and activist; Priyadharshini, Founder, The Blue Club; Priya, People's Watch; Sukirtha Rani, Poet and writer; Kavin Malar, Journalist, and Vincent Kathir, Director, Evidence. The discussion was facilitated by Narmadha, Activist.

[You can watch the discussion here.](#)

# Day 15: December 9, 2020

## The Blue Pencil Workshop


Ranjitha Gunasekaran and Ragamalika Karthikeyan from the Network of Women in Media, India conducted a workshop on gender violence reportage. The workshop included an explication of gender-related concepts, media laws and best practices for gender violence reportage and gender sensitivity in journalism.

They curated a selection of resources for participants that is also available in the public domain.

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### The Blue Pencil

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#### Reporting gender based violence sensitively: Resources for journalists

Compiled by Ranjitha Gunasekaran and Ragamalika Karthikeyan

1. [Five simple rules for reporting on gender violence](#), by Prajnya Trust

The Blue Pencil is a media watch project to monitor reporting on gender violence. If you would like to contribute, email us at [bluepencil.prajnya@gmail.com](mailto:bluepencil.prajnya@gmail.com), introducing yourself.

#### Media resources by Prajnya

- [Five Simple Rules for Reporting Gender Violence](#)
- [Screening with Sensitivity: A Prajnya](#)

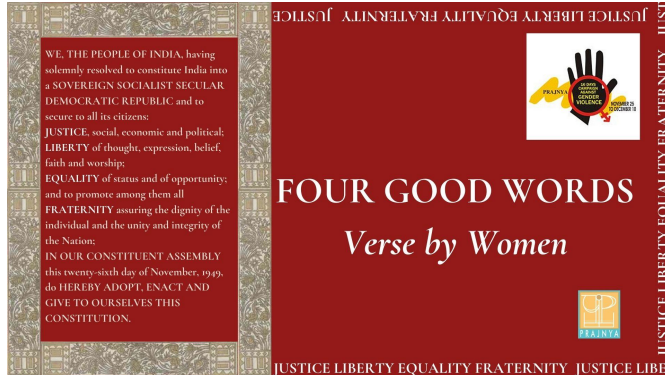
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- [Happening this morning at 10:30. Join us! You have to register: \[cutt.ly/yg4a-twtncr.com/mcarraj/status\]\(https://cutt.ly/yg4a-twtncr.com/mcarraj/status\)](#)

# Day 16: December 10, 2020

## Four Good Words

### Verse by Women



With K. Srilata's guidance and support, we were fortunate that nineteen poets contributed videos reading their poetry on themes related to core values of the Indian Constitution Preamble--Four Good Words--justice, equality, liberty and fraternity.

Bookmark the Four Good Words playlist on YouTube.

We are grateful to

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# 2020 Campaign Accounts

**Total donations received  
towards the 2020 Campaign:  
Rs. 44,662.70**

**Campaign Expenses:  
Rs. 19,013.00**

Since this was an all-digital campaign run by volunteers, we had expenses under two heads:

- Honoraria for speakers:  
Rs. 12,000
- Payment for contributions to the Gender Violence Report:  
Rs. 7,013

Rs. 25649.70 will be carried over to other gender violence awareness activities.

## List of Campaign Donors:

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**THANK YOU!**



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