



## Legal Awareness Program

### Objectives of the Program:

- To stimulate healthy intellectual conversations on sensitive topics such as domestic violence, child marriage, dowry, sexual harassment, rape, and so on..
- To sensitize participants about the legal provisions that govern these issues.
- To inform the participants about their rights as well as corresponding duties.
- To raise awareness of and reduce violence against women and children.
- To bridge the gap between Law and Society.

“Because I experienced it in silence...and couldn't understand what was wrong, for years, no one even knew or ever suspected that I was being harassed. Ranging from my relatives to a police man, from my father's office mates to men who had rented a room in our house... I suffered it all, not ever telling my parents, sister or friends. I was afraid that if anyone ever knew about it, they would hate me; the way I hated myself for I thought maybe something was wrong with my body. Though sexual harassment is a topic that our parents rarely talk about, it is an everyday phenomenon manifesting in different forms and degrees. It is important to act in defense when somebody touches your body in a way that you don't like, or throws nasty comments on you making you feel uncomfortable. You cannot act as if nothing ever happened. Because suffering in silence does not solve the problem; it only increases the risk of being harassed more.”- **Mohana Rajak, YBPW sister.**

Sexual harassment, rape, child marriage, dowry and domestic violence haunt and terrorize our society as well as the global world. It no longer can be hushed up or swept under the rugs. For the purpose of stirring up healthy intellectual conversations, we have embarked upon a journey of Law in Action. We have chosen to speak, rather than remaining silent spectators of social injustice.