

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
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Press Release

**Interactive session on Legal Literacy: A tool for Women Empowerment held  
at MCM**

**Chandigarh, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2017:** The Women Development Cell of MCM DAV College for Women organized an interactive session on 'Legal Literacy: A tool for Women Empowerment' today. The objective of the session was to empower women by generating awareness about the legal rights that they are entitled to. Sh. B.L. Sharma, IAS, Education Secretary, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest and Sh. R.K. Popli, PCS, Director Higher Education, Chandigarh was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. The speaker for the event was Advocate Ajay Jagga.

The function began with lamp lighting symbolizing gratitude towards Almighty. In his address, Sh. B.L. Sharma cited exemplary women right from Vedic ages to contemporary times to stress upon the importance of women in each and every aspect of life, and reiterated that a society that respects women progresses. Speaking on the occasion, Sh. R.K. Popli appreciated the efforts undertaken by MCM to empower its students and faculty. Terming women as creators and architects of society, Advocate Ajay Jagga said that it is an irony that even highly educated women are not aware about their legal rights. Sensitizing the participants about their legal rights, he said that a woman with a voice is a strong woman and it is the knowledge about one's legal rights that will make her voice stronger.

Informing the audience of the initiatives like self defense training, sensitization programmes, etc. being undertaken by MCM to empower its students, Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava said women are naturally endowed with the power to endure, they just need to realize their potential as empowerment comes from within.