

## **WOMEN'S RIGHTS-Guest Lecture by Prof. Ashutosh Vyas**

As a part of gender equity promotion series, Mewar University organized a guest lecture on Women's Rights on 14th January 2017. The speaker of the day was Prof. Ashutosh Vyas, Professor, Department of Sociology, MPPG College, Chittorgarh. The students and faculties welcomed him warmly. The lecture was intended both for students and faculty members.

**Today, in India, "Women's Rights"** is a commonly used slogan and is a feature of every party manifesto. The lecture dealt with marginality of women drawn out of statistical information, the kind of problems faced by women in cases of crime against women and types of legal remedies used to put such crimes to an end. Students were made aware of the different crimes like female feticide, rape, kidnapping, dowry deaths or attempts, torture both mental and physical assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty, honour killings etc. faced by both rural and urban women in India highlighting the same through a poll conducted by Thomson Reuters in 2011, according to which India is the fourth most dangerous country in the world for women. They were told how International Law recognizes the laws for protecting women which included India signing **CEDAW (the Convention on elimination of all forms of discrimination against women)**. Various landmark cases like the Nirbhaya case and Vishakha V. State of Rajasthan were discussed. It was an informative session packed with statistical figures of crimes against women and acted as an inspiration for the budding law professionals to work towards the abolishment of such crimes.