

Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Vinayaka Raina (Registration Number: 1982012), PhD Scholar at the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Off Campus, will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Monday, 7 April 2025, at 2:00 PM in the Conference Hall, B Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR Off Campus, Ghaziabad-201003, Uttar Pradesh, India.

Title of the Thesis : **The Social and Legal Paradox Relating to Marital Rape in India: A Critical Analysis**

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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva-voce examination.

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ABSTRACT

The term "Marital Rape" encapsulates the profound violation of marital rights and duties, undermining the dignity and autonomy of married women. The failure to criminalize marital rape perpetuates a culture of silence and acceptance of abuse within marriages, where women are expected to endure suffering to maintain the facade of familial honor and cultural values. Opposition to criminalizing marital rape often stems from the misguided belief that acknowledging such violence within marriages would destabilize the sanctity of the institution. The research delves into the historical context of marital rape laws, its global prevalence, impact on victims, and the systemic shortcomings within the Indian legal framework. It also explores feminist perspectives on marital rape and societal issues surrounding this pervasive form of violence.

This research seeks to illuminate the daily experiences and actualities of women amidst the challenges to women's rights, particularly focusing on the discourse surrounding the criminalization of marital rape through a gendered lens. This study applies both the doctrinal methodology and the empirical methodology. By using doctrinal methodology, data has been collected through legislation, case studies, articles, and research papers. As per the empirical research conducted, the hypothesis is tested and proved; the conclusion drawn is that the contention which was given in parliament that "the marital rape is a myth" is wrong it does exist in India, and females want it to be criminalized. No Empirical work has been done in this area and therefore, the researcher's contribution will be important.

Keywords: *Marital Rape, Feminist, Societal Issues, Family, Sacrament, Marriage, Indian Society, Relationships, Abuse, Laws.*

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