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Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Nair Divya Anil, Registration Number: 2170135, PhD Scholar at the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Monday, 23 November 2026, at 12.15 pm in Room No. 2208, Seminar Hall, Management Block, Pune Lavasa Off-Campus, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune - 412112, Maharashtra, India .

Title of the Thesis	:	**A Critical Study on Legal Perspectives of Gender Discrimination with Special Reference to Men's Right, Conducted in Pune District**
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ABSTRACT

This research analyses how gendered laws in India impact male victims, specifically focusing on Pune District as the site of inquiry. Mixed research methodology is used to include legal analysis, statistical analysis of criminal databases, and interviews with 25 stakeholders; this research documents the systematic exclusions that exist in statutory frameworks and institutional practices. The research identifies provisions in BNS as well as other legislations, where it defines all victims as women – even if there is an identical crime perpetrated on a male victim. An analysis of national statistics also has revealed concerning data regarding male suicide deaths of approximately 73% of all suicides nationally and shows that family-related stress is a significant factor contributing to suicides in Pune District.

Interviews with victims, lawyers, police officers and representatives from support organizations provide insight into how these exclusions are operationalised via lack of police support, delays in the judicial process and lack of support services to assist male victims. This research proposes a constitutional framework that reconciles the principles of equality and the provisions for special measures for women. Recommendations include: the creation of gender-neutral definitions of victims in criminal law but continue to provide infrastructure to support women, as this study does not believe in reducing women's right or special laws for protection of female rights, it supports in having a common gender neutral criminal law for men when they get victimised of similar crime, and targeted mental health interventions for those who are at an increased risk of suicide. The intent of these recommendations is to increase protections for both men and women while maintaining current protections for women.

Keyword: Gender-specific laws, Gender discrimination, male victims, false accusations, social stereotypes, gender justice.

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