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Fire Safety Management Course

The Fire Safety Management Course conducted at IISSM, New Delhi from 04-06 Oct 2018 was a Great Success. The participants were from Baharain, Paradip (Odisha) and Kandla (Gujarat)

The sessions were conducted with an Introduction to Fire, Vulnerability Analysis, Risk Assessment, Disaster Management with detailed deliberations on Fire Safety Management in all types of organisations and industries. These were duly supported by discussions on Technological Tools and Applications in Fire Safety Management viz. Cameras, CCTV & Its functioning, RFID, Biometric Devices & other Electronic Gadgets, DVR and Access Control Management, NFPA Codes and Standards of Fire Safety Management, NBC - 2005 & Evacuation in



High Rise Buildings, Business Continuity Planning (BCP), Cyber Security & Data Protection have been discussed which were very well received. In addition, a Training Visit to VSM Mall at Vasant Kunj, was organised, primarily to highlight the Procedures & practical aspects of Fire Safety and overall Security Arrangements of Public places. They were also trained to carry out an appreciation of the existing security arrangements in the Mall.

The following Faculty Members conducted the Course: Brigadier AK Pathak (Retd.), IISSM, Col Vishu Sikka (Retd), Guest Faculty and Col (Dr.) M P Sen (Retd), IISSM

It was a great experience to witness keen interest by the participants in new technologies that are available in the market for Fire Safety. There had been healthy interactions between the participants and the Faculty members. The Training Visit evoked an excellent response from the participants.

All the Participants expressed that they would propagate this programme to be attended by their colleagues in the profession. They also felt that this course would help them to rearrange/improve their Security Management and Planning.

Overall the course was very well received and appreciated by the participants.

Few Quotes from Participants on Overall Assessment of the Course are mentioned below :-

Mr Sheladiya Jatin Vinodbhai, Kandla Port, IFFCO, Gujarat
"The Programme is very Good and productive for me"

Mr S kamble, Paradip, IFFCO, Odisha
"Excellent"

Maj Niraj Lath (Retd), Ebrahim Ekanno, Baharain
" The Programme is very Good. However, the duration can be increased by two days..."

Kanya Pujan or Kanchak Pujan

By
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The Navratri celebrations are ON and on the day of culmination i.e. Navami, devotees will conclude their nine days of fast with **Kanya Pujan or Kanchak Pujan**. This is an age old tradition celebrated in the months of Chaitra (March) and Shardiya (Oct –Nov) Navratri. On this day, nine girls are worshiped representing the nine avatars of the *Shakti*, the Goddess Durga.

I wish to delve on the issue of it's significance in today's India. We, as a nation celebrate the womanhood through this Shakti Puja, on the other hand we have been committing heinous crimes against women by killing unborn girl child when she is still a foetus. We were the nation wherein Gargi and Maitreyi were luminaries and exalted leaders in Vedic education but somewhere down the line we lost that. We stopped educating our girl children and condemned them to the darkness forever. Not only we stopped them going to the schools but also started killing them when she is still unborn by taking the advantage of modern science duly helped by the educated but morally bankrupt medical professionals.

It had to be the Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi to raise a slogan of '**Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao**' meaning thereby 'Save the Daughter' & 'Educate Her'. It answers many unanswered questions for centuries. We as a society could address '*Sati*' tradition prior to independence, because of social reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy. But we could not address this rot, allowed unborn girls to be murdered in mother's womb. Research (Video) has shown that foetus gets scared moment she realises that she is being killed by the suction machine. She cries her heart out to her mother but unfortunately, we can't hear that cry of that unfortunate soul! This is crime against the humanity must be stopped forthwith. It requires mass awareness by awakening the conscience of India. If we can't do that, the **Kanya Pujan** will remain a sham rather a celebration.

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Reader,

Greetings to you all!

The world witnessed the leaders who addressed UN General Assembly in the last few days of Sep 2018 wherein each one of them presented the case of their respective countries. Worth mentioning that our External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj presented a strong case on three major issues: Terrorism, Climate Change and Restructuring of the UNSC. She articulated all the three points and tore into Pakistani narrative and showed them what this country has become which not perpetrates and export terror to it's neighbours rather it has become factory of JIHAD. She presented the case of India's rightful position in the exalted world body and argued that if the UN does not change itself now, which is already late, it will be changed by the time as happened to the 'League of Nations'. Subsequently Pak Foreign minister's argument was badly shot down to bite the dust by our representatives at the UN. While we were glossing over other issues, Nikkey Hailey, Representative of the USA to UN, has resigned from the coveted assignment in the pretext of burnout. Although she held a joint press conference with the US President and appeared comfortable and promised to campaign for him, but the world is trying to her gauge her intentions whether she would run for Presidency in 2020 or 2024!

Back home, outgoing Chief Justice of India Justice Deepak Mishra delivered some of the path breaking judgements on Homosexuality, Aadhar and Adultery. He will be remembered for his bold actions and history will judge his contributions to the Indian society at large.

Well, temperatures in North India is getting cooler but sudden flare up in Gujarat wherein workers from Bihar and UP came under politically insinuated attacks by Alpesh Thakore's Sena as one of the migrant labourer raped a minor girl of 14 months old. While this ghastly act can't be pardoned but driving out the migrant labourers from Bihar and UP is not the solution. As some of activists from Varanasi were threatening Gujarati and Marathi population in these states. Can this be allowed in a civilised society? Law must be brought down to bear these miscreants whether it is in Gujarat or for that matter any state.

Coming onto the issue of Safety of Women and specially Girl Child, we as nation has to do a serious thinking as to where are we going? How can we eradicate this evil from our society? We at the ISSM have started training programme on Women Safety and would like to organise seminars and awareness campaigns on this theme, sooner than later.

Navratri is being celebrated with enthusiasm and No wonder many of us are fasting which has long term impact on our health and spiritual well being. These nine days fasting would conclude with *Kanyapujan* and later on *Vijaya Dashami 'Ravan Dahan'* (symbolic destruction of evil). This is our tradition and running deep in our conscious that's why I wonder why rape? I have no answer! I leave you at this thought.

Wishing you a Very Happy Dusshera!

Thank you!