

# GNLU hosts discussion on female labour force

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**Ahmedabad:** The Gujarat National Law University on Saturday hosted a regional consultation discussion to address the low female Labour Force Participation Rate in India. Organized by the National Commission for Women, the panel discussion involved the participation of stakeholders from academia, NGOs, and the government.

The discussions revolved around three major themes: identifying factors causing the decline in the female LFPR, the impact of existing legislation on women workers and the impact of child protec-

tion policies on female labour force participation, and policy perspective for addressing the declining female LFPR.

According to periodic labour force survey (PLFS) data published by the National Sample Survey Organisation, the country's female LFPR fell to a historic low of 23.3% in 2017-18.

"Gender gap at the workplace is a global challenge. However, it is more acute in Arab states, northern Africa and southern Asia. The Female Labour Force Participation rate in India is quite low as compared to even other Asian countries," GNLU director Dr Sanjeevi Shanthakumar said.