

Lockdown sees more child abuse: activist

She opens awareness seminar on women's safety laws



Activist Sunitha Krishnan addressing a seminar in Palakkad on women's safety laws.

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Activist Sunitha Krishnan said here that most child abuses were taking place within the families, and that the COVID-19 lockdown had increased the incidence of such abuses.

Inaugurating an awareness seminar on women's safety laws for Kudumbashree workers here on Friday, Dr. Krishnan said that the lockdown provided a conducive atmosphere for a precipita-

tion in intra-family abuses. She said it would be only through legal fights and resistances that excesses and harassments on women at work places could be prevented.

The Victims Information, Sensitisation, Welfare and Assistance Society (VISWA), a Palakkad-based organisation providing help for the victims of crimes and excesses, organised the seminar in association with the North and South Communi-

ty Development Societies of Palakkad Municipality. VISWA vice president S. Santha Devi presided. Secretary P. Premnath welcomed the gathering.

Municipal vice chairman E. Krishnadas, municipal standing committee chairperson for social welfare T. Baby, VISWAS vice president V.P. Kuriakose, and treasurer B. Jayarajan spoke. VISWA Niyama Vedi secretary K. Vijaya proposed a vote of thanks.