

### *Intervention of LACC on the Case of Sexual Harassment in Public Space:*

35 years old Saraswoti (name change) lives in Bardi village located in ward no 4 of Bardia District. She is a married woman. After two months of marriage, her husband went abroad to seek foreign employment. When Saraswoti started living alone, 37 years old Prakash Shah began to sexually harass her in public place. Prakash lives in ward no 5, Kaphrihola village located at Bajura Bahrabisay. Prakash has time and again used offensive language in paper and painted her name with abusive words in public place. Saraswoti was struggling against the activities of Prakash for 2 years. Still, Prakash did not stop to his activities. Because of which, Saraswoti lived with repeated humiliation in public place. To seek justice and punish the offender, Saraswoti and her family members registered FIR in police station against Prakash Shah. But police could not arrest him due to which Saraswoti was victimized again and again.

At that moment, Saraswoti and her family with evidential documents came to Legal Aid and Consultancy Center (LACC). We, legal aid lawyers of LACC filed the case of public offence against Prakash Shah in CDO office of Bardia District. Offender got arrested and now this case is being investigated. Staffs of LACC decided not to merely file the case against perpetrator but also to aware the women residing in the district of the offence. So, the news was broadcasted through Krishnasar FM station one time daily.

Hence, LACC is playing a vital role in sensitizing women from being victimized by using media.