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A distraught couple



FOR A FAIR DEAL

- Ensure matrimonial cases are settled in a year
- No new cases until the old ones are settled
- Transfer long-pending cases to city civil courts
- Ban the presence and pleadings by advocates in family courts
- Ban mediation
- Nominate NGOs and appoint retired social welfare officers to act as counsellors and mediators
- Ensure equal custody of children to both spouses

BUILDING HARMONY

Are you facing troubles with divorce-related issues? This society could be of some help to you

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Marriages may be made in heaven, but don't remain idyllic forever in all cases. Discord, domestic violence, divorce... the list goes on. And it's not always women who are at the receiving end. Men, too, suffer injustice, especially while seeking legal redress and undergo traumatic experiences. In such cases, it takes more than the two individu-

als involved to sort out the differences and to solve the problem. If you are facing any such difficulties, Family Harmony Society extends a helping hand by offering free advice and counselling.

According to P Suresh, president of the society, "Many young men and women lose valuable time in waiting for the verdict from family courts. So, we try to help them deal with their issues in an efficient manner."

Recently, the society has submitted a memorandum to the principal judge of the Family Court, Bangalore, demanding that cases be expedited and verdicts announced within a year of filing. "We have also urged the court to transfer all long-pending cases to city civil courts and nominate NGOs, retired social welfare officers as counsellors and mediators," says Mahesh M, general secretary, Family Harmony Society.

Also, misandry is a major aspect being looked into by the society. "We believe that certain such elements, in the guise of empowerment of women, can destroy the Indian family system," argues Suresh, adding, "So, we want family courts to ensure equal custody of children to both spouses. Fathers are mostly denied custody and even if they are allowed to visit their children, it is limited to 30 minutes to one hour a month — contrary to the UN resolution that no child should be denied access to either of its parents."

The society organises periodic meetings of its members and clients at various public venues, including parks in the locality.

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