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Kiran Ashri: portrait of an Indian attorney.

In which part of your huge country do you have your law firm?

My law firm is at Gurgaon, officially named Gurugram, city located in the northern Indian state of Haryana, about 30 kilometres southwest of the national capital New Delhi. Gurgaon has a population of more than 1 million inhabitants.

What branch of law do you practice?

Since 15 years, I practice family law, I'm very passionate about. I do family litigations cases at Family Courts in Gurugram. I also like dealing with non-judicial matters also using the counseling method.

What is the Indian law about marriage?

Taking into account the various religions present in my country, which is also majority Hindu, Indian Constitution is benign and sympathetic of all religious creeds. Article 25 embodies a tolerance to all religions: an equal treatment for Hindu, Muslims and people with other religious beliefs is guaranteed as an essential part of secularism which enshrines in our Constitution.

So Indian Matrimonial Law, such as Hindu Marriage Act, Muslim Marriage Act, Special Marriage Act of 1954, etc are respectful of the indications of our Constitution.

Marriage Law includes many legal issues such as marriage, separation, divorce, child custody, maintenance issues, etc.

You said that you practise also non judicial family matters.....

Ashri Associates help couples who want to get married with a better understanding of their personal and financial rights and liabilities and provide them with a tailored agreement as per the needs of the couple, which is similar to pre-nuptial agreement, in which parts outline the state of finances and personal liabilities if the marriage fails. Pre-nuptial agreement is still not enforceable in India but may provide hassle-free litigation in the event of failed marriage like a divorce, judicial separation, etc.

You told me also about your counselling activity...

Marriages in India is considered a sacred institution that not only ties two individuals but two families. Consequently, it is necessary to help spouses and families to understand the intricacies and sensitivities of the situations keeping your family's interests in mind.

But, although marriage consists of two parties, whenever a dispute arises between the couple, the discord disturbs the peace of the couple and of their families. As member of Ashri Associates I cultivate understanding and compatibility amongst the two and their families so that they can keep themselves safe and untouched from unceasing conflicts.

I use counselling method to prepare spouses and families for the great change that marriage entails in their lives: for example, I prepare families for non interference in the married lives of their son or daughter.

I also prepare each of the spouses to fit into their spouse's family and to help the coexistence between two families that are often very different. I help them to maintain balance and harmony.

