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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Surprise Visit to Crime Against Women Cells across Delhi

The National Commission for Women (NCW), had introduced a pilot project 'Violence Free Home – A Women's Right' (Special Cell for Women) on collaboration with Delhi Police (SPUWAC), New Delhi and technical support of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai in 2008-2009. It was started with the special cell in Nanakpura and Pitampura in New Delhi. The basic objective of the work of the social workers in Special Police Unit for Women and Children (SPUWAC) and Crime against Women (CAW) Cells are to:

- Rebuild violated women's self – esteem, self-worth and dignity;
- Immediate interventions – referrals to medical, psychiatric services, police assistance, counseling, facilitate;
 - o Placement in institutions
 - o Legal aid
- Liaison between police and organizations for women and children

The project is based on the approach of placement of trained Social Workers providing quality psycho legal services for violated women. The project has been scaled up to cover 14 districts of Delhi and one at headquarters. The Commission gave financial support for running these Special Cells for CAW.

During the month of May 2019, Members of the Commission visited various CAW cells in Delhi to examine their functioning. This was a surprise visit wherein the team met the respective Inspector in-charge of the cell and the counselors present at the cell. In a few cells, the members also met victims who were visiting the cell to register their complaint. A proforma was given to the CAW officials for collecting relevant information about the cell to assess their functioning. The dates of inspection visit of the CAW cells and Member who conducted the inspection is given below:

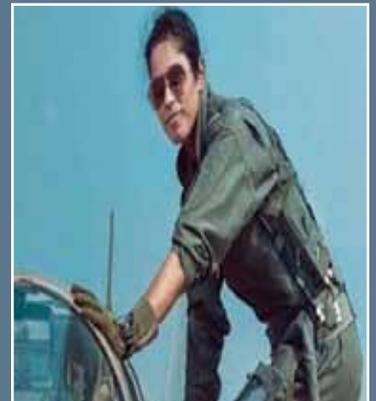
WOMEN ACHIEVERS

Former India cricketer GS Laxmi becomes 1st ever female ICC match-referee



Country's first all-women crew flew a medium lift helicopter Mi-17 V5 in May 2019. Flight Lieutenant Parul Bhardwaj (Captain), Flying Officer Aman Nidhi (co-pilot) and Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal flew the chopper.

Bhawana Kanth became first female fighter pilot. She finished operational syllabus for carrying out combat missions in May 2019. She is from the first batch of women fighter pilots of the IAF, who joined the force in July 2016.



Biologist Gagandeep Kang made history by becoming the first Indian woman to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, Britain's main and prestigious scientific academy.

S. No.	Location of CAW Cell	Date of Inspection	Name of the member
1.	Malviya Nagar	1 st May 2019	Smt. Soso Shaiza
2.	Mandir Marg	2 nd May 2019	Smt. Soso Shaiza
3.	Gazipur	2 nd May 2019	Smt. Soso Shaiza
4.	Seemapuri	2 nd May 2019	Smt. Kamlesh Gautam
5.	Pitampura	3 rd May 2019	Smt. Kamlesh Gautam
6.	Delhi Cantt	6 th May 2019	Smt. Kamlesh Gautam
7.	Saket	6 th May 2019	Smt. Rajulben L. Ben
8.	Rohini	7 th May 2019	Smt. Rajulben L. Ben
9.	Rani Bagh	7 th May 2019	Smt. Rajulben L. Ben
10.	Kamla Market	8 th May 2019	Smt. Chandramukhi Devi
11.	Nand Nagari	9 th May 2019	Smt. Chandramukhi Devi
12.	Sabzi Mandi	9 th May 2019	Smt. Chandramukhi Devi
13.	SriniwasPuri	9 th May 2019	Smt. Shyamala S. Kunder
14.	Dwarka	10 th May 2019	Smt. Shyamala S. Kunder
15.	Kirti Nagar	10 th May 2019	Smt. Shyamala S. Kunder

Interactive Meeting with SWCs on “Homestay Tourism” workshops

The Commission organized a one day interactive meeting with Chairpersons and Member Secretaries/representatives of the State Commissions for Women and Tourism Department of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Manipur on 10th April, 2019, in the Conference Hall of the NCW. The meeting was presided over by Smt. Rekha Sharma the Chairperson, NCW. The meeting was organized to enhance interface between NCW and State Women Commissions and facilitate

coordination on the programme going forward. This interactive session was the continuation of the NCW's initiative to train women in tourism and hospitality sector to provide livelihood opportunities to them. The programme was launched in 2018 in association with Airbnb and rolled out initially in Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat.

The meeting also focused on issues of mutual cooperation between the State Women Commissions and NCW. Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson of the National Commission for Women welcomed all participants to the meeting and stressed upon the importance of economic independence as a pre requisite for women empowerment. She further added that this workshop would enhance digital inclusion leading to creation of women-led tourism and hospitality enterprises and provide a platform to the trainees to become micro-entrepreneurs. Smt. Rekha Sharma also informed that the next step would be to identify locations for these workshops in each of these states and requested SWCs to work proactively for bringing in participants for the workshops in huge numbers.



Inspection of Psychiatric Homes

The National Commission for Women inspected nine Psychiatric Homes across the country in April and May 2019 in accordance with Section 10 (1)(k) of the NCW Act, using the inspection format prepared earlier. The Commission regularly conducts inspections of jails, remand homes, women's institutions or other place of custody where women are kept as

prisoners or otherwise, and take it up with the concerned authorities for remedial action, if found necessary.

The details of the Psychiatric Homes with the date of inspection and name of the Member of the Commission who conducted the inspection

along with the representatives of respective State Commission for Women and District Legal Services Authority are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Psychiatric Home	Date of Inspection	Name of the Member
1.	Hospital for Mental Health, Ahmedabad	9 th May 2019	Smt. Soso Shaiza
2.	Himachal Hospital for Mental Health and Rehabilitation, Shimla	13 th May 2019	Smt. Chandramukhi Devi
3.	State Mental Health Institute, Dehradun	13 th May 2019	Smt. Soso Shaiza
4.	Institute of Mental Health, Koilwar, Bhojpur	16 th May 2019	Smt. Shyamala S. Kundar
5.	Govt. Mental Health Centre, Thrissur	17 th May 2019	Smt. Chandramukhi Devi
6.	Govt. Hospital for Mental Care, Vishakhapatnam	17 th May 2019	Dr. Rajulben L. Desai
7.	State Mental Health Institute, Kohima	17 th May 2019	Smt. Kamlesh Gautam
8.	Hospital for Mental Health, Vadodra	18 th May 2019	Smt. Shyamala S. Kundar
9.	Mental Hospital Jodhpur	21 st May 2019	Smt. Kamlesh Gautam

Some of the important findings of the inspections of Psychiatric Homes are as follows:

- Rehabilitation of successfully treated women was very important particularly in cases wherein, the family/ relatives have refused to accept them. It was recommended that half-way homes should be set up for treated/partially treated female patients to help them in reintegration with their families or receive treatment in a near normal situation.
- Basic items of personal hygiene like toothpaste, soap, toothbrush, comb, etc. were not provided to the female patients in some Psychiatric Homes.
- Proper lighting and installation of CCTV for monitoring the movements of patients was also reiterated by the members during their visit.
- Cases of mentally retarded women patients at Institute of Mental Health Bhojpur, Bihar need to be sent to the appropriate place and National Institute of Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad may be consulted for this purpose.
- Some Psychiatric Homes had inadequate staff. There was no cost of dietician in some Psychiatric Homes. It was recommended that the positions be filled immediately.
- General public needs to be sensitized to allay the fears and stigma associated with mental illness so that the treated patients can be accepted by their family, as families were reluctant to take the female patients back home even after successful recovery.



Complaints received in NRI Cell and complaints resolved between April-May 2019

Month	Complaints Received	Complaints Closed (Old + New)
April, 2019	68	11
May, 2019	69	10

Complaints received in Complaint & Investigation Cell and complaints resolved between April-May 2019

Month	Complaints Received	Complaints Closed (Old + New)
April, 2019	1106	746
May, 2019	1717	705

Complaints taken up by Suo-motu Cell and complaints resolved between April-May 2019

S. No.	Month	No. of Cases taken up	No. of ATR replies received	No. of cases closed
1.	April, 2019	13	23	17
2.	May, 2019	18	26	27

The National Commission for Women had taken cognizance of media report captioned "Dalit woman gang-raped, video goes viral" appeared in Times of India dated 8th May 2019 wherein it was reported that a Dalit woman travelling with her husband was waylaid by five men who took turns to rape her before thrashing her husband and the accused took video of the act which went viral on social media. The Commission had constituted a two member Fact Finding Team to look into the matter. In response to this, the team received a detailed Action Taken Report in the matter during the visit from Assistant Superintendent of Police, Alwar.

Programmes Attended

By Chairperson, Smt. Rekha Sharma

- Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson National Commission for Women chaired the Panel Discussion on "Gender Equality and Justice in

21st Century: Prospects and Challenges" at Panjab University, Chandigarh on 25th April 2019.

By Member Secretary, Ms. Meenakshi Gupta

- Attended an International Symposium at Aligarh Muslim University as the Guest of Honour on 5th April 2019.

By Member Soso Shaiza

- Attended a meeting convened by Broadcasting Content Complaints Council BCCC on 16th May 2019.
- Attended a panel discussion and Oscar Award Winning documentary at American Center, New Delhi on 3rd May 2019.

By Member Dr. Rajulben L. Desai

- Attended "Sammelan Avam Samman Samaroh" organised by Smast Raibari Samaj in Kurukshetra on 26th May 2019.

