



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022 CELEBRATING WOMEN EXTRAORDINAIRE



The National Commission for Women celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, 2022 on the theme 'She the Change Maker', where the Commission celebrated the achievements of 'Women Extraordinaire' who chose to challenge all odds and carved their way through extreme grit and determination. The Minister of State for Education Smt Annpurna Devi, Chairperson, National Commission for Women Ms. Rekha Sharma and Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development Shri Indevar Pandey graced the occasion.

The Commission felicitated extraordinary women from different fields and celebrated their achievements. 'Women Extraordinaire', were Dr Tessy Thomas, the "Missile Woman of India", and Director General (Aeronautical Systems), DRDO; Dr Kalpana Saroj, Padma recipient and Chairperson, Kamani Tubes; Justice (Retd) S. Vimala, 1st woman appointed as judge of Chennai Mahila Court; Anita Kundu, 1st Indian woman to climb Mount Everest from both the Indian and the Chinese sides; Ishrat Akhter, 1st international wheelchair basketball player from Kashmir, and Vartika Shukla, 1st Chairperson & Managing Director of Engineers India Limited (EIL).

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Launch of Legal Aid Clinic

In a move to make legal aid more accessible for women, the National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA) has launched a legal aid clinic which will act as a single-window facility for resolving grievances of women by offering them free legal assistance.

Any woman will be able to walk-in to the facility for accessing free legal advice and counseling where legal services advocates in the panel of DSLISA will help women.

Under the new legal aid clinic, counseling will be provided for walk-in complainants, women in distress will be given legal assistance, advice and information on various schemes of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)/ DSLISA, assistance in mahila jansunwai, free legal aid, hearings in matrimonial cases and other complaints registered with the Commission will be provided among other services.



NCW sponsors visit of J&K students to Delhi

The National Commission for Women under the initiative of Hon'ble Chairperson, Ms. Rekha Sharma, sponsored the visit of a delegation of six girl students from Jammu & Kashmir to different government offices across Delhi including Ministry of Women and Child Development; where they met Hon'ble Minister, Smriti Zubin Irani and Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh Smt Anandiben Patel; and other Commissions to be informed and educate them on the functioning of these departments/organisations.



SEMINAR ON RACIAL DIVERSITY SENSITIZATION



The National Commission for Women organized a seminar on 'Racial Diversity Sensitization' in collaboration with Bureau of Police Research & Development, National Commission for Minorities and Special Police Unit for North-Eastern Region (SPUNER) of Delhi Police to spread awareness towards different cultures in India and to recommend strategies for strengthening mutual understanding among diverse customs. In order to get diverse views, the Commission invited experts from different fields; Shri Baichung Bhutia, Former Indian Football Captain, Shri Sonam Wangchuk, Indian Engineer /Innovator/Education Reformist from Ladakh, Hibu Tamang, Joint Commissioner of Police, Special Police Unit for North East Region, Aditya Raj Kaul, Executive Editor, TV9/ National Security & Strategic Affairs, Shri Tajender Singh Luthra, Director, National Police Mission, Ms Rinchen Lhamo, Member, National Commission for Minorities, Ms Soso Shaiza, Ex-Member, NCW, Ms Pooja Elangbam, IAS, SDO, Porompat, Imphal East and Professor Ajailiu Niumai, Head, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad were the resource persons.

Chairperson's Engagements



Chairperson Rekha Sharma, participated as Guest of Honour and shared her insights on "Turning a New Leaf: Racing Towards a More Inclusive Future" at The Economic Times presents Best Organisations for Women 2022 on March 20.

Chairperson inaugurated the 9th Bihar Entrepreneurship Summit along with Minister of Industries, Govt of Bihar, Shri Shahnawaz Hussain. She shared her insights on the importance of entrepreneurial mindset in women & the need to encourage women led start ups.



Hon'ble Chairperson launched 'Womentastic', a digital platform for women entrepreneurs to connect & network with each other in an event organised by Woman Entrepreneurs For Transformation (WEFT) in Bengaluru on March 14.



On March 14, Chairperson, Ms Rekha Sharma met with Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot and discussed issues related to women of the state including the matters of women prisoners.



On March 14, Chairperson, NCW visited and met the female inmates of Bangalore Central jail. She also distributed release certificates to women who completed their sentence.