



CONSULTATION ON WOMEN & CHILDREN IN DISASTER: THE NEED FOR POLICY

The National Commission for Women held a Consultation for a possible look at the policy composition during Disaster Management, with participation from Senior Officers from NDMA, SDMA, NIDM, NDRF, Representatives from Government Ministries and State Commission for Women and various Civil Society Organizations. The consultation brought in proposed policy that may take into consideration for impact on a woman and her role in the entire continuum, and certain aspects of which are highlighted below:

- 1) Role of women in community-based disaster management.
- 2) Gender analysis tools and indicators for assessing post-disaster status of affected women and children.
- 3) Mitigation of violence against women in disaster affected areas
- 4) Awareness & Advocacy on Disaster Management.
- 5) Gender-based evidence relating to differing vulnerabilities and impacts of disasters on men and women.
- 6) Capacity Development for women in Disaster Management.
- 7) Women's participation and representation in all levels of decision-making processes,
- 8) Breaking of gender stereotypes on search-and-rescue as 'man's job'.
- 9) Women's access to technology and finances, health care, support services, shelter and security and early warning in times of disaster.
- 10) Gender budgeting and auditing in Disaster Management
- 11) Women and Climate Change
- 12) Women and Livelihood Generation
- 13) WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Health) interventions
- 14) Design programmes in an effective manner that does not add to their domestic workload in the post-disaster recovery phase.

The role women can play in the communities as change agents during pre and post disaster were discussed, and the need for policy relating to women in disaster situations. It was consulted to understand whether a separate policy is needed to be formulated in this regard or the same should be made an integral part in the existing Policy Plans; with the aspects that was consulted to be incorporated in the Policy. Sustaining and enabling a positive environment for gender mainstreaming in disaster situations through institutional framework for implementation was the main objective of the Consultation Meeting.

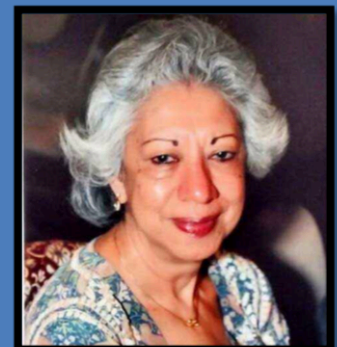
WOMEN ACHIEVERS



Sub-Lieutenant Shivangi became the first woman to be a Pilot in the Navy. The Navy's Aviation division had women officers as air traffic control officers until her induction as a female Pilot in India.



Wing Commander Anjali Singh became the first-ever woman defence attache in the country to be deployed in this role. Before her, only men were appointed as military attaches, but she broke this norm and it is hoped that more women will soon be appointed.



Ms. Vispi Balaporiain became the first women President at the Asiatic Society of Mumbai. The 78-year-old professor believes that the society has been controlled by men throughout its history. She is also a member of the Association of British Council Scholars.



Lieutenant Colonel Jyoti Sharma is the first woman Judge Advocate General of the Indian Army to be deployed on a foreign mission. She would also help advise the country in matters of defence.



Glimpses from the Consultation Meeting

~ FROM CAPACITY BUILDING CELL ~

The National Commission for Women in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has been organizing Capacity Building Programme on Gender Sensitization Workshop for Women Police Officers who are entrusted with the responsibility of investigating crimes against women. Each workshop is a three-day module and is organized in collaboration with the State Police Academy. These workshops were organized this month as per the table appended below.

Sl. No.	States:	Dates:
1.	Jaipur, Rajasthan	3rd December to 5th December 2019

~ HOME STAY TOURISM TRAINING FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS ~

The National Commission for Women in collaboration with AirBnB organized a workshop session on Home Stay Tourism in association with Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board in Almora & Dehradun in December, where 40 women participated. The workshop provided knowledge on soft skills and infrastructure development to start their own entrepreneurial venture in the home-stay tourism business, and awareness on available schemes to support women entrepreneurs were discussed.



National Commission for Women addresses a large number of complaints received from women with a view to ensuring that the rights of women are not compromised and justice is not denied to them. The complaints received through the online portal as well as offline are processed expeditiously and the matter is taken up with the appropriate authority concerned and pursued till its logical conclusion.

~ FROM COMPLAINT & INVESTIGATION CELL ~

Month	Complaints Received	Complaints Closed (Old+New)
December 2019	1402	227

~ FROM NRI CELL ~

Month	Complaints Received	Complaints Closed (Old+New)
December 2019	38	14

~ FROM SUO-MOTU CELL ~

Month	No. of Cases taken	No. of ATR Received (Old+New)	No. of Cases Closed (Old+New)
December 2019	09	40	07

~ PROGRAMMES ATTENDED BY ~

Chairperson, Smt. Rekha Sharma

- Attended the Inauguration of 11th Netrita Sadhana Programme at Thane (Maharashtra) organized by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini. The programme was focused on History of women movement, laws for women and the current issues and challenges faced by rural and urban women in the region.
- Addressed the delegations from Kiss Foundation (Bhubaneswar) on the issues of women trafficking and highlighted the role of NCW in awareness of combatting trafficking of children and women, and the rehabilitation of survivors and other initiatives in creating opportunities for employment.
- Convened an Interactive Meeting with all State Commission for Women to discuss on various measures to ensure the safety and security of women and build awareness of crimes against women and other related issues. Activities like short-film, organizing campaigns online and offline, street plays and highlighting survivors stories using print and social media were some of the activities commonly agreed to use a method of engaging civilians for generating awareness of women rights and laws.
- Held Meetings with Dignitaries with Education Minister of Haryana, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, and Vice Chancellor of Punjab University, to discuss on women issues and areas of development in the State, for NCW to take charge and effectively work towards empowering women status.



Glimpses of NCW Chairperson Engagement in December, 2019

Member, Smt. Chandramukhi Devi

- Attended the National Convention on, “Empowerment of Women for Social Transformation”, at Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Academy at Rajasthan.
- Visited two districts, Katihar and Araria at Bihar for inspection, assessment and taking stock of proper implementation of women development schemes of NITI Ayog in the State.
- Assessed the One Stop Centre and Women Helpline at Katihar, and interacted with workers to understand how they could effectively attend to redressal mechanism at time of distress.
- Visited the Katihar Mandal Kara Jail and suggested the vocational skill development for female prisoners should be conducted. After proper inspection, many recommendations were given for effective functioning such as appointment of Jailers and sub-coordinates, doctors and other basic recreational facilities.
- Visited Katihar Sadar Hospital and provided suggestion to District Medical Officer for proper cleanliness and hygienic practices, and now the infrastructure could overall be improved.
- At Araria district, recommendation was given to implement Bati Bachao Bati Padhao scheme in the district, and to run the women helpline and One Stop Centre actively, and run awareness programmes for villagers towards understanding these helpline and support mechanisms.
- Assessed the effectiveness of Madhyan Bhojan Yojana (Mid-Day Meal) with state government officials and visited government aided schools, NCLP schools, EGS and AIE Centre including Madrassa and Maktabas at Araria district.



Member, Dr. Rajul L. Desai

- Visited Mewat district of Haryana for overall assessment in implementation of women development schemes in the state government.
- Assessed the One Stop Centre and Mahila Police Station at Mewat, Haryana.
- Visited the Aspirational district, Vidisha and Damoh at Madhya Pradesh.
- Assessed the Girls College, One Stop Centre, and interacted with District Officers about constitution provision regarding women rights and laws, and suggested to conduct legal awareness programmes regularly at schools, university, government department and voluntary organization.



Member, Smt. Soso Shaiza

- Visited the Aspirational District Nandurbar at Maharashtra to conduct an overall assessment of implementation of women development schemes. After inspection, recommendation was suggested with district officials to take proper action and implementation of all Schemes.
- Attended the 25th Silver Jubilee Celebration of Naga Women Union at Senapati district of Manipur and delivered a speech for achieving women empowerment in the region and congratulated the Naga Women Union for their continuous effort to support and develop women status in the State.
- Visited the Aspirational District Sonbadhra at Uttar Pradesh to conduct an overall assessment of implementation of women development schemes, all steps and measures for improvement were discuss with concern authorities.



Member, Smt. Shyamala S Kundar

- Visited the Aspirational District Shravasti at Uttar Pradesh for assessing development goals and implementation of women welfare schemes in the district. Many schemes were not yet implemented but women helpline and Mahila Samman Kosh (for treatment and rehabilitation of women from violence) were functional with good performance results. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and One Stop Centre are also functional at Shravasti district
- Joined the 100 years of celebration with members of Shata Sambrama Self Help Group, where 3000 women attended the Sahakara Sangha Parkala programme aiming at discussing areas of focus for women empowerment and development activities at Udupi District in Karnataka.
- Attended the Entrepreneur’s Meet Seminar organized by D. K Federation & District Fish Marketing Federation at Mangalore, Udupi District in Karnataka.



Member, Smt. Kamlesh Gautam

- Visited Fatehpur District at Uttar Pradesh for assessing all action taken report with law enforcement officers and public leaders in regard to a gang rape and murder case of a girl. The situation was assessed thoroughly to ensure all legal remedies were provided to the victim’s family.

