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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Homestay Tourism workshops in association with Airbnb in Gujarat

The National Commission for Women has partnered with Airbnb Ireland UC for creating livelihood opportunities for women by promoting home tourism. The partnership envisages promoting digital inclusion and creating women led micro enterprises in Tourism and Hospitality sector across India. In furtherance of this motive, National Commission for Women has collaborated with various State Women Commissions to conduct training workshops on "Homestay Tourism".

In the first phase, NCW conducted workshops in Meghalaya, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. NCW conducted workshops at the Narmada district and Gir on 6th and 8th August 2019.

Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, NCW led the Gir workshop with the Gujarat State Women Commission Chairperson Smt. Lilaben Ankoliya while the Narmada district workshop was led by Dr. Rajulben L. Desai, Member, NCW.



Seminar on "Empowering Women through Entrepreneurship" at Tamil Nadu National Law University

The Commission organized the seminar on in collaboration with Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU) in Tiruchirappalli on 2nd August, 2019. The seminar was chaired by Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, Member Secretary, NCW while Prof. Kamala Sankaran Vice Chancellor, TNNLU moderated the session. During the programme five successful women entrepreneurs and two

WOMEN ACHIEVERS

P V Sindhu became the first Indian to win Badminton World Championships gold by beating rival Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in a match on 25th August 2019.



Priyadarshini Pawar has become the first Indian woman to successfully complete the 1,200-km Paris-Brest-Paris circuit — France's oldest long-distance cycling event held between 18th and 22nd August 2019.



Aishwarya Pissay became the first Indian woman to win FIM Bajás World Cup. She was declared winner at the end of the final round in Hungary on 12th August 2019. She was also the only woman rider to compete in all four rounds at the event.



Aarohi Pandit has become the first woman to cross the Atlantic and Pacific oceans in a solo flight on 21st August 2019. She flew alone across the International Date Line or 'Line of Confusion' where instruments stop working for a few minutes.



students of Miranda House (Project Enactus) shared their experiences with the participants.

Students from TNNLU Tiruchirappalli, students from other local Institutes in the city, members of the University's Legal Aid Committee and few rural

women from the surrounding areas associated with the University as a part of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, attended the workshop. A panel discussion on empowering women through entrepreneurship was also held at the seminar wherein the panelists deliberated on the topic.



Inside NCW

A group of 40 Diaspora Youth participants of 54th 'Know India Programme' visited NCW on **19th August 2019**. 'Know India Programme' was conducted by Ministry of External Affairs, wherein Indian Origin students from abroad visited the Commission to understand its mandate and functioning.

A group of 26 participants of International training programme under ITEC

Scheme (**Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation**) on 'International Labor Standards and Promotion of Gender Equality at the Workplace' visited NCW on **22nd August 2019** and interacted with the officials of the Commission to understand the role of the Commission in promoting gender equality across the country.





Gender Sensitization Programme for Police officials

The National Commission for Women has been conducting Gender Sensitization workshops and programmes across the country for Police Personnel/ Judicial Officers, with a view to sensitize them on gender issues. The programme aims at bringing behavioral change in police personnel to enable them to act without prejudice and compassionately while dealing with victims of gender based crimes and women in general. Various such programmes conducted during the month of August 2019 are shown as under:

| S. No. | City | State | Date |
|--------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Lucknow | Uttar Pradesh | 6 th August 2019 |
| 2. | Gangtok | Sikkim | 19 th August 2019 |
| 3. | Barrackpore | West Bengal | 21 st August 2019 |
| 4. | Imphal | Manipur | 22 nd August, 2019 |
| 5. | Gandhinagar | Gujarat | 27 th August 2019 |

North East Cell

The National Commission for Women is concerned about the safety women and has been conducting workshops to generate awareness among women on their legal rights and also help them understand the process to invoke law and legal recourse in case they are victims of any crime against women. In this reference, the Commission organized outreach programme for women students from the North East in Miranda House, Delhi on 28th August 2019. More than 100 students participated and the topics covered under the programme included awareness of laws pertaining to women on their safety and security, right to co-exist in the context of regional pluralism in Delhi, etc.

Complaints taken up by Suo-motu Cell and complaints resolved in August 2019

| S. No. | Month | No. of Cases taken up | No. of ATR replies received | No. of cases closed |
|--------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Aug 2019 | 21 | 44 | 03 |

Programmes attended by -

Chairperson, Smt. Rekha Sharma

- Attended a workshop on "Women Health and Hygiene – Challenging the Challenges" at Himachal Pradesh Judicial Academy, Ghandal from 1st to 3rd August 2019
- Met tribal women from Maldhari community residing in JuniAalavani Ness, Gir National Park in Junagadh District of Gujarat on 9th August 2019
- Attended 'Indian Express Excellence in Governance awards' on 21st August 2019
- Chaired workshop on "Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace" under POSH Act in association with National Institute of Securities Market on 26th and 27th August 2019
- Attended symposium 'Wombs Slaughtered in Beed' on 30th August 2019
- Attended Rashtriya Icon awards on 30th August 2019 wherein she was conferred the Rashtriya Youth Icon award

Member Secretary, Ms. Meenakshi Gupta

- Chaired seminar on "Empowering Women through Entrepreneurship" organized in association with Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU) in Tiruchirappalli on 2nd August 2019

Member Chandramukhi Devi

- Visited the female ward of the District Jail in Gorakhpur in accordance with Section 10 (1)(k) of the NCW Act on 14th August 2019

- Visited the female ward of the District Jail in Maharajanj in accordance with Section 10 (1)(k) of the NCW Act on 16th August 2019

Member Kamlesh Gautam

- Visited Nari Niketan in Raipur on 8th August 2019

Member Soso Shaiza

- Attended awareness programme for female students from North East at Miranda House on 28th August 2019
- Attended regional conference on "Human Rights of Domestic Workers: Issues and Challenges" organized by NHRC and ILS Law College in Pune on 30th August 2019

Member Dr. Rajulben L. Desai

- Attended one day workshop on quality training for women police officers in Sabarkantha on 13th August 2019 and in Banaskantha on 17th August 2019
- Attended sensitization workshop of Asha & Anganwadi Worker Under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme in Banaskantha on 14th August 2019
- Visited Frontier headquarter of BSF Gujarat to celebrate Independence Day and Raksha Bandhan on 15th August 2019
- Attended one day seminar on Women Empowerment and Social Justice organized by Vimla Vidyalaya in Palanpur 16th August 2019

Member Ms. Shyamala S Kundar

- Visited Bannanje Ladies/ Girls Hostel run by Udupi Social Welfare Department on 10th August 2019
- Attended Matra Mandali Programme at Kadiyali Karnataka on 9th August 2019
- Had a meeting with Dr. Kota Shivarama Research & Study Central Trust in Udupi on 10th August 2019

Complaints taken up by NRI Cell and complaints resolved in August 2019

| Month | Complaints Received | Complaints Closed (Old+New) |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| August 2019 | 74 | 16 |

Complaints received in Complaint & Investigation Cell and complaints resolved in August 2019

| Month | Complaints Received | Complaints Closed (Old+New) |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| August 2019 | 2786 | 957 |

Visit to One Stop Centre

One Stop Centres (OSCs) were established to support women affected by violence, in private and public spaces, within the family, community and at the workplace. Women facing physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and economic abuse, irrespective of age, class, caste, education status, marital status, race and culture can approach OSCs for grievance redressal. The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) provides support to the State Governments/UT Administrations for the establishment of OSC. Members of the National Commission for Women in accordance with Section

10 (1)(k) of the NCW Act, visited few OSCs this month to check the condition and working of these centres. Details are shown as under:

| S. No. | Date | City | Member |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1. | 8 th August 2019 | Raipur | Smt. Kamlesh Gautam |
| 2. | 9 th August 2019 | Udupi | Smt. Shyamala S Kundar |
| 3. | 13 th August 2019 | Sabarkantha | Dr. Rajulben L. Desai |
| 4. | 20 th August 2019 | Lucknow | Smt. Chandramukhi Devi |



Jan Sunwai in Raipur, Lucknow, Bareilly and Prayagraj

There were three Mahila Jan Sunwais held during this month, details of Jan Sunwais held is mentioned in the table given below.

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| 1. | 9 th August 2019 | Raipur | Smt. Kamlesh Gautam |
| 2. | 20 th August 2019 | Lucknow | Smt. Chandramukhi Devi |
| 3. | 28 th August | Bareilly | Smt. Shyamala S Kundar |
| 4. | 30 th August 2019 | Prayagraj | Dr. Rajulben L. Desai |

Seminar on Guardianship Rights of Mothers



The Commission took up consultation to review Guardianship Rights for Mothers on 31st August 2019. The consultation was held in India International Centre. As per legal provisions, father is the natural guardian of the child

and only in the absence of the father, mother is the guardian. Since the law gives preference to father over mother, it does not conform with the right to equality and right against discrimination envisaged under Article 14 and 15 of the Constitution of India and hence NCW felt the need to relook at the law regarding Guardianship Rights of Women under Section-6, Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956. The meeting was chaired by Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson NCW and other participants included the State and Central Government, lawyers, activists, academicians, civil society organizations, sociologists, etc. Some of the recommendations made were:

- Mothers to be brought at par with fathers by making them natural guardians of a Hindu minor
- The use of the word 'illegitimate' should be omitted as no child is illegitimate and the law should be same for all children whether born within or out of wedlock.
- Provision of time frame for speedy disposal of guardianship cases.