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**FINDING REPORT MEETING ON
'STATUS OF WOMEN IN INDIA'
IN COLLABORATION WITH DRISHTI STREE
ADHYAYAN PRABODHAN KENDRA**

The National Commission for Women organized a presentation of a study report on the "Status of Women in India". The key findings from the research done by Drishti Stree Adhyayan Prabodhan Kendra were shared with NCW and representatives from 7 Central Government Ministries. The presentation was followed by an intense discussion with the representatives of seven ministries namely Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

The Research Report is a result of structured interviews with 74095 respondents conducted by 7000 volunteers in 2 years. The interviewers have covered 64% districts across the country including 106 districts alongside international border. Key excerpts of the report were taken up for discussion including the status of women in India with reference to socio-economic profile, education, health and employment. Some specific issues like the women in family, role in spiritual organizations, politics & law making, condition of women living in tribal areas and border areas were also discussed.

WOMEN ACHIEVERS



Ms. Annu Rani became the first Indian woman to reach the Finals of Javelin Throw in the World Championships. She smashed her own national record during the qualification round of the World Athletics Championships later last month.



Ms. Shafali Verma became the youngest T20 International debutant for India. Verma's innings helped India register a convincing 51-run victory and took an unassailable 2-0 lead in the five-match series.



Ms. Pranjal Patil became the first visually challenged woman IAS officer of the country. She joined her services as the Sub-Collector of Thiruvananthapuram on 14th October 2019.



Smt. Manju Devi became the first woman porter in the entire North Western Railway region. She works at the Jaipur railway station.



Glimpses from the Report Finding Meeting

INTERACTIVE MEETING HELD WITH NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY & STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES



Glimpses from the Interactive Meeting Sessions

National Commission for Women organised an interactive meeting 15th October 2019, with representatives from National Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority Services, to discuss the status of free legal aid to women, status of disbursement of compensation under the NALSA's Compensation Scheme for women victims/survivors of Sexual Assault and other crimes, effective implementation of legal assistance to female inmates in prisons and jails and special dispensation under section 437(1)(i) CrPC. Member Secretaries of District Legal Services Authority of 12 States of India attended the interactive meeting and provided their valuable insights on the topics. About thirteen representatives from twelve different states of India attended the meeting. The Commission highlighted the need to sensitize women on the assistance provided to victims and the procedure thereof to enable them to approach the authorities for free legal aid, medical assistance and compensation wherever applicable to support elimination of grievances. Going forward, the Commission shall be interacting closely with National Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority to facilitate legal assistance to victims of rape and acid attack survivors to provide financial and legal assistance.

NCW ORGANIZED SEMINAR ON, “ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACED BY DOMESTIC WORKERS IN INDIA”

The Commission organized a seminar on “Issues and Challenges faced by Domestic Workers in India” on 18th October 2019 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The seminar was chaired by the Chairperson, NCW, Smt. Rekha Sharma and members of the Commission, Smt. Chandramukhi Devi, Smt. Kamlesh Gautam, Smt. Shyamla Kunder, Smt. Meenakshi Gupta and Member Secretary graced the occasion with their presence.

Panel discussions were conducted to understand the issues and challenges of domestic workers in India. Sector Experts, Representatives from NHRC, Labour Ministry, members of the civil society and a delegation of domestic workers attended the event. The deliberation was focused on devising strategies for regulation and monitoring of placement agencies for domestic workers. An analysis of the social security schemes intended for the welfare and the betterment of domestic workers was also done during the discussion. The implementation of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and the complexities for the domestic workers was discussed.



~ FROM CAPACITY BUILDING CELL ~

National Commission for Women in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has been organizing Gender Sensitization Capacity Building Programme 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.	Arunachal Pradesh	16 th to 18 th October 2019
2.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	22 nd to 24 th October 2019
3.	New Delhi	23 rd to 25 th October 2019

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 NRI CELL ~

Month	Complaints Received	Complaints Closed (Old+New)
October 2019	49	28

~ FROM COMPLAINT & INVESTIGATION CELL ~

Month	Complaints Received	Complaints Closed (Old+New)
October 2019	1885	951

~ FROM SUO-MOTU CELL ~

Month	No. of Cases Taken	No. of ATR Replies Received (Old+New)	No. of Cases Closed (Old+New)
October 2019	09	54	27

~ PROGRAMMES ATTENDED BY ~

Chairperson, Smt. Rekha Sharma

- Conducted 'Gender Sensitization Programme' at Port Blair for Police Officials regarding investigation of crimes against women.
- Interacted with Port Blair State Government Officials at Department of Social Welfare and ORS, to scale the implementation of schemes offered by Central Government for Union Territories.
- Inaugurated the Capacity Building Programme for Women Police Officers in New Delhi.
- Chaired the Panel Discussion at the event of 'Your Story: Makers India Accelerating the Women's Movement' held at New Delhi.
- Conducted Training Workshop at Almorah, Uttarakhand on 'Homestay Tourism' for encouraging rural women entrepreneurs in collaboration with Uttarakhand State Commission for Women and AIRBnB.
- Attended the Convocation Ceremony held at Asia Pacific Institute, New Delhi.



Glimpses from the visit and programmes attended by Chairperson of NCW.

Member, Smt. Soso Shaiza

- Attended Meetings with SDOs/DCs for completion of 100 years in Ukhrul District.
- Visited the Aspirational District Chandel in Manipur to assess the implementation of Women Development Schemes and for initiating programmes for Skills and Capacity Building.
- Addressed at the Outreach Programme for Students from North East in Gargi College, New Delhi.



Member, Dr. Rajul L. Desai

- Attended the 'Mahila Sashaktikarana Karyakaram' organized by Matrishi Hiraja Education and Charitable Trust in Banaskantha, Gujarat on 1st October 2019.



Member, Smt. Shyamala S. Kundar

- Visited the Aspirational District Asifabad, Bhupalpally and Khammam in Telangana for the month to thoroughly assess the implementation of women and child development schemes in the State, and held meetings with district level officers and social workers.

