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Women winners *all the way*

Indian women have demonstrated time and again their capacity in the field of sports. Their achievements highlight that if adequate facilities are made available, Indian women are second to none. The temerity of Indian sports women can be gauged from the fact that the barriers to their entry and progression in the field of sports are aplenty ranging from objections from the family to the general attitude of the society, lack of adequate sports training facilities, responsibilities of caring for their family members, and above all, lack of required resources including equipment.

Whether it is the Indian women's hockey team who lifted the Women's Asia Cup Hockey title in Japan recently, or the women's cricket team reaching the World Cup Finals, these women have risen mostly due to their own determination. Similarly, defying age barriers, the boxing star Mary Kom, by picking her gold medal in the Asian Boxing Championships held at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, proved to the world that determination is the key to success.

Another sports women, Weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu from Imphal has become the second Indian after Karnam Malleswari to win the gold medal at the World Weightlifting Championships. Pooja Ghatkar, the woman shooter, did the nation proud by picking up gold at the 10m women's air rifle event at the Commonwealth Shooting Championship in Brisbane. In badminton, the story of P.V Sindhu and Saina Nehwal is a major source of inspiration.

The country owes it to Indian women who have despite all odds, been scripting success stories and doing the nation proud over the years.

A logical question therefore arises, can the recent achievements of women in sports arena be the precursor of the attitudinal change towards sports? Can the Government take proactive steps to inspire women to join competitive sports in large numbers?

We need a change in mindset, change in governmental policies, upgradation of facilities and assurance about employment to provide a steady stream of Indian sports women to dominate international sports arena. ■

Vanita Akhaury, Editor



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Hockey

Indian women's hockey team lifts Women's Asia Cup Hockey title



Source: <https://www.jagranjosh.com>

Where there is a will there is a way. The Indian women's hockey team came back in form after 13 years, defeating China (5-4 via penalty shootout) to lift the Women's Asia Cup Hockey title in Kakamigahara, Japan, on November 05, 2017. With the win, the team also qualified for 2018 World Cup. ■

Shooting

Ghatkar shoots gold

Pooja Ghatkar did the nation proud when she got gold in the 10m women's air rifle event at the Commonwealth Shooting Championship held in Brisbane in November 2017. ■



Boxing

Mary Kom makes a comeback, lifts gold

By picking up gold medal in the Asian Boxing Championships held at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in the Light Flyweight category, Mary Kom, who is approaching 35, proved to the world that determination is the key to success. She defeated DPR Korea's Kim Hyang Mi in the final bout 5-0 by unanimous judges' decision. ■



Source: <http://indpaedia.com>

Weightlifting

Weightlifter S. Mirabai Chanu wins gold at World Championship

Weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu from Imphal has become the second Indian after Karnam Malleswari to win the gold medal at the World Weightlifting Championships. She exhibited her indomitable will by establishing a new world record lifting 194kg, four times her body weight (85 snatch and 109 C&J) in women's 48kg category at Anaheim, USA on November 29, 2017. She also broke the Commonwealth record in the snatch event with a lift of 85kg, improving her own record by one kilogram. ■



Source: <http://eprahaar.in/>

Badminton

Saina Nehwal bounces back claiming her 3rd National title



Source: <http://images.newindianexpress.com>

Star shuttler Saina Nehwal bounced back to her good form displaying brilliant badminton skills, smashing PV Sindhu in a tight two-game match clinching the women's singles title in the Senior National Badminton Championship held on Nov 8, 2017 in Nagpur. In a top quality rally finish, 27-year-old Saina, a former world number one, got the better of Sindhu, the Olympic and World Championship silver medalist, 21-17, 27-25 in a thrilling contest that lasted 54 minutes. ■

Literature

Hindi writer **Krishna Sobti** chosen for *Jnanpith Award*



Source: <http://currentaffairs.freejobalert.com>

Acclaimed Hindi littérateur Krishna Sobti has been chosen for this year's Jnanpith Award. The 92-year-old writer is known for her bold thoughts and her choice of subjects that range from the partition and relationships between man and woman to the changing dynamics of the Indian society and the gradual deterioration of human values. She uses an intermingling of Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi language in her works. Some of her famous works include *Daar Se Bichhudi*, *Mitro Marjani*, and *Dil-o-Danish* among others. ■

Gender sensitisation in J&K



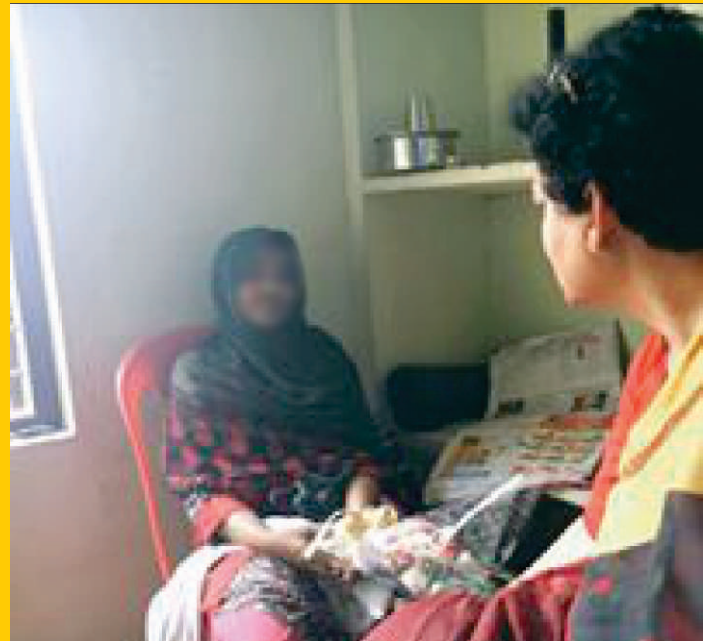
NCW Chairperson (I/c) Smt. Rekha Sharma with Hon'ble Chief Minister of J&K Mehbooba Mufti and Chairperson State Commission for Women Ms. Nayeema Ahmad Mahjoor

During her visit to the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Chairperson (I/c) Smt. Rekha Sharma had a meeting with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir Mehbooba Mufti ji and Chairperson, State Commission for Women Ms. Nayeema Ahmad Mahjoor. During the meeting, issues relating to welfare and empowerment of women in the region were discussed. She also addressed over 900 under trainee constables at Police Academy Talwara in Reasi District. During her address, she underlined the need for gender sensitisation and emphasised the need for bringing attitudinal and behavioural change towards women. She specially mentioned that cases relating to violence against women need to be handled with highest degree of sensitivity. Another highlight of this visit was the Legal Awareness Programme in Kashmir, organised for the first time in the State by the National Commission for Women in collaboration with the J&K State Commission for Women ■

↓ Activities

Chairperson (I/c)

Smt. Rekha Sharma on a fact-finding tour to Kerala



NCW Chairperson Smt. Rekha Sharma visited Hadiya at her residence in Kottayam's Vaikkom

To understand why girls in Kerala are allegedly lured into religious conversion and marriage, Smt. Rekha Sharma visited Kerala (Kochi-Kozhikode-Thiruvananthapuram) from November 5-8, 2017. On the first day of her three-day tour, Smt. Sharma met victims of forced conversion. She also visited Hadiya at her home in Kottayam's Vaikkom. She later met Kerala Muslim women representatives at the Government Guest House at Kochi. On the second day of her Kerala tour, the chairperson spent the morning in Kozhikode meeting the families of girls allegedly lured into religious conversion and marriage. She also visited the staff and patients of Government Mental Centre, Calicut. Smt. Sharma also met some aggrieved families, including that of Bindu Sampath, mother of Nimisha/Fathima, a young girl who is believed to have been trafficked to Afghanistan to join a terror outfit. While in Thiruvananthapuram, the Chairperson also met the Kerala DGP to discuss various issues concerning women's right and grievances including forced conversion in the state. ■



Nationwide competition for generating legal awareness



Recognising the need for sensitising the public at large about women related laws, the National Commission for Women launched a nationwide programme to generate awareness about such laws amongst college and university students. This is part of the strategy to catch them young. Coupled with legal awareness programmes and seminars conducted in partnership with

NGOs and educational institutions throughout the country, the Competition is expected to go a long way to create the environment conducive for fullest realisation of the women's potential.

The competition is being organised in various colleges, universities and other educational institutions across the country to familiarise students with various women related laws and their legal rights and the remedies available in the event of denial. The Colleges/Universities/Institutions are organising multiple choice type competition at their own level and the Commission will re-imburse the expenditure incurred by each College/Institution for organising the competition. ■

Environmental Degradation and Well being of Women in Slums



Addressing a panel discussion on November 8, 2017 upon the "Effect of Environmental Degradation on Economic Well being of Slum Women", Shri Alok Rawat, Member, National Commission for Women, stated that policies pursued by the Government in areas relating to infrastructure like water supply, irrigation, roads, electricity, road safety, etc. are gender neutral. The gender based budgeting

being pursued by the Central Government further cements the objective of gender mainstreaming. It was brought out that with increase in urban population, the number of people in slums also increase. Such increase puts additional strain on water and sanitation facilities, spaces for washing clothes, and other infrastructure. Therefore, it is essential that basic amenities for the slum dwellers are also catered for adequately. ■

Job creation and skill training for NE women



Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, the National Commission for Women, with Shri C.K. Das, Member, North Eastern Council, Smt. Laldinglian Sailo, Ex-Member and Presiding Officer NCW, Dr. Satbir Bedi, Member Secretary, NCW, Smt. Theinlin Phanhbu, Chairperson, Meghalaya State Commission for Women and representatives from Central and State Governments for Women from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

The National Commission for Women, in association with the North Eastern Council (NEC) organised a meeting to discuss recommendations for the "Social, Economic and Political Empowerment of Women in the North Eastern States" at the NEC Headquarters in Shillong on November 14, 2017. The event was chaired by Smt. Rekha Sharma Chairperson (I/c). Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Sharma highlighted that although there was a perception that women in the North Eastern region are better off than their counterparts in the rest of India, women in the NE are also a disadvantaged lot. She also stressed the need to create jobs to stop trafficking of women. She emphasised the need for rehabilitation of rescued women by offering them skill training and also providing shelter. Member-Secretary, the National Commission for Women, Dr. Satbir Bedi, while welcoming the State representatives stated that women in the North East, epitomise the grit of women. However, their efforts do not always fetch commensurate returns. While in Shillong, Smt. Sharma and Dr. Bedi also met the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya at Raj Bhavan to personally present him with a copy of the report prepared by the National Commission for Women. ■