



NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

NCW's two-day interactive meeting with 18 State Commissions for Women

Six key resolutions passed by NCW and State Commissions for Women

NCW to conduct cyber security workshops across the country in partnership with Facebook and Cyber Peace Foundation

PRESS NOTE

10 May, 2018: The National Commission for Commission (NCW) convened a two-day interactive meeting with the State Commissions for Women (SCW) that was held from 8th May to 9th May, 2018 at the Commission in New Delhi.

In her opening address, Chairperson (I/c) Smt. Rekha Sharma expressed her appreciation to the State Commissions for providing a crucial link in establishing good relationships with State administration and officials. Emphasizing on the need to establish women hostels in different States/UTs to facilitate women to reside at places where they go for education/work, she conveyed to the State Chairpersons that she is in touch with Chief Secretaries of States regarding the issue.

Member Secretary (NCW) Dr. Satbir Bedi, in her address, implored the State Commissions to forward their jail inspection reports so that they could be assimilated into a comprehensive report. Dr. Bedi said that working together is more effective as the body of work is visible collectively under a single umbrella.

Joint Secretary, Mr. K.L. Sharma communicated to the State Commissions that the Supreme Court has appreciated the work done on Jail visits by the NCW and SCWs.

After a detailed deliberation on issues arising in NRI marriages and the vulnerability of women in such marriages, deficiencies noticed during inspection of jails, noting the absence of a uniform policy or practices for regulation of women hotels being run by private organizations, the rising trend of cyber-crime especially against women and girls, and the need to economically empower women from the North East States, the NCW and SCWs drafted key resolutions for future course of action.

On conclusion of the two-day conference of the NCW and State Women Commissions, the following six resolutions were passed.

1. All State Commissions resolved to hold extensive training and sensitisation programme and workshops in colleges and community centres to enhance awareness of women and girls regarding safe use of social media and internet resources/technology. It was also resolved that the NCW, with Facebook and Cyber Peace Foundation, will be conducting online safety and cyber security seminars in states across India in the coming months.
2. It was resolved that in all the prisons expeditious action should be taken to provide legal aid to the under-trials and financial literacy to women to be able to manage the wages paid to them appropriately. Appropriate skill development programmes for women to be initiated in prisons through NSDC.



3. It was resolved that the State Commissions for Women and National Commission for Women will request the respective Governments to undertake a comprehensive review of laws to make provisions for sensitively understanding and catering to the special requirements of differently abled women.
4. It was resolved that the State Commissions for Women and National Commission for Women would collaborate and work together with the police department and the Integrated Nodal Agency (INA) to take action against the absconding husbands.
5. It was resolved that executive guidelines will be framed by State Commissions for Women in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development in the states for regulating of hostels to prevent exploitation of women/girls intending to come to towns for short stay.
6. It was resolved that National Commission for Women will lead in organising suitable training programmes to encourage women of North East and hill states to promote Home-Stay-Tourism.

The NCW also organized three informative sessions on pertinent issues during the two-day interactive meeting including a session on 'Cyber Crime' with a specific focus on crimes related to women including cyber-stalking, revenge porn, online scams targeted at women, morphing, and online human trafficking; a nuanced presentation on 'Gender, Sexuality and Disability' and a session on the 'Changing Perceptions of Patriarchy and Masculinity'.
