



NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Gender sensitization training programme conducted by NCW for 400 police officers in Moradabad, UP

PRESS NOTE

5 May, 2018: As part of the National Commission for Women's (NCW) ongoing endeavor to bring a higher level of sensitivity among police personnel, the Commission on Saturday conducted a Gender Sensitization Training Programme for the Uttar Pradesh police force at the Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Police Academy, Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh.

As crime against women manifest in various forms and the police may often be the first point of contact for the distressed, their role and handling thereafter, is critical in responding to preventing violence against women. Being front-line functionaries, the police are expected to respond in an empathetic and sensitive manner. It is imperative that all police organizations undertake suitable initiatives to periodically train all personnel at all levels to sensitize them on gender issues. By observing higher sensitivity, the police can play a pro-active role in preventing violence against women.

On May 5, a team from NCW, along with other experts in the field, sensitized police officers about issues related to the role of police in cases of gender violence. 400 police officers of rank of SI to DSP level of the Uttar Pradesh police force participated in the workshop that was chaired by the Chairperson (I/c) Smt. Rekha Sharma. APO level officers under training also attended the programme.

A team of experts including Ms. Kanchan Khattar (Senior Coordinator, NCW), Ms. Geeta Rathee Singh (JTE, NCW), Ms. Vandita Nain (JTE, NCW), Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Pandey (Counsellor, NCW) and Cyber Law Specialist Mr. Nitish Chandan trained the officers in various topics covering a wide ambit of issues such as Police Sensitization Around Rape and Acid Attack Victims, Accessibility of Police to General Public, Cyber Crime and Women, Complaint/FRI Registration in Crimes Against Women, Stalking and its Consequences and Offences Related to Marriage and Role of Police Officers.

The NCW has been conducting gender sensitization workshops and programmes for police and judicial officers in India with a view to train officers on gender sensitive policing. The Commission has been taking this project State-to-State across the country. The goal is to sensitize officers on gender issues and empower the police force with the ability to perform their duties more effectively and without prejudice and discrimination.
