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COVER STORY

Capacity Building for State Women Commissions in association with LalBahadurShastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA)

The National Commission for Women conducted training programmes for the Chairpersons and members of the State Women Commissions to build capability in gender and related areas of law, working with stakeholders like the police, among others in association with the National Gender Centre, LBSNAA. The objective of the programme was to engage in deliberations and dialogue on multiple themes dealing with women issues.

The training for the 2nd Batch was conducted from 29th to 31st July, 2019 while the training for the first batch was conducted from 19th to 21st June, 2019. The training was conducted at LBSNAA campus in Mussoorie. The programme was attended by 41 participants from State Women Commissions across 13 states. Participants brainstormed and discussed multiple aspects of issues related to women – be it societal in nature like patriarchy or stakeholders like media, the laws related to women and the challenges that obstruct the way ahead.

- Gender, Patriarchy, Men & Masculinity
- Laws related to Women
- Commissions for Women & Girls: Challenges and Possibilities for Convergence
- Importance of Non-verbal Communication while dealing with survivors
- Stakeholders Perspectives to Issues Concerning Gender
- Interface of Police and State Commissions of Women – Opportunities, Challenges & Convergence

Acid attacked survivor turned social activist Ms. Laxmi Agarwal addressed the participants and highlighted the role of State Women Commissions in counseling the survivors, their family members, supporting and guiding them about the process and the steps like FIR registration, etc. Recalling personal examples, she expressed that lack of awareness among the survivors was a common challenge that impacts them adversely. She also spoke at length about how the law had evolved over a period of time to support a victim in terms of free treatment at private hospitals, compensation formula based on the degree of burns, etc.



Vanitha Muthayya became the first woman to lead the Chandrayaan-2 Moon Mission Launch. Muthayya led the launch as a project manager.



Athlete Hima Das won 4 gold medals this month. She won Poznan Athletics Grand Prix in Poland on July 2nd 2019, Kutno Athletics Meet in Poland on 7th July 2019, Women's 200m event at the Kladno Memorial Athletics Meet on 14th July 2019 and 400m race in Czech Republic on July 20th 2019.



Pratiksha Das, a 24-year-old mechanical engineer, has become the first woman trained heavy four-wheeled vehicles driver. She had taken up a course with Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) to learn how to drive a bus.



Anshula Kant became World Bank's first woman CFO. Her appointment was announced on July 13th 2019.

Discussion on NariAdalat



The National Commission for Women organized a preliminary consultation meeting on proposed NariAdalat model with senior officers from the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Principal Secretaries/ Representatives from 9 State Governments and respective State Women Commissions for Women on 31st July 2019. The meeting was presided over by Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, NCW. NariAdalats have been very successful for resolving marital/ family disputes in Gujarat, the consultation was organized to deliberate on implicating this model into a pan-India model with learnings from Gujarat.

Following recommendations were agreed upon during the discussion.

- NariAdalats should be set up not only for delivery of justice but also for promotion and propagation of legal literacy particularly for women in rural areas
- As per the proposed administrative structure, the presence of district committee is necessary given the need of convergence of multiple schemes
- Constitution of NariAdalats must be socially inclusive and represent areas they function in
- It was suggested that the project be rolled out in a phased manner starting with 25 districts in the first year excluding North-East and the Union Territories



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 with compassion while dealing with victims of gender based crimes and women in general.

The Commission organized a one day Gender Sensitization Workshops at Indore, Madhya Pradesh in collaboration with State Police Academy on 7th July 2019. The gender sensitization programme for Women Police officers was held at Mysuru, Karnataka from 17th July to 19th July 2019, in collaboration with Karnataka State Police Academy. It is expected that after undergoing this training these officers will be able to empathize with the victims/ complainants of gender-based crimes and women in general and assist them in a better manner.

Van Mahotsav Celebration at NCW

The employees and officials of the National Commission for Women celebrated Van Mahotsav in office on 13th July 2019. Various competitions like slogan, poster making, etc. Honourable Chairperson and members of the Commission spoke about the significance of Van Mahotsav and announced the winners of various competitions held at the Commission to mark the occasion.



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

S. No.	Month	No. of Cases taken up	No. of ATR replies received	No. of cases closed	Inquiry Committees /Fact Finding Team Constituted
1.	July 2019	35	34	11	03

The National Commission for Women had taken cognizance of media report captioned “Rape victim’ attempts suicide in Rajasthan police Station” appeared in The Tribune dated 28th July 2019 wherein it was reported that a rape victim had allegedly attempted suicide at a police station in Jaipur demanding the arrest of the accused, her husband’s cousin. The Commission had constituted a two member Fact Finding Team to look into the matter. The team visited the police station wherein the victim had attempted suicide and conducted an inquiry into the incident. In response to this, the team received a detailed Action Taken Report in the matter during the visit from DGP Rajasthan and Commissioner Jaipur.

Jan Sunwai in Jaipur, Kanpur, Patna, East Delhi and Bengaluru

There were five Mahila Jan Sunwais held during this month, the first one being led by Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, National Commission for Women. Details of Jan Sunwais held in other cities is mentioned in the table given below.

S. No.	Date	City	Member
1.	5 th July 2019	Jaipur	Smt. Rekha Sharma & Dr. Rajulben L Desai
2.	12 th July 2019	Kanpur	Smt. Kamlesh Gautam
3.	19 th July, 2019	Patna	Smt. Chandramukhi Devi
4.	25 th July, 2019	East Delhi	Smt. Soso Shaiza
5.	26 th July, 2019	Bengaluru	Smt. Shyamala S. Kundar



Programmes Attended

By Chairperson, Smt. Rekha Sharma

- Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson National Commission for Women chaired the interactive meetings of the Expert Committee on the topic “Gender Sensitization and Legal Awareness Programme” on 3rd July 2019 and 22nd July 2019 at NCW premises
- Attended conference cum meditation retreat on “Happy Women – Happy Family” at GyanSarovar, Mount Abu organized by Women’s Service wing of the Brahma Kumaris on 20th July 2019
- Attended a seminar of Gender Sensitisation ‘Gender Equality: The Scale Never Gets Even’ at GLS Law College, Ahmedabad on 23rd July 2019

By Member Secretary, Ms. Meenakshi Gupta

- Attended conference cum meditation retreat on “Happy Women – Happy Family” at GyanSarovar Campus, Mount Abu organized by Women’s Service wing of the Brahma Kumaris on 20th July 2019

By Member Soso Shaiza

- Attended ‘EduMeet 2019 & Excellence Award’ at Kolkata as a Special Guest on 11th and 12th July 2019
- Attended Legal Awareness Programme at Khumulwng, Tripura as Chief Guest from 21st to 24th July 2019

By Member Dr. Rajulben L. Desai

- Visited to One Stop Centre at RDBP, Jaipur on 6th July 2019

By Member Ms. Shyamala S Kundar

- Visited Bangalore and held a meeting with officials of Women & Child Welfare department, Karnataka, Chairman & members of Social Welfare Board, Chairperson & Member of State Commission for Women Karnataka on 6th July 2019
- Attended a workshop on cybercrime related to women at Bangalore on 27th July 2019

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

Month	Complaints Received	Complaints Closed(Old+New)
July 2019	58	09

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

Month	Complaints Received	Complaints Closed(Old+New)
July 2019	1818	1387

Inspection of Prisons & Swadhar Greh

The National Commission for Women inspected four prisons and two Swadhar Grehs across the country in July 2019 in accordance with Section 10 (1)(k) of the NCW Act, using the inspection format prepared earlier. The Commission regularly conducts inspections of jails, remand homes, women's institutions or other place of custody where women are kept as prisoners or otherwise, and take it up with the concerned authorities for remedial action, if found necessary.

S. No.	Date	Name of Psychiatric Home	City	Member
1.	6 th July 2019	Swadhar Greh, Shakti Stmbh	Jaipur	Dr. Rajulben L Desai
2.	11 th July 2019	District Jail	Kanpur	Smt. Kamlesh Gautam
3.		Rajkiya Mahila Sharanalaya	Kanpur	Smt. Kamlesh Gautam
4.	18 th July 2019	Model Central Jail (Female ward)	Patna	Smt. Chandramukhi Devi
5.	19 th July, 2019	Central Jail	Mysore	Smt. Shyamala S. Kundar
6.	27 th July, 2019	Central Prison	Bangalore	Smt. Shyamala S. Kundar

