

## Consultation on Improving the Condition of Women in Mental Asylum, 2016



The National Commission for Women has organized a consultation on “**Improving the Condition of Women in Mental Asylums**” based on the **NCW-NIMHANS research study on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at Conference Hall, National Commission for Women**. The Hon’ble Minister of State, Ministry of Women and Child Development Smt. Krishna Raj inaugurated the consultation. Hon’ble Chairperson, National Commission for Women, Smt. Lalitha Kumarmangalam addressed all the participants. Dr. Pratima Murthy, NIMHANS and her team presented a model action plan for improving the condition of women admitted in psychiatric institutions.

Various stakeholders across the nation such as; representatives from the psychiatric institutions, civil society representatives, representatives from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, representatives from Ministry of Women and Child Development and State Government representatives from the departments of Health and Family Welfare and Women and Child Development have shared their views/suggestions during the consultation. They appreciated the efforts of the Commission to seek views on Improving the Condition of Women in Mental Asylum.

Deliberations and discussions were held on issues and challenges faced by the women admitted in these institutions. The interaction was held to discuss the action plan for improving the condition of women and monitoring their progress, as proposed in the study report.