



NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

PRESS NOTE

14th February 2020: National Commission for Women have come across a media report captioned, “68 girls in Kutch institute hostel forced to undergo ‘strip’”, on Times of India dated 14th February, 2020.

The Commission is disturbed by the report of this incident at Sahjanand Girls’ Institute in Gujarat. The reports also states that, Kutch University authorities have taken the matter for internal query and based on the finding they would take further actions.

National Commission for Women has appraised the Kutch University in-charge Vice Chancellor Darshna Dholakia and the DGP of Gujarat, Shivanand Jha (IPS) to look into the matter thoroughly and report to the Commission at the earliest on the action taken reports.

National Commission for Women has written to the Sahjanand Girls’ Institute College Trustee, Pravin Pindora and the Principal, Rita Raniga to give explanation of this shameful incident that took place in their institute.

The Commission encourages the girls from the Institute to come forward and speak without fear on their grievances from this experience to the finding authority, or on any other similar incidents of exploitation if occurred to them in the past, and was not addressed before.