

## NCW ORGANIZED WORKSHOP ON GENDER RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCE FOR WOMEN MLAS FROM 6 STATES



The National Commission for Women organized a Workshop on Gender Responsive Governance for elected women representatives (MLAs) from six states on September 21, 2022 under 'She Is A Changemaker' project, a pan-India capacity building programme of the Commission for improving leadership skills of women representatives at all levels.

Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Puducherry participated as Chief Guest. Chairperson, National Commission for Women Ms Rekha Sharma and Disha Pannu, Deputy Director Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) also graced the occasion.

The three-day workshop was organised in Udaipur, Rajasthan in collaboration with NGCC, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration. During the workshop, the women MLAs were trained on gender-responsive governance in different sessions such as 'Effective Leadership', 'Understanding Gender-Based Violence', 'Strengthening Legislative Traditions' and 'Digital Literacy & Social Media Training, etc. The workshop was attended by 25 participants from Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Odisha.

The objective of the workshop was to sensitize and assist the Elected Women Representatives to build on their identified strengths and increase the levels of self-awareness in a manner that would help them manage challenging paths ahead, in line with the overall 'She is a Change maker' programme.

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## Consultation on 'Inclusion Amplified, Transwomen in India: Problems & Prospects'

The National Commission for Women organized its first-ever Consultation for transwomen; 'Inclusion Amplified, Transwomen in India: Problems & Prospects' on September 7, 2022 to address the misconceptions leading to stigma attached with the individuals of the community and spark a conversation with regards to their acceptance and participation in the society.

Through this Consultation, the Commission sought to offer a broad platform to academicians, researchers, social activists, policy makers, civil society members, and trans-women themselves to analyze problems which they face in various arenas and to discuss future directions and policy proposals for the welfare of trans-women.

Ms Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, National Commission for Women, Ms Meeta Rajivlochan, Member Secretary, NCW, Ms Radhika Chakravarthy, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Asholi Chalai, Joint Secretary, NCW and senior officials of the Commission graced the occasion. Stakeholders and representatives from organizations working for the trans-women community, officials from police, NALSA, DLSA and individuals identifying themselves as trans-women participated in the Consultation. Some of the organisations that joined today's deliberation were Sahodari Foundation, Humsafar Trust, Mahila Jagrut Sevabhavi Sanstha, Trans Care India, NAZ Foundation, Udaan Trust, Alliance India, etc.

The panelists appreciated the work being done by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the welfare of transwomen and transgender persons. The panelists stressed on the need to sensitize the masses on priority and to develop a counseling mechanism for transgender persons in schools and educational institutes. The experts also recommended that the parents and families of transwomen be counseled not to abandon their children, give them access to property rights, and to create awareness program for sensitizing trans-women about their legal rights. Additionally, the experts appreciated the bringing about of the transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 and stressed on the need for proper implementation of the Act.



## Seminar on Combating Human Trafficking in North Eastern Region in Meghalaya



The National Commission for Women organized a one-day Seminar on “Combating Human Trafficking in North Eastern Region” in collaboration with Meghalaya State Commission for Women and North Eastern Council in Shillong, Meghalaya. The one-day awareness session was conducted on September 28, 2022 which aimed to facilitate a detailed deliberation in relation to recent trends in human trafficking in the Northeast region and to develop new methods of prevention, protection and prosecution.

Ms Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, NCW participated as Chief Guest in the inaugural ceremony. Chairperson, Meghalaya State Commission for Women Ms Phidalia Toi and Shri C H Kharshiang, Planning Advisor, North Eastern Council also graced the occasion. The Commission invited Shri PM Nair, EX-DG, NDRF and Ex-Chair Professor, TISS, Shri Veerendra Mishra, AIG, SISF, Madhya Pradesh Police, Dr Shekhar P. Seshadri, Former Dean, Behavioural Sciences Division & Former Director, NIMHANS and Hasina Kharbhih, Founder, Impulse NGO Network as resource persons.

Chairperson, NCW, Ms Rekha Sharma stressed the importance of sensitization and raising awareness in schools and colleges. She also emphasized the important role of all the State Commissions for Women in the fight against trafficking and the need to form student groups to raise awareness of trafficking cases. She said that there was a need to create groups of young students who can alert the emergency services if they find someone being victimised. Regular meetings between all the stakeholders were also important to consider challenges and ways to address those challenges, said Ms Sharma.

The 1st Technical Session on North Eastern Region Scenario of Trafficking in Women' was taken by Ms Hasina Kharbhih, Founder, Impulse NGO Network. The second session was on 'Trans Border Trafficking of Women' taken by Sh Veerendra Mishra, AIG, SISF, MP Police. The 3rd session was on the topic 'Dimensions, Challenges & Best Response Strategies to Counter Trafficking' for which the Commission had invited Shri PM Nair, EX-DG, NDRF and Ex-Chair Professor, TISS. The final session was on 'Psycho Sociological Impact of Trafficking in Persons & Effective Handling' by Sh Dr Shekhar P. Seshadri, ex-Dean, Behavioural Sciences Division & ex-Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences.

## Roundtable Consultative Meeting on Women Empowerment in India and CSR as a Catalyst



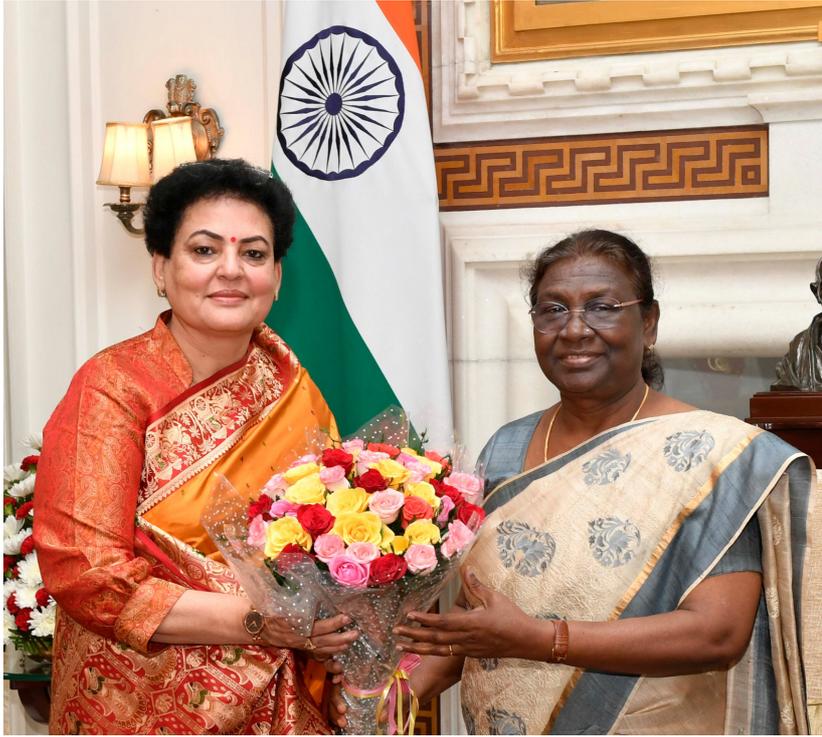
The National Commission for Women in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized a Roundtable Consultative Meeting on ‘Women Empowerment in India and CSR as a Catalyst’, a consultative meeting in Mumbai along with Standard Industrial Bodies and Heads of Major Corporate Foundations on September 15, 2022. The aim of the Consultation was to understand and plan the use of CSR funds for ensuring holistic development of women. The deliberations centred on topics such as the role of CSR in achieving SDGs and Women Empowerment and CSR: Creating Collaborative Spaces, amongst others. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, NCW along with Mr. Ashank Desai, Co-Chairman, CII National Committee on CSR, Ms. Meeta Rajivlochan, Member Secretary, NCW and Ms. Rumjhum Co- Chairperson, CII National Committee on CSR. The Consultation was attended by CSR heads of 32 Corporates.

## Seminar on Institutional Response to the Rights of Indian Women in NRI Marriages

The National Commission for Women organized a Seminar on 'Institutional Response to the Rights of Indian Women in NRI Marriages' on September 24, 2022. The one-day awareness session was held in collaboration with Crime Against Women and Children and NRI Cell, Tamil Nadu Police at Conference Hall, Office of the DGP, Chennai, Tamilnadu. Dr.C.Sylendra Babu, IPS, Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu and Shri Asholi Chalai, Joint Secretary, NCW addressed the participants and made them aware of their rights and redressal mechanism available to them.



## Chairperson's Engagements



Chairperson Ms Rekha Sharma called on Hon'ble President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. She also paid a courtesy visit to Hon'ble Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar at Upa-Rashtrapati Nivas.



Chairperson Ms Rekha Sharma participated as Chief Guest in the 3rd ASSOCHAM Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Awards & Conclave held on September 6, 2022. She said that the focus is now on Women-led empowerment rather than women empowerment under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi.



Chairperson Ms Rekha Sharma visited Central Jail, Bhopal and met with the women inmates of the jail. She also interacted with the inmates and the officials of the jail administration. She also enquired about the welfare of women inmates.



Chairperson Ms Rekha Sharma participated as Chief Guest in the Western Regional Consultation Meet organised by NCW and Women Development Cell, Gujarat University.

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## Celebrations at NCW



*Glimpses of the 'Healthy Recipe Competition-cum-Awareness Programme' held on September 30  
Participants prepared various nutritious food out of millet and informed everyone of the benefits*

