



# NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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On July 30-31, 2024, the National Commission for Women, in association with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, National Disaster Management Authority, National Rural Livelihoods Mission, and UN Women, convened a Multi-Stakeholder National Consultation titled “Building Resilient Communities: Women and Sustainable Ecosystem” at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi. The seminar, which centered around themes like women’s livelihoods in the changing rural economy, their role in disaster resilience, and leadership in climate action, brought together distinguished experts and leaders.

The Plenary Session featured valuable insights from Ms. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson of the NCW; Shri Rajendra Singh, Member & Head of Department at NDMA; Ms. Leena Nandan, Secretary of MoEFCC; Shri Anil Malik, Secretary of Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD); Ms. Meenakshi Negi, Member Secretary of the NCW; Ms. Susan Ferguson, Country Representative for UN Women; and Shri Charanjit Singh, Additional Secretary of the NRLM. A key highlight was the launch of the NCW Decadal Book, showcasing the Commission’s decade-long efforts in advancing women's rights.

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On July 5th, 2024, the National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with CyberPeace, launched the fifth phase of the Digital Shakti program at Vigyan Bhawan. This initiative, which has already empowered over 600,000 women to protect themselves against cyber threats and crimes, now aims to extend its reach to 1,000,000 women.

The Inaugural Session was graced by esteemed guests, including Hon'ble MoS Defence Shri Sanjay Seth ji and Hon'ble MoS Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy Farming Shri SP Baghel ji, who served as Chief Guests. The event also featured Hon'ble NCW Chairperson Ms. Rekha Sharma, Member Secretary Meenakshi Negi, and CyberPeace founder Major Vineet.

In her address, Hon'ble Chairperson Smt Rekha Sharma highlighted the program's alignment with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Digital India initiative. She stated, "As India advances towards becoming the third-largest power globally, it is crucial to support and uplift women in all areas. Digital Shakti, initiated in 2018, is a testament to our commitment to introducing women to the digital era and enhancing their skills. To date, we have successfully trained 6 lakh women in safe digital practices, and in this phase, our goal is to empower 10 lakh women, bridging the gender gap and promoting inclusive growth."

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NCW, in collaboration with EDII, organized an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program in Kargil to empower women entrepreneurs. This initiative aims to provide them with the knowledge and skills needed to grow and sustain their ventures. The program was attended by Joint Secretary NCW Shri A. Asholi Chalai as Guest of Honour.



NCW organized a Capacity Building and Mental Health Awareness program for the family members of Defence Personnel, in collaboration with the Family Welfare Organization- Charging Ram Division at Manikshaw Centre, New Delhi on 6th July, 2024. Throughout the day, discussions on mental health and awareness on women entrepreneurship was held as part of the program.



On July 25th, 2024, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, the NCW successfully concluded its series of 100 Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs held across the country. Conducted in association with the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad, these programs have been instrumental in empowering women entrepreneurs nationwide

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The NCW, in collaboration with the Meghalaya Diversity Board, organized a Regional Capacity Building Workshop on Promoting Entrepreneurship Among Indigenous Women of the North East Region on 8th July 2024 in Shillong. The workshop aimed to empower indigenous women by encouraging them to explore entrepreneurship opportunities, particularly in businesses utilizing Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP). With the region's rich biodiversity, including over 3,000 plant species, the workshop highlighted the potential for creating sustainable enterprises.



The National Commission for Women conducted two gender sensitization workshops for police personnel on July 8-9, 2024, at the Telangana Police Academy in Hyderabad. Attended by 600 trainee constables and 500 sub-inspectors, the workshops covered critical topics such as cybercrime, stress management, and legal provisions on sexual crimes. Chairperson Ms. Rekha Sharma emphasized the importance of sensitivity in handling victims and female colleagues. The sessions featured resource persons who were experts from various fields, providing valuable insights to the participants.

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On July 10th, 2024, the National Commission for Women organized a one-day workshop for 200 Sub-Inspectors and police trainees at the Police Training College in Trivandrum, Kerala. The event focused on gender sensitization, with Hon'ble Chairperson Ms. Rekha Sharma highlighting the importance of sensitivity, including towards the third gender.



The NCW, in collaboration with UNHCR, organized a workshop to address the situation of refugee women and girls in India. The workshop aimed to raise awareness of protection mechanisms, discuss challenges in accessing legal and social services, review responses to trafficking, and explore avenues for future collaboration in capacity building and support. A key focus was on addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and the need for comprehensive, multi-sectoral support.



The fifth Monitoring Committee Meeting of Special Cells for Women was held on 22nd July 2024 in Srinagar, J&K, chaired by Ms. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson of the National Commission for Women. The meeting reviewed the progress of 22 pilot Special Cells for Women across J&K and Ladakh.

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On July 22, 2024, the NCW, in collaboration with VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry, organized a one-day seminar on "Empowering Women in Agriculture: Opportunities and Challenges" at the College of Forestry, Ranichauri, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. The seminar was inaugurated by Ms. Meenakshi Negi, Member Secretary of NCW, who served as the Chief Guest. The program was also attended by Prof. Parvinder Kaushal, Vice Chancellor of VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry, officials from the forest department, and around 200 progressive women farmers.



On July 27, 2024, the NCW conducted a workshop for approximately 200 police officers at the Manipur Police Training College, Pangei. The workshop, titled "Gender Sensitisation for Police Personnel," focused on enhancing the police force's responsiveness to women's issues. It featured four key sessions: effective handling of crimes against women, stress management and life skills, gender sensitization, and managing cybercrime cases involving women. Esteemed resource persons, including Ms. Renuka Mishra, DG, Uttar Pradesh; Ms. Saloni Prabhakar, Psychologist; Mr. Ritesh Nangia; and Mr. Keshav Kumar, Cyber Expert, shared their valuable insights during the event.

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On July 24, 2024, the National Commission for Women conducted a one-day workshop on gender sensitization for 300 inspectors and constables at the Gujarat Police Academy. During the workshop, Hon'ble Chairperson Ms. Rekha Sharma addressed the importance of gender sensitization among police officers for effectively addressing women's issues. She also emphasized the need for greater sensitivity within the police department itself in handling these matters.

## National Commission for Women Launched Podcast Series on Women's Issues.



NCW launched its podcast series on July 5th, 2024, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. This series is dedicated to addressing various concerns related to women. Episodes covering topics such as women's legal rights, the operations of NCW, the experiences of acid attack survivors, and the role of women in politics have already been released on the Commission's official YouTube channel. The series will continue to explore many other critical issues affecting women.



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