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Progress in Policy: India Adopts Women's Reservation Bill



The Women's Reservation Bill, officially ratified as the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, is a historic milestone. It mandates one-third of Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly seats for women, a significant stride in India's democratic journey. Enacted in the newly inaugurated Parliament building, this legislation ushers in a new era in Indian politics. Coinciding with the 30th anniversary of similar amendments for local bodies, this move is hailed by the National Commission for Women (NCW). It foresees enhanced political opportunities and greater gender parity. This monumental step underscores India's steadfast commitment to women's active political engagement and signifies a vital leap toward gender equality.



The NCW, in collaboration with the Central Industrial Security Force, organized a seminar on Anti-Human Trafficking. Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and attended by the Hon'ble Chairperson, NCW, the seminar highlighted that human trafficking ranks as the third-largest global organized crime. The Chairperson emphasized collaboration in combating this issue and expressed concern about unconventional marriages as a new form of trafficking. The Governor commended NCW for its pivotal role. From sexual assault to forced labor and marriage, all are facets of human trafficking. Raising awareness is crucial to prevent falling into this trap.



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NCW and Netflix have initiated a formal dialogue on the influential role of cinema as a catalyst for societal change, with a specific focus on the participation and impact of women within this sphere. This collaborative endeavor aims to delve deep into the potential of cinema as a force for positive transformation, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and diversity in story telling.



NCW has recognized the importance of Women's Economic Empowerment in addressing gender disparities in the job market and entrepreneurship. To bridge these gaps and empower women, NCW has associated with the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII). This collaboration aims to provide women with the knowledge and skills necessary to establish and sustain their businesses. The program targets various groups, including women in the informal sector, socially marginalized individuals, economically disadvantaged young women, and first-generation college attendees.



NCW celebrated Hindi Pakhwada by organising various competitions to promote the use of Hindi. Staff/ officials actively participated in activities such as debates, poetry, practical knowledge of Hindi, Hindi noting and typing.

On the closing ceremony of Hindi Pakhwada, the National Commission for Women launched their annual magazine, "Arunima," emphasizing the significance of the Hindi language. "Arunima" serves as a platform to amplify women's voices and includes insights from young individuals through the MyGov portal. It strives to address women's needs and aspirations, contributing to a more equitable and prosperous society. During the event, competition winners were recognized, with the Chairperson highlighting their role in inspiring and nurturing talent.

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The Regional Seminar on Women Farmers and Daily Wage Laborers in Migration, organized by NCW in collaboration with the Uttarakhand State Institute of Rural Development, was held at the Govind Ballabh Pant Institute of Agriculture and Technology in Pant Nagar, Uttarakhand. Empowering women in agriculture is crucial for sustainable development, and NCW remains committed to advancing this important cause.



The National Commission for Women, in alignment with its mandate, remained steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (PoSH). A crucial PoSH awareness workshop was conducted for the Faridabad Police Department, involving approximately 250 dedicated police officials. Together, we worked towards fostering safer workplaces and envisioning a brighter future.



The "She is a Change Maker" program, in collaboration with the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis in Bhopal, hosted the Second Capacity Building Program. Women Sarpanch from Raisen District engaged in an enlightening journey, exploring leadership, team building, Panchayati Raj Institution, and Women welfare schemes. This initiative empowers change makers, fostering the vision of a brighter future.

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The National Commission for Women, in collaboration with the Centre for Gender Justice at the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, recently concluded a successful regional (North East) consultation on Marriage and Divorce Laws across Communities in India. This initiative marks a significant step in promoting informed discussions and striving for equitable outcomes in the realm of family laws.



The NCW and CISF jointly organized a seminar in Kolkata to address human trafficking, with a special emphasis on its impact on women. The event brought together experts, survivors, and stakeholders to share insights and strategies in the fight against trafficking. It highlighted the need for collaborative efforts across sectors for a more effective response.

In collaboration with the State Women Commission Tamil Nadu, the National Commission for Women (NCW) initiated an Inter-State Student Exchange Program, aligning with the PM's "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat" vision. During the program, students had the opportunity to explore Chennai's cultural treasures on Day 1 and immerse themselves in Mahabalipuram's rich history and art on Day 2. This collaboration between NCW and the State Women Commission Tamil Nadu marked a successful partnership in the realm of education.



The inaugural training batch at the Tamil Nadu Institute of Urban Studies, Coimbatore, an initiative led by NCW, commenced successfully. Distinguished Women Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of Town Panchayats actively participated in the transformative three-day program under the "She is a Changemaker" project. This intensive curriculum placed a strong emphasis on enhancing leadership skills, fostering effective communication, honing the art of public speaking, and cultivating an in-depth understanding of government-sponsored schemes.