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About the National Seminar

Gender-based violence (GBV) transcends variations in race, ethnicity, religion, culture, age, gender, wealth, and education. Violence against women damages the social fabric and has economic ramifications for women, society, and future generations. The role of WPS implementation is another factor in this growing trend. WPS intends to play a significant role in altering the attitudes and behaviours of Indian women and the larger society toward victims of VAW. Under this backdrop under its mandate, National Commission For Women (NCW) has entrusted the Bharatiya Institute of Research and Development (BIRD), Ghaziabad to Organising a National Level Seminar/Conference at Lucknow on “Functioning and Performance of Women Police Stations (WPS): Issues and Challenges”

- Responses of Police Administration towards Women Police Stations
- Functioning, efficiency and effectiveness of Women Police Stations
- Reporting vis-a-vis registration of cases at Women police Stations
- Contribution of Women Police Stations
- Women Police Station and related crimes against women
- Challenges, Problems and constraints in functioning & Performance of WPSs
- Empirical Research on Women Police Stations in India
- Way forward, policy measures & recommendations

ABOUT THE BHARATIYA INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (BIRD)

Bharatiya Institute of Research and Development (BIRD) is a Premier Institute engaged in providing multidisciplinary consultancy services to Govt. of India, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, International organizations, and other Public and Private organization and also carrying out Skill Development, Leadership Development and Capacity Development Training to Govt. Functionaries, Corporate Bodies, ULBs & PRIs and Common Masses especially youths of India-A brain child of seasoned IT Professionals and Management Experts from leading Institutions of India such as IIMs, IITs, LUMBAS, I2IT etc. It was incorporated on 03-03-1997. BIRD has made significant strides and carved out a niche for itself in the Training & Consultancy map of India. It is widely known in Consultancy Organizations, Government and NGO Sectors for the quality of its product & services. The Institute offers customized training solutions for Government Agencies, NGOs and common masses to address the new challenges in the sector.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (NCW)

The National Commission for Women was set up as statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 (Act No. 20 of 1990 of Govt. of India) to review the Constitutional and Legal safeguards for women; Recommend remedial legislative measures; Facilitate redressal of grievances and Advise the Government on all policy matters affecting women.

Objectives of Seminar

- To examine the rationale of opening of Women Police Stations across India and also to highlight its Modus operandi;
- To assess the impact of women police stations on registration of cases; arrest crime rates, charge sheeting and conviction rate for crimes against women;
- To examine the efficiency and effectiveness of women police stations;
- To find out existing infrastructure, women police force, amenities and facilities women police stations;
- To examine the satisfaction of victims with behaviour, of women police force, treatment, facilities and amenities including evidence gathering equipments available at women police stations;
- To examine the problems and challenges in effective functioning of women police stations;
- To suggest policy measures for improving the performance of women police stations in terms of efficiency and effectiveness.

Sub Themes

- Policy and legal perspectives to combat with Gender Based Violence,
- The sociological, historical, and psychological aspects of Crime against women,
- Women Representations in Police Administration,

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON FUNCTIONING AND PERFORMANCE OF WOMEN POLICE STATIONS(WPS): ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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In keeping with its mandate, the Commission initiated various steps to improve the status of women and worked for their economic empowerment since its inception. It took up the issue of child marriage, sponsored legal awareness programmes, Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats and reviewed laws such as Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, PNDT Act 1994, Indian Penal Code 1860 and the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 to make them more stringent and effective. It organized workshops/consultations, constituted expert committees on economic empowerment of women, conducted workshops/seminars for gender awareness and took up publicity campaign against female foeticide, violence against women etc. in order to generate awareness in the society against these social evils.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW

The University of Lucknow is a century-old university, and the idea of starting a University at Lucknow was first mooted by Raja Sir Mohammad Ali Mohammad Khan, Khan Bahadur, KCIE of Mahmudabad through an article to the columns of English daily newspaper "The Pioneer" urging the foundation of a University at Lucknow. Later Sir Harcourt Butler outlined the proposed scheme for the new university and Lucknow University was established in 1919 as a Unitary, Teaching, and Residential University. On July 17, 1921, the University undertook teaching- both formal and informal in the Faculties of Arts, Science, Commerce, and Law at the Canning College and in the Faculty of Medicine in the King George's Medical College and Hospital. Education in the University of Lucknow is being imparted in the faculties of Arts, Commerce, Education, Law, Science, Fine Art, Management, Ayurveda, and Unani. There are nine specialized institutes/centres viz. Institute of Management Sciences, Tourism Studies, Development Studies, Urban Studies, Women Studies, UGC-SC/ST, OBC, and Minority Coaching Centre, Population Research Centre, Mass Communication Centre, and Bio-informatics Centre.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Social Work is the teaching and research in social work at the University of Lucknow started in the first phase of the development of professional social work education in India.

The J.K. Institute of Sociology and Human Relations was established in 1948 under the inspiring leadership and directorship of the doyen of social sciences in India, Late Professor Radhakamal Mukerjee. Under the Institute was designed a Diploma in Social Service in 1949, a two-year Master's Programme in 1952, and the degree of Master of Social Technique (MST) in 1954, a year later, the nomenclature of MST was changed to Master of Social Work (MSW). In 1956, a composite Department of Sociology and Social Work came up which was again bifurcated in 1972 to create an independent Department of Social Work. The Department has produced a large number of professionals, many of whom are occupying senior positions in the Government's social welfare sector, in the public and private sector of industry, in social work academics, and in other allied professions in India and abroad.

n view of the commendable track record in teaching research, publications, and Innovative field-based programmes and activities; the University Grants Commission recommended the status of first phase of Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Work under the Special Assistance Programme for a period of five years (2009-2014) and further sanctioned the CAS II for a period of five years (2015-2020) and having the status of Centre of Excellence by the U.P Higher Education Council, Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Call of Paper

- Papers are invited from academicians, regulators, policy makers, research scholars, NGOs, students and other stakeholders across the streams.
- Guidelines For Submission of Papers:
- Co-authorship is permissible. Each author will pay their registration fee separately.
- The abstract should not exceed 300 words. The maximum word limit of the paper must not exceed 6000 words inclusive of footnotes.
- The paper must include the title of the paper, full name(s) of the Author(s), Affiliating Institution, Professional/ Educational Details, Email address and contact details.
- The Paper should be in .doc/.docx formats in Times New Roman, font size 12 with 1.5 line spacing. All participants must submit a presentation by using MS PowerPoint.

- Footnotes should be in Times New Roman, the font size 10 with 1.0 line spacing. Endnotes are not allowed.
- Alignment -Justified, no page borders, Margin 1 inch on each side.
- The writings must conform to the "Bluebook 20th Edition".
- All submissions should be original and non-plagiarised work, and should not have been submitted for publication/published elsewhere in any form. Similarity should not be more than 10%.

Registration form:

<https://forms.gle/vxx3Bw4D3WahSXk19>

Last Date of Registration and Abstract

Submission: 15 November 2022

Participants are required to send the full paper by 20th November 2022 on

e-mail: nationalseminarwps@gmail.com with the subject "Paper Submission _ Name of paper presenters."

- The acceptance of the abstract will be notified through emails.
- There is No Registration Fee.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE AND HOSPITALITY

The participants are advised to arrange their traveling expenses from their respective institutions. The organizing committee shall provide modest arrangements (chargeable) for boarding and lodging on sharing basis in the University Guest House/Transit Hostel for outstation participants only after receiving the confirmation of participation well in advance.

Organising Committee

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