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Odisha State Commission for Women

ODISHA STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN



D.O. No...../MWCDMS
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Date 04/01/2021

Smt. TUKUNI SAHU

Minister

Women & Child Development and
Mission Shakti, Odisha

Message

I am immensely glad to know that Odisha State Commission for Women is bringing out its Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-20.

In our society women have never experienced absolute amount of freedom, equality and justice. Often they become victims of domestic violence, social harassment, sexual abuse and trafficking. To support poor and under privileged women by providing them with mental and legal counseling is the biggest challenge for any authority or organization. Our Government is committed to ensure safety, security and economic sustain ability of each and every women of our State.

The State Commission for Women is doing a commendable job by taking steps to provide justice to the women who are the victims of violence and discrimination. The Annual Report of the Commission will be an assimilation of case studies taken up by the Commission during last one year. I am confident, this document will be immensely helpful to break the cycle of social-injustice and protect the rights of women and girls across the State.

I extend my best wishes for the publication of the Annual Report.

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Odisha State Commission for Women works with a Mission :

To provide better education , health facilities to the women of every corner of the state and society &

To formulate better state policy for the economic, social and political upliftment of the women.

Odisha State Commission for Women visualises an women friendly society where -

The Interests, Dignity & Rights of women in every sphere of life are well protected and women can enjoy their precious life with safety and security.

The Relentless effort of the Commission aims at-

Rendering unbiased support to the Government in formulating policies and implementing laws to improve the socio-economic status of each and every woman across the state,

Enable each and every woman and girl to know and claim her rights for living a life with dignity, safety and security as a member of the society

Major Function of the Commission revolves round:

- ❖ Speedy justice delivery without any financial burden on the survivor,
- ❖ Resolution of Complaints,
- ❖ Imparting or supporting training to all the stakeholders involved in improving the status of women across the state,
- ❖ Doing advocacy for policy level changes and Amendments.

Acting as a Civil Court (us sec 10 of the Odiha Sate Commission for Women Act) while investing any case, the Commission does:

- ✓ summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person from any part of India and examining him on oath;
- ✓ requiring the discovery and production of any document;
- ✓ receiving evidence on affidavits;
- ✓ requisitioning any public record or copy there of from any court or office;
- ✓ issuing commissions for the examination of witness and documents; and any other matter which may be prescribed.

The Commission has also proved its presence in...

- ❖ In-depth Research on various socio-economic issues of Women,
- ❖ Compilation of women related laws in simple Frequently Asked Questions "format as well as Hand books in both English and Odia language",
- ❖ Coordination between State Cell and District Cells for betterment of women status,

CATEGORY WISE REGISTRATION AND DISPOSAL OF CASES FOR THE YEAR 2019 -2020

Nature of complaint	Registered	Disposed
Dowry death	51	34
Suspected death	48	30
Dowry desertion	644	462
Domestic violence	939	468
Rape	69	58
False promise to marry	111	79
Kidnap	79	44
Property right	47	30
Sexual harassment	31	07
Service harassment	74	21
Outrage modesty	153	111
Women right violation	360	236
Total	2606	1580

District wise Registration and Disposal of cases for the year 2019 – 2020

District	Registered	Disposed
Angul	55	70
Balasore	100	120
Bhadrak	162	109
Bargarh	40	41
Balangir	33	27
Boudh	26	01
Cuttack	252	182
Dhenkanal	90	49
Deogarh	07	02
Ganjam	176	102

Gajapati	20	20
Jajpur	113	112
Jagatsinghpur	104	53
Jharsuguda	12	01
Kalahandi	40	14
Koraput	41	17
Kendrapada	129	44
Keonjhar	89	47
Khurda	237	65
Mayurbhanj	54	21
Malkangiri	05	04
Nayagarh	111	118
Nawarangpur	09	09
Nuapada	09	06
Puri	203	93
Kandhamal	60	77
Rayagada	27	03
Sundargarh	46	13
Sonepur	12	15
Sambalpur	35	32
Bhubaneswar	309	113
Total	2606	1580

Camp courts

Sl.No.	Date	District	Venue	No. of cases posted	No. of cases disposed
1	17.06.2019	Bhubaneswar	BBSR OSCW	63	29
2	19.06.2019	Khurda	BBSR OSCW	50	28
3	21.06.2019	Cuttack	BBSR OSCW	49	27
4	28.06.2019	Nayagarh	Nayagarh	33	25
5	12.07.2019	Ganjam, Gajapati	Ganjam	65	39
6	24.07.2019	Kandhamala	Phulbani	37	16
7	27.09.2019	Jagatsinghpur	Jagatsinghpur	44	27
8	16.10.2019	Puri	Puri	49	35
9	30.10.2019	Balasore	Balasore	48	23
10	06.11.2019	Dhenkanal	Dhenkanal	37	33
11	27.11.2019	Kendrapada	Kendrapada	42	30
12	17.01.2020	Keonjhar	Keonjhar	48	35



CAMP COURT at JAGATSINGHPUR on 27.09.2019

Cases Pos'ted -44

Cases Dis'posed off-27

Signitaries present from Odisha State Commission for Women- Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson & Ms. Snehanjli Mohanty, Member.

Guests present from district-Collector, Superintendent of Police, District Social Welfare Officer & Protection Officer.



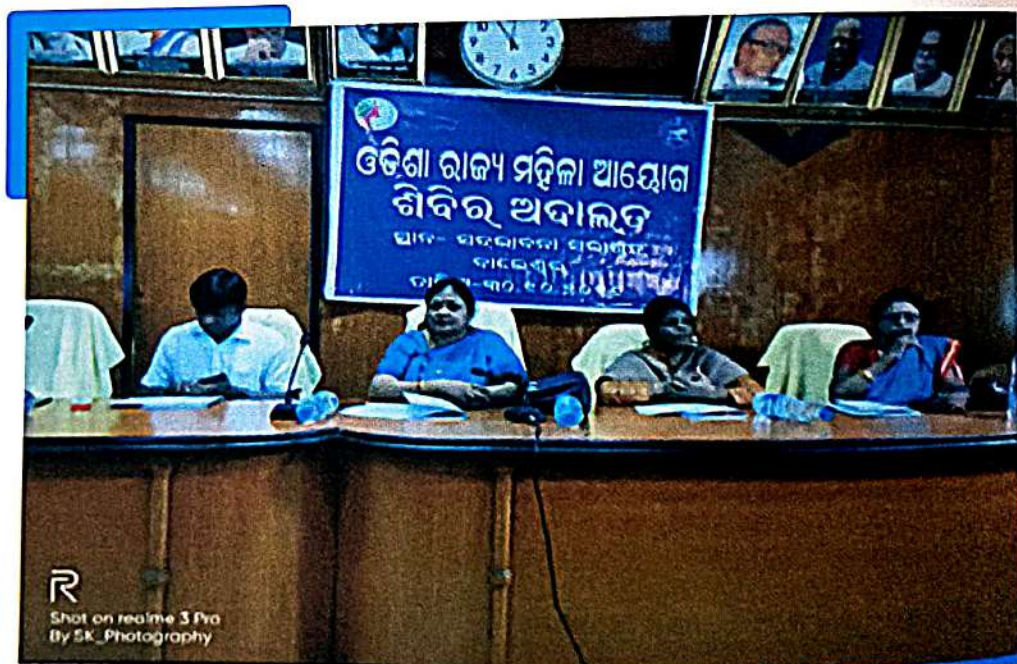
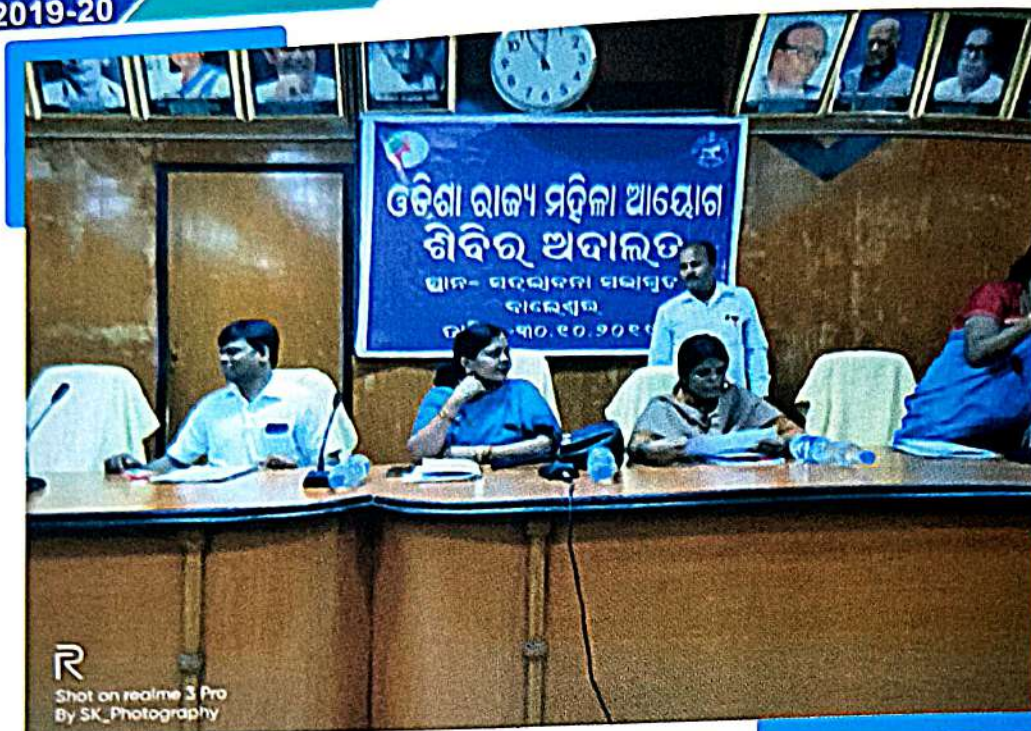
Puri Camp Court on 16.10.2019

Cases Posted -49

Cases Disposed off-35

Dignitaries present from Odisha State Commission for Women- Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, Ms. Snehanjali Mohanty, Member & Smt. Bijaya Barwa, Senior Field Officer.

Guests present from district-Additional District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police, District Social Welfare Officer & Protection Officer.



Balasore Camp Court on 30.10.2019

Cases Posted -48

Cases Disposed off-23

Dignitaries present from Odisha State Commission for Women-Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, Ms. Snehanjli Mohanty, Member & Ms. Swarnalata Samal, Member.

Guests present from district-Collector, Superintendent of Police, Additional District Magistrate, District Social Welfare Officer & Protection Officer.



Dhenkanal Camp Court on 06.11.2019

Cases Posted -37

Cases Disposed off-33

Dignitaries present from Odisha State Commission for Women-Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, Ms. Snehanjali Mohanty, Member & Ms. Swarnalata Samal, Member.

Guests present from district-Collector, Superintendent of Police, Additional District Magistrate, District Social Welfare Officer & Protection Officer.



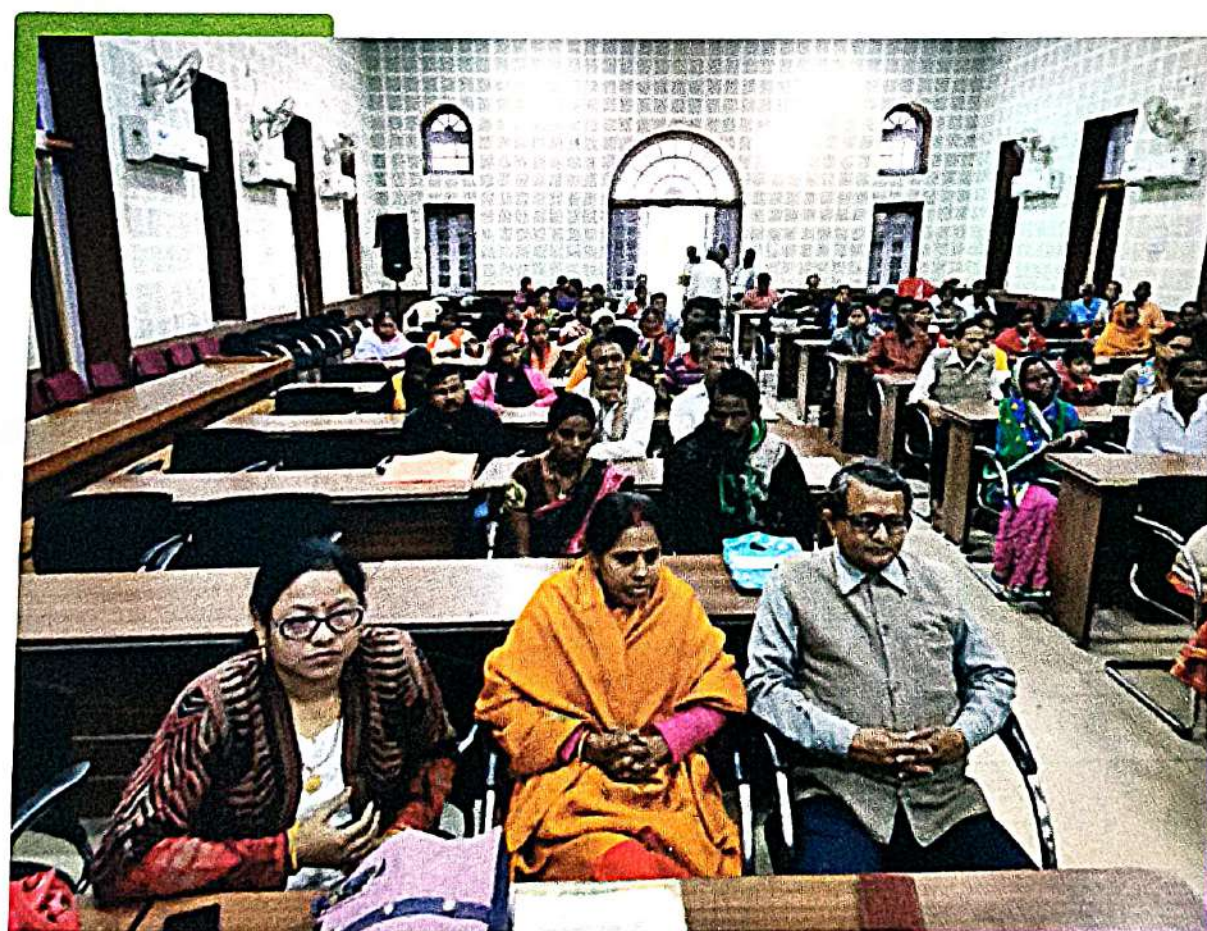
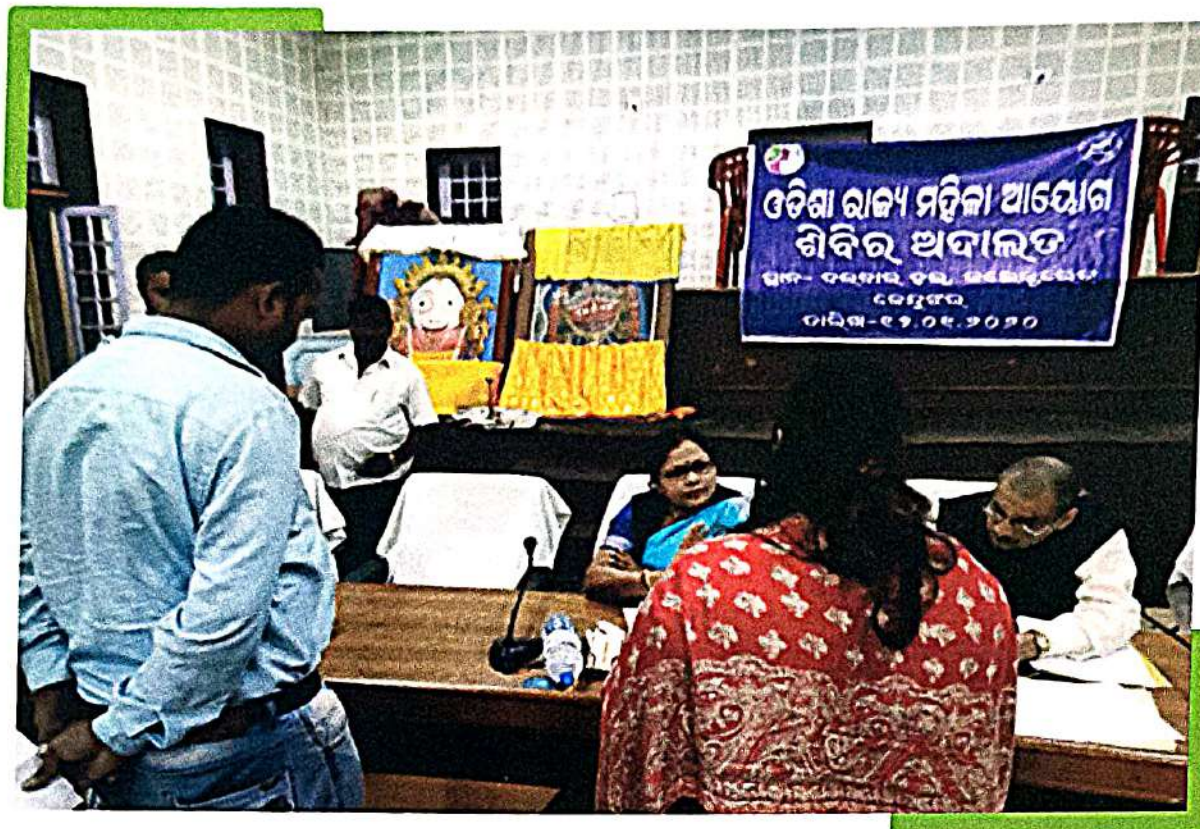
Kendrapara Camp Court on 27.11.2019

Cases Posted -42

Cases Disposed off-30

Dignitaries present from Odisha State Commission for Women-Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, Ms. Snehanjli Mohanty, Member & Ms. Swarnalata Samal, Member.

Guests present from district-Collector, Superintendent of Police, Additional District Magistrate, Additional Superintendent of Police, District Social Welfare Officer & Protection Officer.





Keonjhar Camp Court 17.01.2020

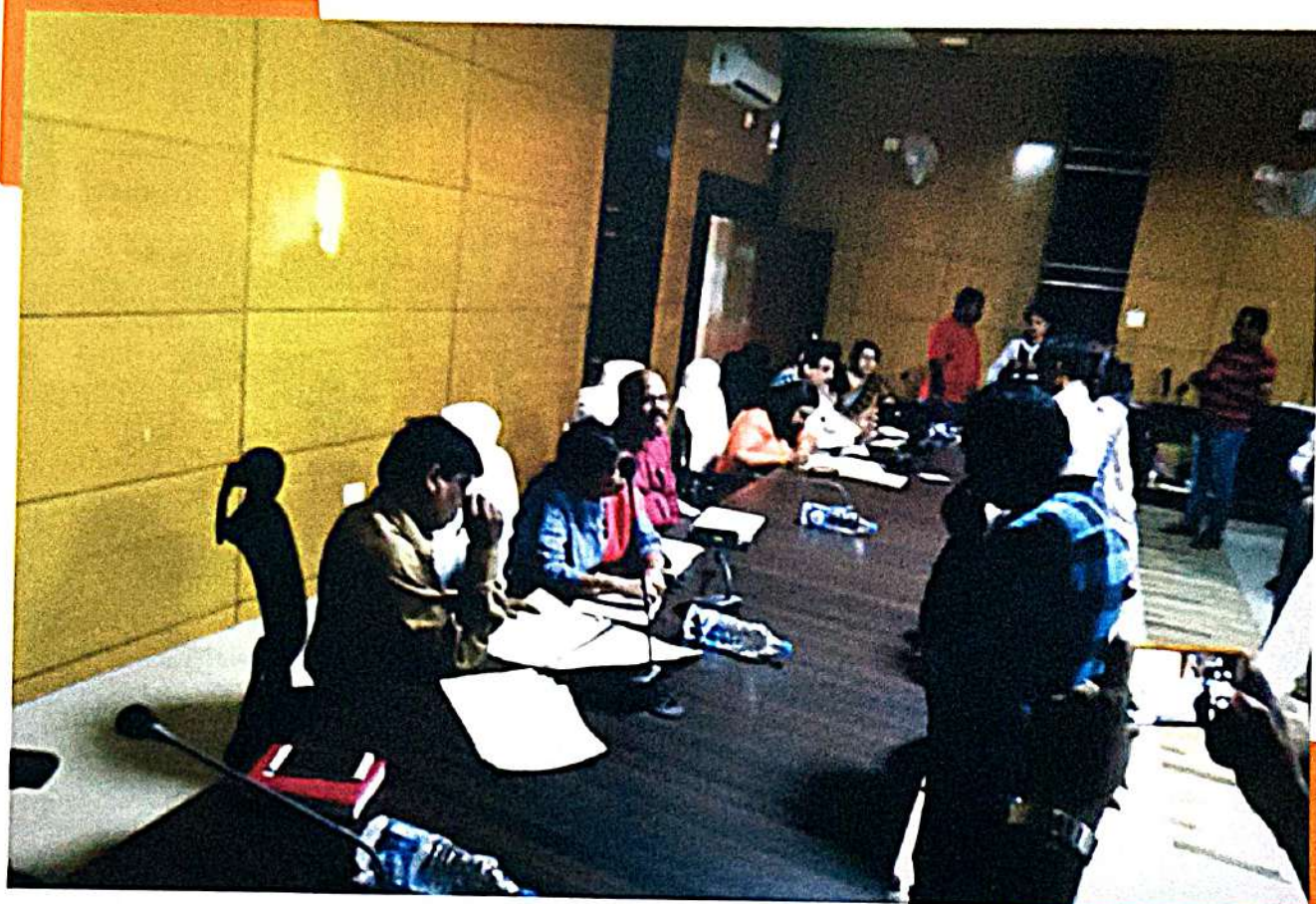
Cases Posted -48

Cases Disposed off-35

Dignitaries present from Odisha State Commission for Women-Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, Ms. Snehanjali Mohanty, Member & Smt. Arati Singh, Member.

Guests present from district-Collector, Additional District Magistrate, Additional Superintendent of Police, District Social Welfare Officer & Protection Officer.





Ganjam & Gajapati Camp Court 17.07.2019

Cases Posted -65

Cases Disposed off-39

Dignitaries present from Odisha State Commission for Women-Ms. Snehanjli Mohanty, Member & Smt. Kusum Rath, Member.

Guests present from district-Additional District Magistrate, Deputy Superintendent of Police, District Social Welfare Officer & Protection Officer.

Legal Awareness Programme

Date	District	Venue
07.12.2019	Anugul	District Head quarter, Anugul
10.12.2019	Keonjhar	District Head quarter, Keonjhar
02.03.2020	Puri	Pingalakhi Public Welfare Organization, Nimapada







The Odisha State Commission for Women has organised legal awareness programme on various laws related to women in the district of Angul on 07.12.2019 coordinated by District Administration, Angul. Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, along with Members Ms.Snehanjali Mohanty, Ms. Swarnlata Samal, consultant of the Commission, Sri Mahesh Sahoo Hon'ble MP, Sri Brajakishore Pradhan, Hon'ble MLA, Collector, Superintendent of Police, ADM, DSWO, Angul attended the programme. Around 200 SHG Members, AWWs, ASHAs, College students, PRI Members, NGOs representatives, Para Legal Volunteers, CDPOs and Supervisors as well as Media personnel participated in the programme. Distinguished speakers discussed the various provisions of PWDV Act, 2005 Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013 and the participants highly benefitted from such discussion.

Legal Awareness Programme at Keonjhar





The Odisha State Commission for Women has organised legal awareness programme in the district of Keonjhar on 10.12.2019 coordinated by District Administration, Keonjhar. Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, along with Members Ms. Snehanjali Mohanty, Smt. Arati Singh, Smt. Bijaya Barwa, SFO, consultant of the Commission, Smt. Meenakhi Mahanta, Hon'ble MLA, Sri Jaganatha Nayak, Hon'ble MLA, Smt. Kamalini Patra, Zila Parisada Chairperson, Superintendent of Police, DSWO, Keonjhar attended the programme. Around 200 SHG Members, AWWs, ASHAs, College students, PRI Members, NGOs representatives, Para Legal Volunteers, CDPOs and Supervisors as well as Media personnel participated in the programme. Hon'ble Chairperson and Smt. Barwa, SFO had thrown light on the Odisha Prevention of Witch Hunting Act, 2013 and the Immoral Traffic Act, 2013.





The Odisha State Commission for Women has organised legal awareness programme in the district of Puri on 02.03.2020 coordinated by Pingalakhi Public Welfare Organisation, (NGO) Nimapara. Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, along with Members Ms. Ms. Snehanjali Mohanty, Ms. Jalina Priyadashini, consultant of the Commission, Sri Rajakishore Sabat, President, PPWO, Prinicipal College of Special Education, and Sri Padmalochan Mohanty, Administrative Officer, PPWO, DSWO, Puri along with CDPO, Nimapara attended the programme. Around 200 SHG Members, AWWs, ASHAs, College students, PRI Members, NGOs representatives, Para Legal Volunteers, CDPOs and Supervisors as well as Media personnel participated in the programme. It was a fruitful occasion as the participants actively participated in the discussion held on PWDV Act, 2005 & Cyber Crime against women & girls.

SwadharGruh Visits

Date	Name of the Swadhar Gruha	District
16.10.2019		Puri
30.10.2019		Balasore
6.11.2019		Dhenkanal
27.11.2019		Kendrapada
7.12.2019		Anugul
17.01.2020		Keonjhar

Visits to Ujwala Homes

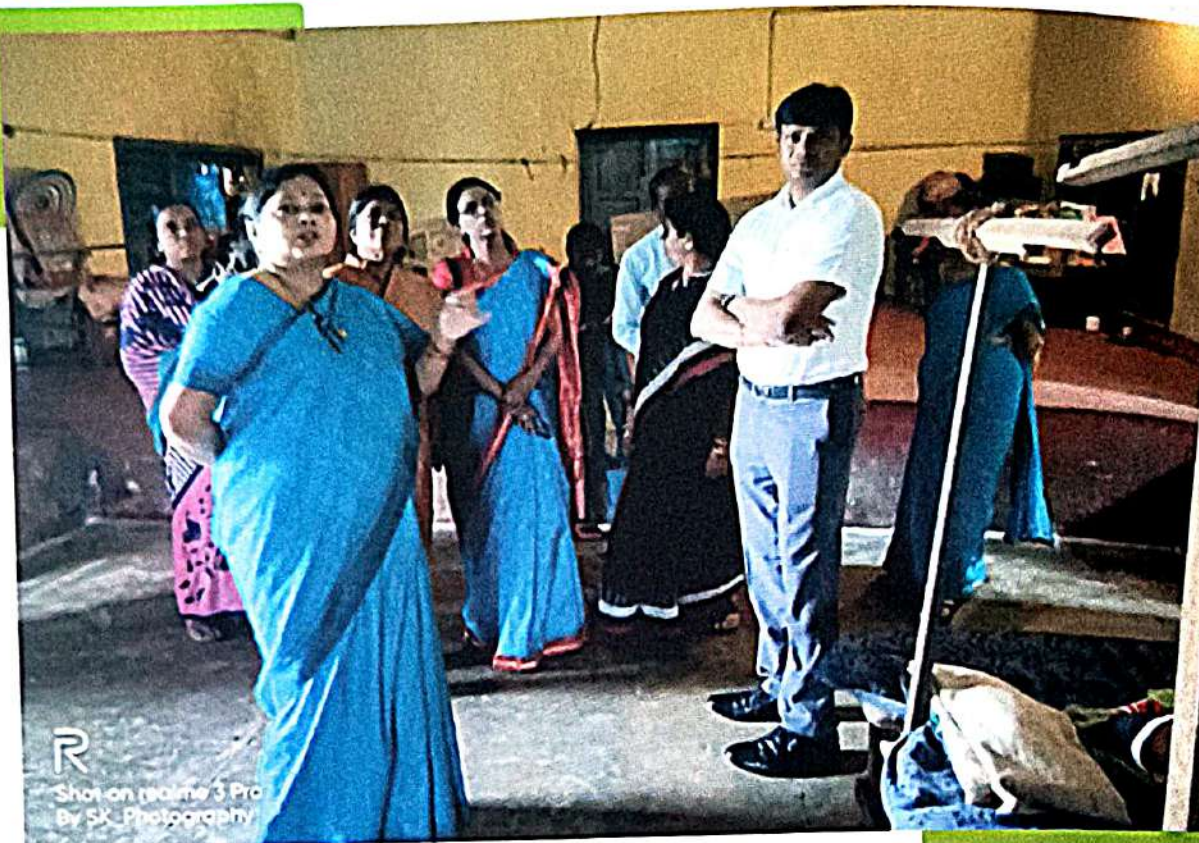
Date	Name of the Ujwala Homes	District
16.10.2019		Puri
30.10.2019		Balasore
6.11.2019		Dhenkanal
27.11.2019		Kendrapada
7.12.2019		Anugul
17.01.2020		Keonjhar





One of the important activities of the Commission is regular visit of Swadhar Gruh and Ujjwala Homes. The basic objective of visiting these homes is to provide services to destitute women, released women prisoners and women survivors of natural calamity. In keeping with the objective, Hon'ble Chairperson along with other members of Commission visited 06 Swadhar Gruhs and 06 Ujjwala Homes during 2019-20.





Hospitals Visits

Date	Name of the Hospitals
27.9.2019	Jagatsinghpur Hospital
30.10.2019	Balasore Hospital
06.11.2019	Dhenkanal Hospital
27.11.2019	Kendrapada Hospital





Visit of District Headquarters Hospital, Balasore

Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women Dr. Minati Behera along with Collector & District Magistrate Balasore visited District Headquarters Hospital on 30.10.2019. Both of them visited different wards of the Hospital, discussed with the patients and their attendants. Chairperson advised Collector to maintain the surrounding of the hospital neat and clean and free from garbages. Good hygienic condition is very much essential for homely living and early recovery of the patients.





Visit of District Headquarter Hospital, Dhenkanal

Hon'ble Chairperson Odisha State Commission for Women Dr. Minati Behera, Ms. Snehanjali Mohanty, Member, OSCW accompanied with Senior Doctors of district hospital on 06.11.2019 visited different wards, observed the conditions of treatment for the patients admitted. SDMO explained the treatment available to the patients and Chairperson advised him to pay keen attention for proper treatment and early recovery of the patients.



Visit of One Stop Centre (Sakhi)

After visiting district hospital, Dhenkanal, Hon'ble Chairperson proceeded to the one stop centre (Shakhi) located at the hospital. She discussed with the members of Sakhi and inspired them to work collectively for protection of the security and safety of the women. The members of the sakhi assured to work hard and sincerely for defending the interests of women.



Jail Visits

Date	Jails Visited
27.09.2019	Circle Jail, Jagatsingpur
16.10.2019	Circle Jail, Puri
6.11.2019	Circle Jail, Dhenkanal
27.11.2019	Circle Jail, Kendrapada
10.12.2019	Circle Jail, Keonjhar







Visit to Circle Jail, Dhenkanal

Hon'ble Chairperson, OSCW visited Circle Jail, Dhenkanal on 06.11.2019 along with Jail Superintendent and other Officers of the Jail. She discussed with the female inmates of the jail and superintendent made her understand the conditions of living and type of medical facilities provided to the inmates.



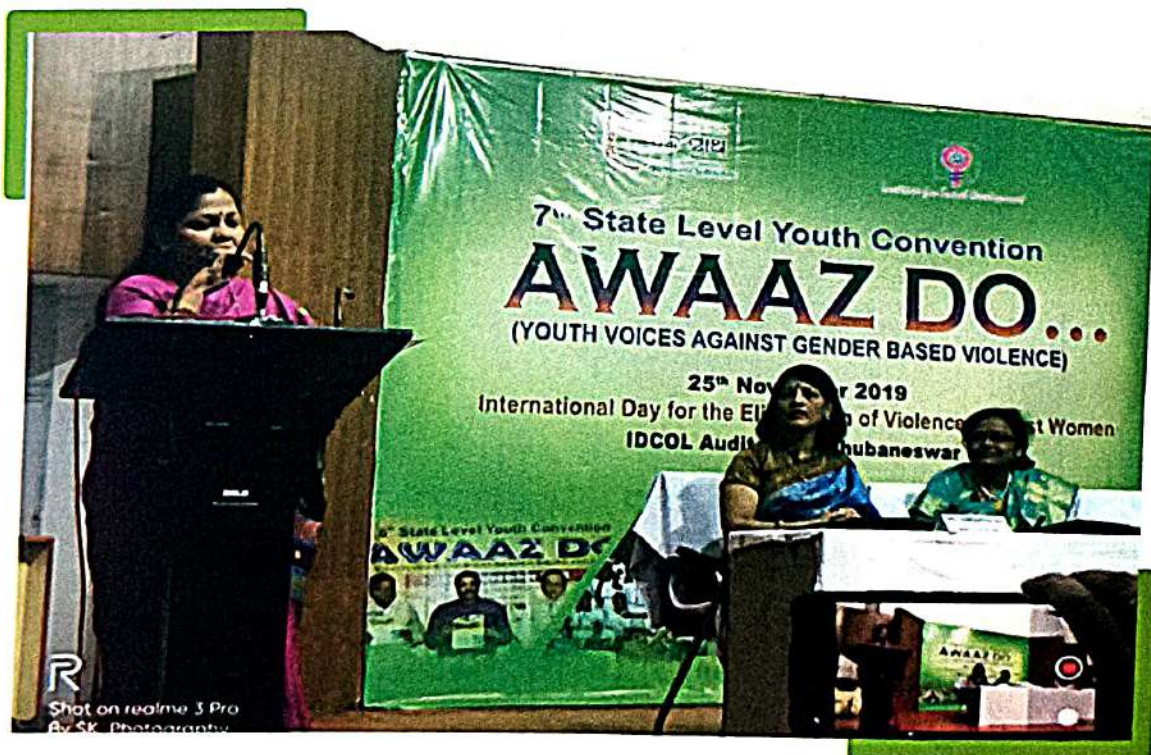
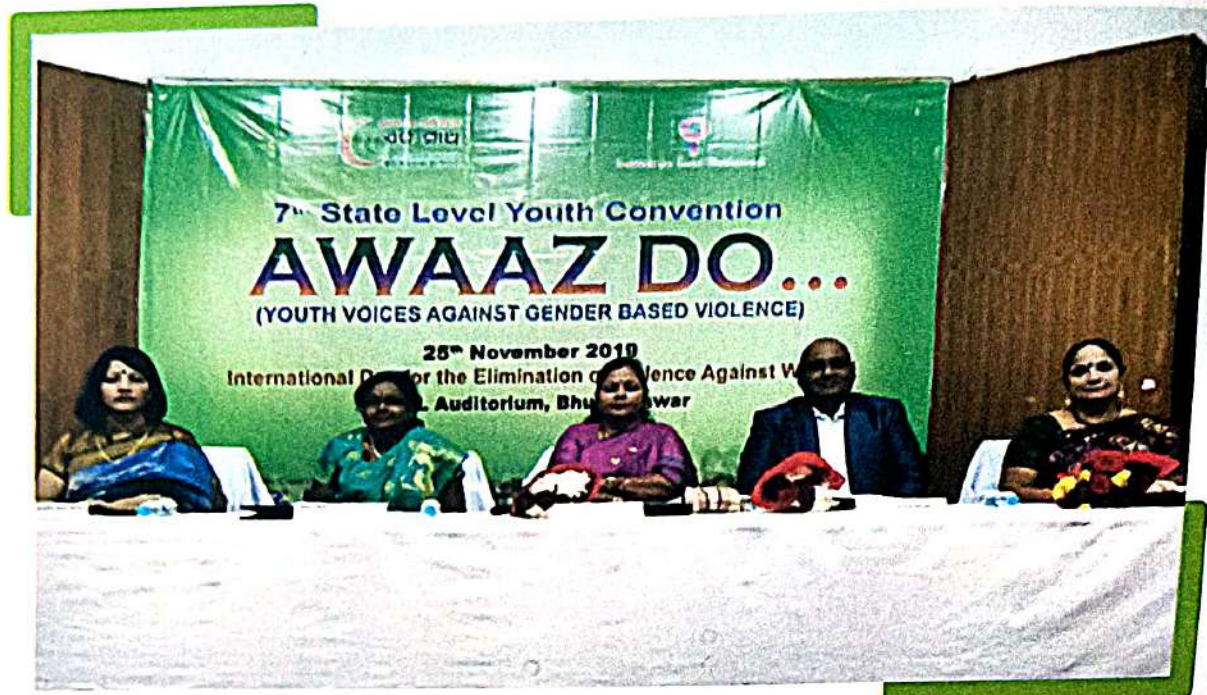
Pratiba Anwesana Samaroha-2019

On the eve of Children's Day, a function was organised at Town Hall, Nimapara on 14th November, 2019 for searching of talents of the boys and girls. Hon'ble Chairperson, OSCW graced the occasion as Distinguished Guest and advised the small kids to help needy persons, sincere in studies and tell truth.





Chairperson attended the inaugural ceremony of the state level meeting of single women organised by "actionaid" at Jaganathpur, Cuttack. The said meeting was held from 18.11.2019 to 19.11.2019 wherein other distinguished speakers/ panellists participated. The problems faced by single women with special emphasis on gender justice on property rights were discussed. All participants unilaterally expressed their concern for safe, meaningful and secured living of single women in the society.



The 7th State Level Youth Convention organised by AWAAZ DO held on 25.11.2019 at IDCOL Auditorium, Bhubaneswar was graced by Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women Dr. Minati Behera. Reputed social workers and activists attended the programme. The basic purpose of the programme was to create and strengthen youth voice against violence on women and girls. It was opined that violence against women in all walks of life should be strongly condemned and prohibited.



On the auspices of "actionaid" two days state level meeting was held from 25.11.2019 to 26.11.2019 at VITS Hotel, Bhubaneswar. Hon'ble Chairperson Odisha State Commission for Women Dr. Minati Behera & Hon'ble Chairperson State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Smt. Sandhyabati Pradhan were the distinguished guests. Other Social Workers attended the programme also. The meeting was organised with a mission for prevention of Child marriage from the society and the resultant problems that may occur due to such illegal marriages.



A legal awareness programme was held by Law department, Utkal University, Vanivihar, Bhubaneswar on 26.11.2019. Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women Dr. Minati Behera, Professor & HOD of Law Department and other eminent speakers participated the said programme. Distinguished speakers had vividly discussed the various Acts and laws in connection with protection of interests of women in the society vis-a-vis prohibition of violence on them.



Dr. Minati Behera assumed the office of Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women on 20.08.2019. Officers and staff of Commission accorded grand welcome on joining of Dr. Behera as Chairperson.



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Theme - 2019 : Girl Force : Unscripted and Unstoppable

International Day of the Girl Child

#BridgeTheGap





On the eve of International Day of the Girl Child, a function was organised at Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR). Hon'ble Chairperson, of OSCPCR presided over the said meeting which was attended by other eminent guests namely Dr. Minati Behera, Hon'ble Chairperson of the Odisha State Commission for Women, Smt. Shreemayee Mishra, Chairperson of OTDC. The theme selected for this year ceremony was "Girl force-Unscripted & Unstoppable". Distinguished guests elaborately had thrown lights on the various aspects of girl force and made appeal to the society to protect and promote the causes of girl child.



Hon'ble Chairperson Dr. Minati Behera graced the function organised by Odisha Nritya Mandal along with other distinguished guests.



Mamata Charitable Trust organised its foundation day celebration on 16.11.19. Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson of Odisha State Commission for Women attended the programme as chief guest.

Like each year, Annual report of OSCW has come with many colourful memories and successful events to re-boost the energy and confidence of women of Odisha. Year 2019-2020 has been shinned with many unforgettable moments and changes in the history of OSCW.

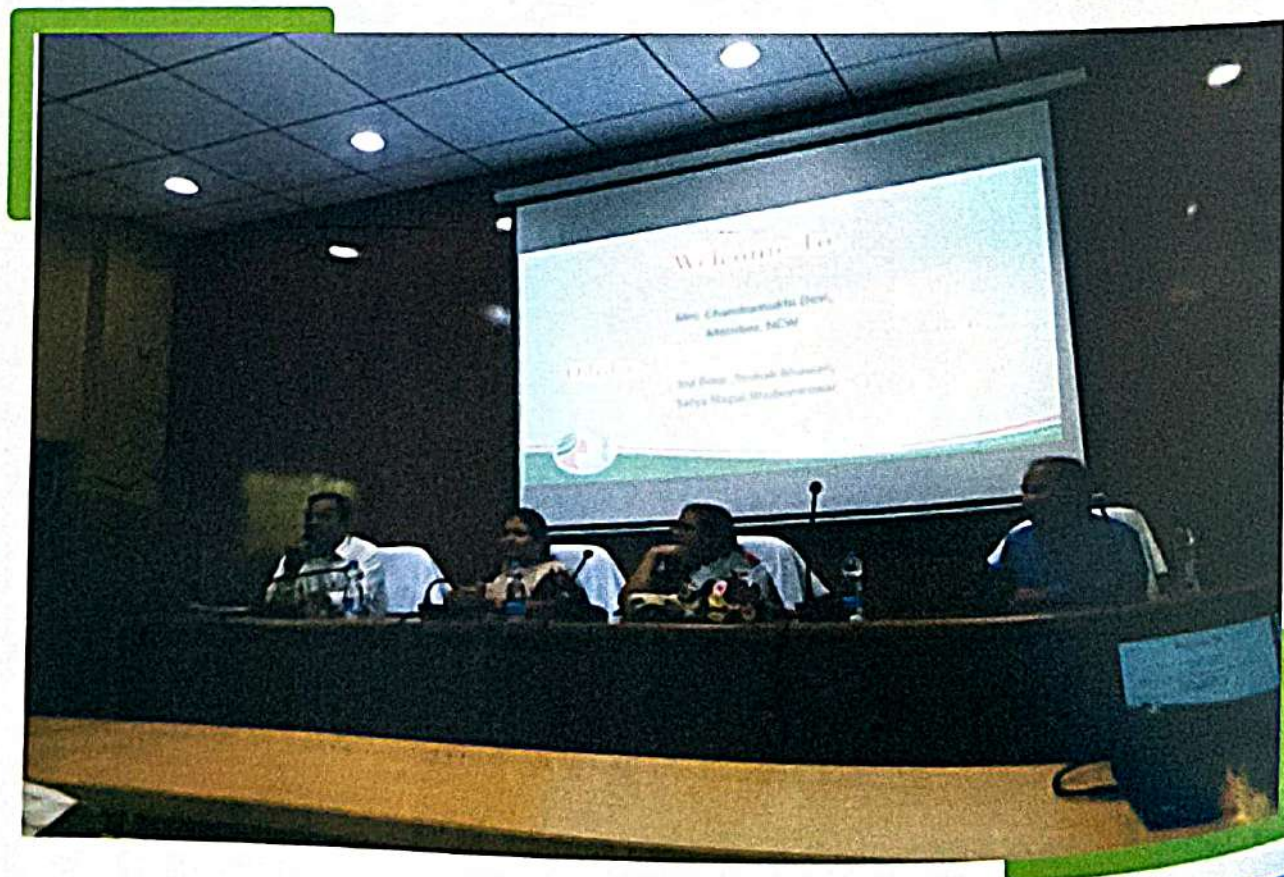
Some Memorable Moments

Visit of Ms. Chandramukhi, Member, National Commission for Women.

Ms. Chandramukhi Devi, Honorable Member, National Commission for Women, New Delhi in charge of Odisha had visited some of the Swadhar Gruhas and one stop centre of Odisha to assess the condition as well as the performance of these law implementing agencies. She was accompanied by Addl. S.P. Bijaya Barwa, the Senior Field officer of the commission. At the end of her visit, Ms. Chandramukhi shared her findings with the Odisha State Commission for Women and suggested to give an orientation to the functionaries of One Stop Centres of the State.









Visit of Minister W&CD and Mission Shakti, Ms. Tukuni Sahoo Celebration of annual Day and One day State Level Workshop on “ One Stop Centre : Issues and Challenges”

27th Foundation Day of Odisha State Commission for Women(OSCW) has been celebrated on 14th January 2020 at hotel SwostiPremium, Bhubaneswar with one day State level workshop on "One Stop Center:-A Better Solution" for the staff of all the One stop centres across the state. Protection Officers, representatives from all the One Stop Centres , District Legal Service Authorities, Civil Society organizations, from across the state had participated in the programme.

The Inauguration session of the Programme was presided over by Dr. Minati Behera, Hon'ble Chair Person, Odisha State Commission for Women. Sd. Pratap Jena , Hon'ble Minister, Dept. of Law, Panchayatiraj & Drinking Water, Housing and Urban Development , Govt. of Odisha as Chief Guest, Smt. Tukuni Sahu, Hon'ble Minister, Dept. of W & CD, Govt. of Odisha as Chief Speaker and Ms. Chandramukhi, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Women as Guests of Honour graced the programme. Presidential Awardee for Nari Shakti, 2018 and Centre Administrator, One Stop Centre, Lucknow, Smt. Archana Singh was the Key Note Speaker of the programme. Smt. Singh, Lucknow had graced the occasion as Key Note Speaker on various aspects of One Stop Centre.

On the occasion, successful women across the state were felicitated and a book on Successful stories name "HASA PHUTILA PARIBAARA TISTHILA" "It is time to Smile" was released by the dignitaries.



(Lighting of Lamp by Sri. PratapJena, Hon'ble Minister, Dept. of Law, Panchayatiraj, Water & sanitation, in the presence of Ms. TukuniSahu , Hon'ble Minister Deppt. of W&CD and Mission Shakti (to the right), Ms. ChandramukhiDevi, Hon'ble Member Natonal Commssion for Women, New Delhi, (to the left), Dr. Minati Behera, Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Womem (to the extreme lft) and all the members of OSCW)



(from right to left)- Ms. Chandramukhi Devi, Hon'ble Member National Commission for Women, New Delhi, Ms. Tukuni Sahu, Hon'ble Minister, Dept. of W&CD and Mission Shakti, Govt. of Odisha Shri Pratap Jena, Hon'ble Minister, Dept. of Law, Panchayatiraj, Drinking Water & Housing & Urban Development, Govt. of Odisha, Dr. Minati Behera, Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women and Mr. B. Barik, Joint Secy. Dept. of W & CD on the dais in the inaugural Session.



(From Left to right) Dr. Minati Behera, Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women felicitating Resource person Ms. Archana Singh, One Stop Centre, Lucknow in presence of Members , Odisha State Commission for Women Ms. Swarnalata Samal , and Ms. Arati Singh.



Sri Pratap Jena, Hon'ble Minister, Dept. of Law, Panchayatiraj, Drinking Water and Housing & Urban Development, Govt. of Odisha and Dr. Minati Behera, Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women felicitating the young women sports person of the state.



(Participants of the Workshop)



(State Dignitaries Attending the workshop)

Sl. No.	Name	Field of Excellence
01	Smt. Bandana Mohanty,	Counsellor
02.	Smt. Anuradha Achary	Counsellor
03	Smt. Priyadarsini Achary	Counsellor
04	Rasali Digal	Win over the crises of Domestic Violence
05	Banalata Sethi	Win over the crises of Domestic Violence
06	Anupama Swain	Sports person
07	Smt. Sonali Panigrahi	Social Worker
08	WSI. Binodini Naik	Sl. of Police
09	Bichitra Nanda Sethi	Inspector of Police
10	Siba Prasad Majhi	Advocate
11	Pranab Kumar Panda	Advocate
12	Santoshi Deo	Auto Driver
13	Saudamini Sahoo	Win over the crises of Domestic Violence
14	Dr. Suprava Das	Social Worker



POWER WALK

Taking into account the rising cases of violence against women in the last few days and to popularise and promote women's safety and security particularly in public places, Odisha State Commission for Women, supported by National Commission for Women, New Delhi had organised an All Women Rally under the banner of "POWER WALK" on 1st March 2020 at Capital City of Bhubaneswar at about 5 p.m. The WALK witnessed the strong participation of more than 3000 women across different socio economic strata of the society. Started from BijuPattnaik Park to Indira Gandhi Park, this POWER WALK aims to advocate Women's right to occupy public spaces as an unconditional and fundamental right, to normalise women's visibility in public spaces and break norms of repeatability "Safe and Unsafe", "good enough reason or not" : to change society's perception and normalise women's and other minorities' presence in these spaces: to scale up and reach out to a wider audience for women safety on the road especially at night: to facilitate a progressive mindset/ change in the society, to eradicate victim and self blaming.

This POWER WALK was inaugurated and flagged up by Smt. TukuniSahoo, Hon'ble Minister, Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti in the presence of Sri Ashok Kumar Panda, Hon'ble Minister, SSEPD and Science and Technology, Govt of Odisha, Hon'ble MLA, Central Bhubaneswar Sri Ananta Narayan Jena, Smt. Sulochana Das, Chairperson, SCPD, Ms.Sandhyabati Pradhan, Chairperson, OSCPCR, Smt.Q.Sultana Begum, Member Secretary, SCCW.



(Smt. Tukuni Sahu, Hon'ble Minister, Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti Department, Govt. of Odisha , flagging off the power Walk in presence of Dr. Minati Behera , Hon'ble Chairperson OSCW, and other eminent persons of the State and women participants of the event)

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson of Odisha State Commission for Women and efficient guidance of all the Memers of the Commission including Ms. Snehanjali Mohanty,

Ms.Swarnalata Samal, Ms. Arati Singh and Ms. Jalina Priyadarsini and relentless effort of all the officers and staff of the Commission, this POWER WALK became a "never before" public sensitization programme in the city.



(Dr. Minati Behera , Hon'ble Chairperson OSCW along with Smt. Tukuni Sahoo, Hon'ble Minister, Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti Department, Govt. of Odisha, addressing the participants about the objectives of the walk)



(Smt. Tukuni Sahu, Hon'ble Minister, Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti Department, Govt. of Odisha, and Dr. Minati Behera, Hon'ble Chairperson OSCW along with Members of the Commission leading the Power Walk)





(Women from different walks of life sensitizing the public regarding safety and security of women in Public Place through motivating placards during Power Walk)

We hope, this POWER WALK will definitely reach the heart of the public and will bring a change in the mindset of the people to provide safety, security as well as a progressive and conducive space to each and every girl and women in all the public spaces

Programs Attended by Chairperson and Members of the Commission

Consultation on "The Nari Adalat" Or Women's Court-

Engendering Dispute Resolution

(Gender Justice for the Women, Of the Women and By the Women)

Date 31st July 2019

Venue: National Commission for Women, New Delhi- 110025

National Commission for Women organised one day consultation on "the Nari Adalat" across the country as an Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism as it is already operational in the state of Gujarat. It is proposed to set up such "Nari Adalat" across the country in a phased manner. In this regard, NCW arranged for preliminary consultations with a few State Governments and respective State Commissions for Women of Odisha, Bihar, WestBengal, Jharkhand, Maharastra, Haryana, Madhya

Pradesh and Tamilnadu to gather inputs on various aspects of the proposed project and to work out the details.

The consultation was convened by Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, IAS, Member Secretary, National Commission for Women and requested the Chairperson of NCW to address the gatherings. Ms. Rekha Sharma, Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Women welcomed all the representatives from all State Commissions for Women and State Government (8 Nos States). She briefed on the objective of the consultation.

To provide justice to women at less expense and time particularly in rural areas,
to safeguard rights of and provide justice to marginalised women,
to receive and settle cases of violence against women residing even in remotest areas,
to empower women to raise their voices against injustice,
to create a social space for justice for women in a patriarchal society,
to propagate legal literacy at grassroot level,

and to provide a forum to women in cases of sexual harassment at workplaces in rural areas as they are dominated by unorganised sector (small establishments, household based work) where Internal Committee is rarely constituted or accessible).

Then the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, Government of Gujarat elaborated in detailed on Nari Adalat : Innovative Justice Mechanism from Gujarat in their state since four years(copy enclosed for reference).

After his PPT, the programme officer of National Commission for Women also gave presentation on Draft Guidelines by NCW (copy enclosed for reference).

In the Open House Discussion, every body asked different questions on formation of Nari Adalat, case counselling, case posting, sending notice/summons, funds allocation, selection procedure of committee members and connection with SCWs.

There was a clear discussion on Nari Adalat. The representatives of different states were informed to discuss with their own State Government and send their opinion within this month. This is a pilot project for 25 districts of eight states. The Government of India will support budget.

Also the Additional Secretary from the Ministry of W & CD Dept. informed the house that One Stop Centre will be functional by the end of August of every state positively. Ms. Rekha Sharma Chair Person emphasised on the formation of Nari Adalat and it would be functional positively.

With all the discussions, the consultation ended with a positive note that every state will accept this proposal for the betterment and protection of rights of women and justice at door step.

Snehanjall Mohanty, Member



Visit to Kalahandi district on 24.09.2019 of Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women along with others for enquiry into Cyber Crime Case.





Lighting of candle to mark the inauguration of "Youth Connect Programme" jointly by Dr. Minati Behera, Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women, Shri Lenin Mohanty, Editor of the Utkal Prasanga and Ms. Snehanjali Mohanty, Member of Odisha State Commission for Women.



Smt. Tukuni Sahu, Hon'ble Minister, Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti graced the observance of 9th Foundation Day of OSCPCR organised by actionaid at KITT Convention Centre from 1st November to 2nd November, 2019, Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women Dr. Minati Behera, Principal Secretary to Govt. W & CD and Mission Shakti & others attended the programme.



Hon'ble Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women Dr. Minati Behera attended the "Chelitola Baliyatra" 2019 as Chief Guest.



Hon'ble Chairperson administered oath to the employees of Commission on the occasion of celebration of Vigilance Week.