

**REPORT ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 2020
,WOMEN SAFETY WING INVITED COLLEGE FROM TELANGANA TO FORM
'SAFETY CLUB' FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN AS ONE OF THE COMPONENT OF
'PUBLIC SAFETY CLUBS'**

March 11, 2020: Women Safety Wing has organized by inviting principals and faculty of various degree / PG and technical education colleges from across Telangana State. The occasion was utilized to share the importance of girls and women safety and Government's commitment towards it by formation of 'Safety Clubs' for girls and women. Enthusiastic youth groups participated, organized skits on gender equality as well as on the role of educational institutions in working towards building safer communities. Chota Bheem, a well-known animation company has come forward to partner with Telangana Police on the occasion to make its popular character Chota Bheem as a safety champion and released a video on the occasion in the presence of **Sri M. Mahendar Reddy, IPS, DGP, Telangana, Director General of Police, Telangana** (Chief Guest for the day); **Sri Navin Mittal, IAS, Commissioner of Higher Education,**

Telangana, **Ms. Swati Lakra, IPS, Inspector General of Police, Telangana, Smt. B.Sumathi, IPS, DIG Women Safety Wing, Telangana** and representatives from Save the Children and Lead Life Foundation who are partners in pilot project in 5 colleges on 'Safety Club' for girls and women. "Addressing the college managements, **Sri M. Mahendar Reddy, IPS, DGP, Telangana, Director General of Police, Telangana,** said that Government is committed towards safety of women and children and it is one of top listed agenda of Govt. One such initiative is SHE Teams which is well received because of the process it has adopted i.e. incognito. Women and Child Safety being top priority of Government, a high level meeting was convened by the ministers heading various departments i.e. Home, Panchayati Raj, Women and Child Development, Education, Health along with senior officials where it was decided to involve every section of the society, Government Departments, NGOs, academicians, educational institutions as well as Self Help Groups to come up with a concept of taking 'Safety as a Culture in the state of Telangana'. Therefore, it was decided to form 'Public Safety Clubs' through a proposal to Education Department. Through a Government order, every institution will set up 'Public Safety Clubs'. A Public Safety Club will comprise of three components i.e. Women and Children Safety, Traffic and Road Safety and overall Public Safety and Security including of environmental health and safety in the Local Communities. The club will comprise of 'students as volunteers' who will become safety champions thereby taking forward 'Safety as a Culture' in the state of Telangana. He congratulated Women Safety Wing for taking up the important component of Public Safety Club i.e. 'Safety Club for girls and women' through a pilot in 5 colleges of Hyderabad city. From lessons learnt from the pilot project, he requested the heads of the educational institutions to be prepared and get associated with Women Safety Wing for the formation of similar clubs in each and every institution. He expressed hope and confidence that Government will launch this initiative on a massive scale which may in due course see incorporation in the curriculum."

Sri Navin Mittal, IAS, Commissioner of Higher Education, Telangana, said, that Education Department will work out to make it successful by taking up the proposal to get converted into proper Government order on Public Safety. He further said Education Department, Telangana Government has already introduced 'Gender Equality' as part of curriculum and with Public Safety Club if mandated, it will surely become more concrete and an appropriate step towards building safer communities.

“Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Swati Lakra, Inspector General of Police, Law & Order, I/c. Women Safety, said “Women Safety Wing has been receiving overwhelming response from various colleges to introduce safety club for girls and women after launching the pilot programme in 5 colleges and she expressed hope that this generation will definitely take on more responsibilities towards building safe communities by ensuring safety for girls and women”.

Nearly 1200 people including principals, faculty, management and students participated in the programme organized by Women Safety Wing.

The program was terminated by vote of thanks.

