

NCW ORGANIZES WORKSHOP ON GENDER RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCE FOR WOMEN MLAS FROM 7 STATES

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In his address, the Former Vice President said stressed the importance of women in politics and decision-making. He said that women should have equal representation and access to political positions in local governments, parliaments, and assemblies. He also underlined the value of equal inheritance shares for financial empowerment. He asserted that it is crucial because, in order to fully empower women, we must also offer them access to financial resources. He emphasised that it is important to not undervalue the value of diversity and gender balance in leadership.

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While delivering her welcome address, Chairperson, NCW, Ms Rekha Sharma welcomed the Chief Guest and noted that his willingness to speak at the occasion demonstrated his dedication to empowering women. She said that he has consistently been a fierce supporter of more women being elected to the Parliament.

"You mentioned that without women's empowerment, nobody can grow. In your address to the Rajya Sabha, you stated that women should be consulted in formulation of policies. Inspired by your thoughts, NCW is carrying out this Capacity Building programme for empowering women MLAs. Women MLAs from southern and eastern states have joined for today's workshop. Additionally, we are training women from gram panchayats and municipalities who serve as grassroots representatives," she said.



The three-day workshop was organised in Vishakhapatnam in collaboration with National Gender and Child centre, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA). During the workshop, the women MLAs will be trained on gender-responsive governance in different sessions such as 'Effective Leadership', 'Inclusive Governance', 'Gender Sensitive and Inclusive Communication', 'Strengthening Legislative Traditions' and 'Digital Literacy & Social Media Training', 'Practical Challenges faced by Women in Politics', etc. The workshop was being attended by 33 participants from the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Assam.

The primary objective of the workshop is to sensitize and assist the Elected Women Representatives to build on their identified strengths and increase the levels of self-awareness in a manner that would help them in managing different and challenging paths ahead, in line with the overall 'She is a Change maker' programme. Under 'She Is A Changemaker' project, the Commission has organised capacity building programme for women representatives in

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