

## 'Safe city' plan for women in eight cities

A comprehensive 'safe city' plan for women will soon be kicked off in eight cities where a robust emergency response system and police-verified public transport will come into place, the Home Ministry said on Wednesday.

Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba reviewed the plans which will be implemented in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Lucknow and Hyderabad.

The issues which have come up for discussions include 33% reservation for women in police, installation of CCTV cameras, deployment of women in police stations, prevention of cybercrime, infrastructure issues, mapping of dark spots and crime-prone areas and involvement of educational institutions, among others.

The initiatives taken by these cities were also discussed in detail. These include 'Himmat' app, all women patrol van, 'shishtachar' programme of the Delhi police; 'Hawkeye' mobile app and 'Bharosa' programme of the Hyderabad police; 'Suraksha' app of the Bengaluru police and Power Angels of Uttar Pradesh police.

The plan of action to be submitted by these cities within a month will be assessed by the Steering Committee headed by the Union Home Secretary, which will make suitable recommendations.

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