



****Press Release: Seminar on "Awareness on Anti-Human Trafficking" in Telangana****

Hyderabad, September 12, 2023 – The National Commission for Women (NCW), in collaboration with the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), conducted a seminal seminar on "Awareness on Anti-Human Trafficking." This vital event took place at Vikas Auditorium, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Rajendranagar mandal, Hyderabad.

In the inaugural session of the seminar Ms. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson of NCW, took the stage and shared her insights. She stated, "Human trafficking is an organised crime, ranking third globally after arms and drug trafficking. Collaboration is the linchpin in our efforts to address this issue comprehensively. One alarming concern is the emergence of odd marriages between elderly grooms and very young brides, a disturbing new trend in trafficking. We must all become the eyes and ears to tackle these issues head-on."

The seminar also witnessed the esteemed presence of Dr. (Smt.) TAMILISAI Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, who graced the event with her insightful remarks. She emphasised, "Human trafficking is a global menace that thrives in the shadows. It's crucial to shed light on this issue and empower our society to combat it effectively. Sometimes, subtle discrepancies in a person's behaviour or appearance can be the first signs of victimisation. Awareness is our strongest weapon in this fight, not just for law enforcement but for every individual. We must all be vigilant and extend a helping hand to potential victims."

The seminar also featured a technical session with enlightening addresses by experts in the field. Dr. P.M. Nair (IPS Retd), Former Director General of Police, Government of India, provided valuable insights on the introduction and dimensions of human trafficking. This was followed by Shri P. Premnath, Deputy Director of Prosecution (HQ), Directorate of Prosecution Ernakulam, Kerala, who discussed the legal regime pertaining to human trafficking, with a focus on identifying traffickers and the imperative task of rescuing victims at airports.

While the National Commission for Women continues its relentless work on initiatives addressing human trafficking, the indispensable role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in supporting law enforcement officials for the rescue and rehabilitation of trafficked victims was highlighted during the seminar.