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We, in the Kerala Police have decided to organize our activities during the year, 2020, primarily to ensure the safety of women including girls; the year 2020 thus is declared as **year of women safety, 2020**. All DPCs, who have proposed various items of work in their communication to SPC, which they intend to do in their respective districts during, 2020 are hereby approved and they should go ahead.

02. The DPCs shall start the programmes and schemes with utmost sincerity and give adequate publicity, wherever such publicity is required. Let us have a vibrant eventful "**year of woman safety**", through various programmes.

03. Range DIGs/ Zonal IGPs/ ADGP L&O and other special units are requested to help and co-operate with each other in making the events grand success. In addition to the activities/ programmes suggested by the DPCs, some common items of works which are to be attended are also given below;

➤ **Sensitization for young boys**

Special programmes may be organised in High Schools /Plus two to sensitise teenagers on gender equity and rights of every sex to live a dignified life. One programme per month can be organised with the help of Women's Development Corporation at Police Training College which can even be web streamed live so that school children can watch it.

Similar programmes may be organised in the Districts by involving various stakeholders. Janamaithri Beat officers & other local officers can talk on the subject in the schools and during house visits.

➤ **Self Defence Training**

Janamaithri Suraksha Project has taken up Self Defence Training in a big way. Certified Trainers are available in each District. These trainers may be given sufficient logistics and encouragement, so that they can do Self Defence Training in maximum number of Schools, Colleges and Panchayaths. Targets may be fixed in such a way that every big District covers 5 lakhs women and small Districts, 2 lakh women by the end of 2020. The Training Team training maximum women may be appropriately rewarded. Rewards will be given for Districts too. A special Badge of Honour will be given to the best performer one per district.

➤ **Women Patrol Teams**

Visibility of Women Police in public spaces will have a telling effect on women safety. A team consisting of two Women Police officials (at night one male Police person also may be added to the team) may visit busy places like bus stops, bus stands, markets, schools, college premises etc on foot or on bike. They shall visit places for two hours (school time) in the morning, two hours (school time in the afternoon) two hours in the evening and two hours at night (from 11.00 PM to 1.00 AM or 1.00 AM to 3.00 AM or 3.00 AM to 5.00 AM as decided by the concerned SHO). They shall enquire among teenage girls in schools /colleges etc regarding stalking, and other types of sexual harassment, threatening etc so that girls and women feel safe to travel any time. The preventive steps they take and the proactive activities like awareness programmes etc conducted can be recorded in the Crime Drive software (in the Janamaithri Suraksha Project Module). The crimes reported to them can be reported by them at the Police Stations. The available strength of woman officials shall be used. If shortage exists, we will replenish.

Women Police personnel from Women Battalion & Local Police (a group of 30 each for each District so that there could be 10 teams to cover all towns) may be selected and given training by the Police Training Directorate.

➤ **Women Police Officer Visiting Panchayaths**

The scheme is in place for the last 3 years. They shall be given "targets" like conducting legal awareness classes with the help of Taluk

Legal Services Authority. The number of petitioners/women they meet on every Tuesday during their visits and their nature of work they have done also shall find a place in the Crime Drive App for Janamaithri Suraksha Project, so that the work done can be monitored and assessed periodically. DPCs may give targets.

➤ **Women Investigation Wing**

Each DPCs shall make efforts to ensure that the women Police Stations in their respective jurisdictions which are manned by woman officials, conduct investigation. A police station without conducting investigation cannot be called a police station. The motivation to conduct such investigation, the skill development, proper supervision of investigation must be ensured by the DPCs. The DIG Ranges may form one Range level woman investigation team with a competent woman inspector, drawn from the woman cell of any of the districts under their respective jurisdictions to head the team. They can be entrusted with some serious cases registered against women and children. According to the work load, the size of a Range team should be fixed. DIG shall be the motivator & supervisor of this team. Continuous training for them will be required and it should be ensured by the DIG concerned. The training shall be arranged at KEPA or PTC in consultation with ADGP (Trg.).

➤ In urban areas police will make security arrangements so that women of all ages can freely and safely enjoy the night walks as being done in some places of Kollam District, as part of "Surakshitha" Project. This project can be replicated in other districts also. The DPCs may select some important places in their respective jurisdictions and encourage night walks, night outs etc. involving women of all ages. The DPCs are encouraged to come out with innovative ideas in this regard. We are also having some innovative ideas which will be made to reality during this year;

1. Smart Police Stations-primarily to look after safety and security of women
2. Legalising the victim impact statement like in Australia
3. Constructing "freedom centres", where rape victims feel comfortable to give proper statements to the police. (This is available in some countries known as Rape Suites).
4. Honouring some women for their outstanding work during this year.

Some general activities to be undertaken are also given below;

1. Awareness programmes: on POCSO cases/Juvenile Justice Act/Crime Against Women like Domestic violence, Dowry Act etc, Atrocities against women, One stop crisis centre and other facilities available for women in Distress, encouraging reporting of stalking and threatening Cyber crimes like cyber stalking, bullying etc.
2. Senior citizens' rights-awareness programmes and visiting women living alone
3. Visiting women/girls with physical or mental disabilities by women patrol teams, Janamaithri Beat Officers
4. Drug abuse-awareness among girl children
5. Tribal girls-drop out- helping them to rejoin schools-Tribal women-with the help of Health Department, Kudumbasree, Social Justice Department etc reaching out to them to make their lives better. Visit to Anganvadies and Schools in the Tribal areas with the help of Tribal Department, Chalking out special aids.
6. Conducting Women Safety Seminars, Night walks, Night shopping festivals, night special markets by fisher women, women vegetable vendors, women food sellers etc. with proper visible/ invisible security.
7. Distribution of a specially designed Kerala Police Awareness Pamphlet regarding all services available to women with phone numbers. This pamphlet can be prepared with the help of Women Development Corporation.
8. A mega campaign against Dowry in collaboration with Kudumbasree, Local Self Government, Department of Social Justice etc. Street dramas to be staged in every village and town.
9. With the help of Employment Exchange, Private partners etc a mega campaign/coaching/skill development for women to get employment, entrepreneurship etc Women Cell SP and Vanitha Cell can take a lead in the programme.
10. Proper use of Cyber Space-teach women and girls. Short films/street dramas
11. Zero pendency of Crime Against Women and Children. Begin in January and end by November 2020. DPCs and PHQ may monitor monthly.

12. Sensitise all Police Officers on Gender issues by arranging regular classes. Involve reputed civil society members.
 13. Strengthen Women Helpline. Complaint boxes to be installed and monitored properly by patrol teams/pink patrol/Janamaithri Beat Officers. Visit to all children's Homes/women Homes/old age Homes/institutions engaging 50% or more women and sort out their problem. Give awareness on Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Places (Prevention) Act.
 14. Apart from local officers, officials of special units shall be involved and take part in programmes.
- A State Level Committee is hereby constituted with the following officers;
1. Dr. B. Sandhya IPS, ADGP (Trg.)
 2. Dr. Divya V Gopinath IPS, SP (ICT)
 3. Smt. Poonguzhali R IPS, DCP (L&O), Kochi City
 4. Smt. Shilpa D IPS, CMT Woman Bn.
 5. Smt. Aiswarya Dongre IPS, ASP Shangumughom

04. The Committee is free to monitor/ supervise and guide the programmes. Monthly reports prepared by this Committee to this effect should reach the undersigned on 5th of every month along with photographs from all Districts. All these will come into effect immediately.


23-1-2020
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DGP & state Police Chief

Distribution:

All DPCs/ Range DIGs/ Zonal IGPs/ ADGP L&O
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Woman Bn./ ASP Shangumughom/ Other Special Unit Heads/

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