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Police to dedicate 2020 as Women Safety Year

The State Police Chief Loknath Behera has stated that action have been taken to implement several women centric projects in the wake of dedicating this year 2020 as Women Safety Year. These projects are in addition to the projects implemented by the DPCs in district level. A committee has been formed including Dr. B Sandhya, ADGP Training, Dr. Divya V Gopinath, SP ICT, G Poonguzhali, DCP Kochi City, D Shilpa, Commandant, Women Battalion and Aishwarya Dongre, ASP Shankumugham for monitoring the implementation of the projects.

Women patrolling squads will patrol on roads for ensuring women safety. The squad constituting two women police officers each will patrol at bus stops, bus stands, school-college premises, markets and other public places by two wheeler or on foot. The patrolling is scheduled for two hours each in the morning, noon, school hours, evening and the time between 11 PM and 5 AM. The squad will ask about the threats and assaults faced by women and will take action on that. Women police personnel from Battalion and local police will be selected and trained for this.

The project in which women police officers visit Pachayaths for receiving petitions will be expanded. They will conduct legal awareness classes in association with Taluk Legal services Authority. As part of the Janamaithri Suraksha Project the women police officers will add all details of the women and complainants during visit in the crime drive app. Senior Police officers can directly monitor all these details.

Women Police Station situated in all districts will aid in the investigation of cases. It will be ensured by the District Police Chief. Women Investigation Teams will be constituted in every range by including at least one Women Inspector from women cell and this team will investigate major cases against women and children. The team will be supervised by Range DIsG. The team members will be given training at the Kerala Police Academy or at the Police Training College. Women Self Defense Trainers of all districts will be encouraged to extend maximum training programs in schools, colleges and panchayaths. By the end of this year, five lakh women will be given training in big districts and two lakh women in small districts. The teams which train more women will be rewarded.

The project titled 'Surakshitha' started in Kollam City which ensures the night walk of women will be extended to all other districts. Smart Police Stations will be established for ensuring the safety and security of women. Projects will be implemented to aware public on POCSO Cases, child justice law and assaults against women. Women police patrol team will visit and ensure the welfare of women staying alone and also physically and mentally challenged women. Awareness camps will be conducted among girls on harmful effects of drugs.

Projects will be implemented in association with Kudumbasree, Health Department and Social Justice Department to wipe off the habit of school drop out among the scheduled tribe women. Awareness campaign will be conducted against dowry system in association with Kudumbasree, Local Self Government Institutions and Social Justice Department. Street Plays will be conducted in all cities and villages. In order to inculcate entrepreneurship in women, training will be given to them in association with employment exchange and private institutions. Action will be taken to curb assaults against women and children.

Special Programs will be conducted for high school and higher secondary school students on gender equality and the rights to lead a good life. It has been planned to conduct program at least once in a month in association with Women Development Corporation.

Women helpline will be strengthened and complaint boxes will be placed at different places. Pink Patrol Team and Janamaithri Beat Officers will monitor this arrangement. If the number of women in Children Home, Women Rest Home and Old age Home exceeds half, then such places will be visited by the Women Police Groups on a regular basis.
