

# WORKSHOP REPORT

On

## URBAN THINKER CAMPUS- MAKING DELHI A WOMEN FRIENDLY CITY

WUC Partner Organization Hosting the Campus: Sampurna (NGO)

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Speaker Hall, Constitution Club, Rafi Marg, New Delhi, India  
Friday, 22 September & Saturday 23 September, 2017

## **Agenda:**

- Raise Awareness among various Stakeholders about the need for a paradigm shift when addressing women safety issues.
- Share Experiences and tools to design and implement women's safety and safety challenges.
- Present a Road Map to make Delhi a safe city for women

## **Participants:**

The workshop was attended by students and eminent personalities from different spectrums like Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, President, South Asian University, Shri. Chandan Mitra, Editor & MD, Pioneer, Mr. Ajit Kalia, Dr. S. Mazumdar, Chief Librarian, India International Centre, Ms. Sonali Vyas, Program Associate, "Safetipin," Dr. Debjani Ghosh, Senior Research Officer, National Institute of Urban Affairs, Mr. Amol Kant, Former DGP & founder „Prayas NGO“, Mr. Sanjay Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India, Dr. Sunita Reddy, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Ms Manjushree and several other personalities who graced the dais with their esteemed presence.

The workshop also graced the presence of several eminent political leaders like Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation in the Government of India Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resource who was a part of the inauguration ceremony. The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Virender Kumar, Hon'ble minister of State in the Ministry of W&CD, Mos of Minority Affairs and Guest of Honour, was Mr. Manoj Tiwari, MP & President BJP Delhi Pradesh.

As a part of the World Urban Campaign of UN-HABITAT, „Sampurna-Towards Total Development (A Non-Government Organization)“, presided by Dr. Shobha Vijender, Founder President, Sampurna organized the brainstorming interactive event.

The list of participants from Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies is attached as **Annex1**.

## **Proceedings:**

**Day 1** of the event was an interactive session where learned speakers like Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, President, South Asian University, Shri. Chandan Mitra ,Editor& MD, Pioneer , Mr. Ajit Kalia, enlightened the gathering about the mind-set of people towards women, child-friendly smart cities, the role of civil society in administration and other enthralling themes. Dr. S. Mazumdar India International Centre acquainted the audience with the concept of shopping centre library and its relation to women safety. Ms. Sonali Vyas, Program Associate, „Safetipin,“ discussed the app „SAFETIPIN“ which is a safety audit and consist of parameters like lighting and visibility of people in a particular location determining the security quotient of that place. She rightly mentioned that „Safety is our right, not a privilege“. Dr. Debjani Ghosh ,Senior Research Officer, National Institute of Urban Affairs presented her view on the inclusion of women in mainstream planning and lack of proper implementation and enforcement of laws or plans, along with the alarming stats that 80% of Delhi women carry concern about their safety.

The first day of the event concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Shobha Vijender, Founder President, Sampurna NGO.

### **Day 2**

The theme of discussion for the second day was „Pathways to make Delhi a safe city for women“. Speakers like Mr. Amod Kant, Former DGP & founder Prayas NGO, Mr. Sanjay Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India, Dr. Sunita Reddy, Associate Professor, JNU, and Ms Manjushree graced the dais with their esteemed presence.

Mr. Amod Kant, focused on role of police and crisis intimation centers in ensuring security of women and child, while Mr. Sanjay Jain explained the link between women safety and women empowerment, sensitization of population towards each other and quoted case of Bharwada Bhoginbhai Hirjibhai vs State of Gujarat in which it was observed that testimony of a victim of sexual assault is viewed with the aid of spectacles fitted with lenses tinged with doubt, disbelief or suspicion. In doing so it justified male chauvinistic mind-set in a patriarchal society. He also provided best replies to the queries coming from the audience. Dr. Sunita Reddy stated

that in India there exists a „culture of silence“ leading to less reporting of cases and inactive bystanders. It was followed by the presentation of recommendations and summary of the two day event proceedings by Ms.Garima Jain, Senior Research Associate, O.P Jindal Global University.

The Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, Mr. Virender Kumar, Hon“ble Minister of State in the Ministry of W&CD, MoS Minority Affairs, and Mr. Manoj Tiwari, MP & President BJP Delhi Pradesh, graced the Valedictory Session with their presence. The leaders promised that all the recommendations and suggestions which were discussed during the two day interactive sessions would be tabled in the legislature for policy implementation. The event was concluded by the presentation of „Charter“ to the respected guests, and felicitation of faculty members of the invited institutions.

The event proved to be an insightful deliberation for all presented where the question raised and replies received was a kind of symbiotic learning for both the panel and audience.

**Submitted By:**

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## **Annex 1**

### **Faculty**

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### **Student Participants**

1. Sheeba Khan
2. Meetali Kumar
3. Bhumika Pardesi
4. Varshita Dogra
5. Akash Arora
6. Anish Sethi
7. Ujjwal Bansal
8. Ashish Jain
9. Vatsal Saxena
10. Himanshi Bhateja
11. Sanchi Dhamija

12. Kajal Thakur
13. Parik Gautam
14. Anika Mittal
15. Ashmita Bannerjee
16. Ajay Sharma
17. Kartikey Azad
18. Tejan Puji
19. Sahil Khurana
20. Harshita Gupta
21. Kartik Vashisht
22. Sambhavi Mehtani
23. Manya Arora
24. Saumya Punj
25. Adarsh Kamra
26. Divyansh Sharma
27. Parth Bhatia
28. Srishti Dhoundiyal
29. Meher Tandon
30. Yukti Gupta
31. Udhaya
32. Abhilasha
33. Mordhwaj
34. Vansh vermani,
35. Animesh Pareek
36. Vritti Gulati
37. Vaishali Abbi
38. Akansha Bhaduria
39. Siddhart Kumar
40. Apurva dixit
41. Dhruv Wadhawan

- 42. Anurag Kumar
- 43. Charu Grover
- 44. Ankita Mahajan
- 45. Vaishnavi Arora

