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FOREWORD

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MEMBER SECRETARY

It is my privilege to present the Annual Administrative report of 2020-21 & 2021-22 of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar. The Fifth Body of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women took its office on 31st December' 2018 and completed its tenure on 30th January' 2022. The team was headed by Mrs. Radhilu Chai Techi as Chairperson, Mrs. Heyomai Tawsik as Vice Chairperson and Ms. Hoksum Ori, Mrs. Techi Hunmai Doyom and Mrs. Likha Joya Techi as Members. During the three year tenure the 5th body of APSCW left no stone unturned for the upliftment of women in the state. It had organized workshops, legal awareness programs across the state in order to generate awareness in the society against various crimes against women, conducted inquiry into various cases wherein women had been victims and advocated for Marriage Registration across the State.

Article 21 of the Indian Constitution guarantees protection of life and personal liberty to all. However, women in India and Arunachal in particular are still to see the light of equality due to rising cases of Polygamy, Domestic violence and lack of the Basic skills to lead a dignified life. Therefore, the Fifth Commission has worked tirelessly to address the problems of women and had recommended to the Government for enactment of Arunachal Pradesh Property Rights Bill'2021 despite all odds.

The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women since inception in the year 2005 has been functioning in a small temporary office. The Fifth body had been able to locate a new office premises at Papu Nalah, Naharlagun, Papum Pare, Arunachal Pradesh and with the gracious funding by Government of Arunachal Pradesh, renovation works are going on in a war footing.

Despite having limitations as a statuary body the 5th body of APSCW had tried its best to give relief to aggrieved women through family court hearings and recommendations. It has also introduced a small scheme as victim compensation from its Grants-In Aid to provide immediate relief to case victims.

The 5th Commission has carried forward the noble steps of the preceding Commissions with innovative approaches in all aspects to cater to the changing times. Though the COVID-19 situation had greatly affected the normal function of the office, all attempts were taken to conduct telephonic consultations to victims of domestic violence during the pandemic. I would also like to bring forward the information that the account matters during the tenure of 5th Commission have been audited.

I would also like to acknowledge and extend our gratefulness to the Present Government led by Shri Pema Khandu, Honorable Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for including APSCW in the Pre-Budget Consultative meetings and other Important Policy making meetings of the state.

I take this opportunity to thank Mrs T P Loyi, Director, Women and Child Development Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and her team for the hand holding for all the official functioning of APSCW, Member Secretary APSLSA, Judge Jaweplu Chai for her legal guidance, Mrs. Jarjum Ete, Former Chairperson of the Commission and all the Former members of the Commission for necessary guidance and feedbacks to the 5th body, Mrs. Gumri Ringu, President APWWS (CEC), HQ Itanagar and her District branches in carrying forward the issues of Women and needful assistance in the Legal Awareness Programs and All the NGOs who have come forward to spread awareness in the remotest areas of the state.

I also take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Arunachal Pradesh Police for working with the Commission and taking every effort to address to crimes against women by early submission of status reports and chargesheets of the accused persons.

At last I express deepest gratitude and appreciation to the 5th commission for working tirelessly for women issues and welcome the 6th Commission to carry forward the legacy of selfless service to the state and Women in particular.

With best wishes.

"If we give girls and women the chance to change their lives, they can change the world"

- Frida Giannini

(MS. MABI TAIPODIA JINI), APCS
Member Secretary
AP State Commission for Women,
Itanagar

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FIFTH COMMISSION

COMPOSITION / ORGANIZATION OF THE APSCW

RADHILU CHAI (TECHI)
CHAIRPERSON

HEYOMAI TASWSIK
VICE CHAIRPERSON

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

TECHI HUNMAI DOYOM
MEMBER

Report of Fifth Commission

5th Commission (2020-2021)

Activities:

1. October 30, 2020, a Legal Awareness Webinar on 'Domestic violence, mental health, drug abuse and alcoholism' was held by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women.
   - The Chairperson APSCW, Radhilu Chai (Techi) disclosed that Domestic Violence cases increased during the Covid-19 induced lockdown period, and the number of cases may be more since most of the victims of domestic violence in India do not seek help.
   - She said that approximately 1,477 domestic violence cases were registered all over the country, and Uttar Pradesh had the highest cases of domestic violence with 600 complaints. She said domestic violence leads to behavioral disorder and substance abuse among the younger generation.
   - During the panel discussion, APSCW legal advisor Karmu Chotton spoke on various types of domestic violence and the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.
   - Advocate Raknu Konya highlighted the powers and functions of the police, protection officers, and magistrates, while clinical psychologist NabamYeni spoke on the importance of mental health.
   - Psychiatrist Dr Magong Pagkam gave a lecture on drug abuse and alcoholism and their impact on the society and the younger generation.
   - APSCW member Techi Hunmai also spoke in the webinar, which was organized by the APSCW.

2. November 6, 2020, a Legal Awareness Webinar organized by APSCW discussed issues relating to crimes against women, victim compensation scheme, and free legal aid.
   - Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techi informed that as per statistics maintained by the police department since 2019 till now, the capital complex records the highest number of cases of crimes against women, followed by West Siang

in the entire state of Arunachal Pradesh. She informed that crimes against women in India have increased by 7.3 percent from 2018 to 2019.

- APSCW legal advisor, advocate Karmu Chotton informed that eve teasing is also a severe crime against women. She stated that any kind of insult, teasing in public or privately which outrage the modesty of a woman is a crime and women should report such crime to the police.
- Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Service Authority Member Secretary Jaweplu Chai encouraged the womenfolk to know their rights and take necessary remedy. She informed that free legal aid services are provided to the victims, along with counselling and other benefits.
- Advocate Raknu Koniya spoke on free legal aid and the process and guidelines for legal service clinics at national, state and district levels. She also explained the Victim Compensation Scheme, 2011, for women and the terms and conditions of how to avail the scheme.

3. November 30, 2020, a Legal Awareness Webinar on 'Crime Against Women, Victim Compensation Scheme and Free Legal Aid' was held by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women.
   - The APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai said that as per statistics maintained by the police department since 2019 till now, the capital complex records the highest number of cases of crimes against women, followed by West Siang in the entire state of Arunachal Pradesh. Shefurther said that most of the cases recorded in the state include domestic violence, assault, kidnapping/abduction, and other cases.
   - APSCW legal advisor, advocate Karmu Chotton informed that eve teasing is also a severe crime against women. She stated that any kind of insult, teasing in public or privately which outrage the modesty of a woman is a crime and women should report such crime to the police. She also presented a brief on dowry deaths and cyber stalking.
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- APSCW member Techi Hunmai spoke on the powers and function of Women Commission.
- Member Secretary Mabi TaipodiaJini also spoke.

4. November 13, 2020, The Muskaan Women Foundation organized a one day legal awareness programmein collaboration with APSCW at Hotel Rising Sun, Naharlagun.

5. November 27, 2020, a one day legal awareness programme was organized by the Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Organization (APWWS) in collaboration with the APSCW at Binni Yanga Govt Women College, Lekhi Village, Nirjuli. The legal topics cyber crime and cyber law and legal adoption.

6. December 5, 2020, a one day legal awareness programme was organized by Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) AP Unit in collaboration with APSCW at Hotel PYBSS. The legal topic was on trafficking and human rights violation.

7. January 6, 2021, National Commission for Women (NCW) Member Shyamala S Kinder and Members of APSCW met with Hon'ble Chief Minister Pema Khandu to discuss women's rights issue and drug addiction. The meeting discussed issues related to women's rights and substance abuse among women. The Chief Minister said women in Arunachal are better off yet miles to go.

8. January 18-24, 2021, the APSCW organized a week long legal awareness at Parang Village, Mengio and Apop Village under Papum Pare District, Bameng and Seppa under East Kameng District and Seijosa, Pakke Kessang District. The topics were mental health, drug abuse and alcoholism, domestic violence, compulsory registration of marriage and free legal aid, economic and skill development for women empowerment and meaning of self help group.

- Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techi said that equal opportunities should be given to girls to pursue higher education to make them independent and strong.
- She further informed that the APSCW has approached the state government to increase the women's reservation quota in the gram panchayat to 50 percent from 33 percent to strengthen women's participation at the grassroots level governance. She also called upon women Panchayat leaders to perform their duties sincerely.
- APSCW Member Techi Hunmai spoke on domestic violence and polygamy, while advocate Karmu Chotton gave a brief account of compulsory marriage registration and free legal aid.
- Sagalee block ARSLM manager Toko Chichi spoke on skill development and various women-related government schemes.
- Other resource persons were Parang PHC MO Dr Nabam Lata Techi and APSCW member Hoksum Ori.

9. January 24, 2021, Women and Child Development Dept in collaboration with APSCW and AP State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (APSCPCR) organized a tree plantation on the occasion of National Girl Child Day under the scheme Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao.

10. February 1, 2021, APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techi and Member Techi Hunmai submitted a list of top 10 women entrepreneurs of the state during two day interactive meeting of National Commission for Women. Initiatives taken up by the APSCW to promote financial literacy and empowerment of women were also highlighted by them.

30 October 2020, Webinar organised by APSCW

06 November 2020, Webinar organized by APSCW

13 November 2020, Hotel Rising Sun, Conference Hall

27 November 2020, Women's College Lekhi

5 December 2020, at Hotel Pybss, Itanagar

18 January 2021, at Parang, Papumpare

19 January 2021, at Apop, Papumpare

20 January 2021, at Bameng, East kameng

21 January 2021, at Seppa, East Kameng

23 January 2021, at Seijosa, Pakke Kessang

24 January 2021, at Mengio, Papumpare

11. February 16, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organized at Gumin Kiin in Aalo.
    - The APSCW Chairperson said that the awareness camp is been conducted in various parts of the state to inform women about their rights, responsibilities, empowerment and privileges under various laws to create a conductive society where women can stand on their feet and contribute to the growth of the state.
    - She said that women empowerment cannot be thought of without economic empowerment and property inheritance rights. She also informed that the APSCW has made recommendation to the government to make certain changes and empower women.
    - West Siang Deputy Commissioner Moki Loyi lauded the constant effort of the Commission to give awareness on various issues and urged GBs and women to carry forward their message to the nook and corner of the district where women in rural areas are in dark about such rights and privileges.
    - Talks were also given on the powers of APSCW, gender equity and budgeting, crimes against women, drug abuse and alcoholism, polygamy and domestic violence, skill development and vocational training for women, and compulsory registration of marriage.
    - APSCW member Techi Hunmai spoke on the powers and function of Women Commission.

12. February 17, 2021, Legal Awareness Programme organized by the West Siang unit of the APWWS in collaboration with the APSCW at Kamba.
    - The APSCW Vice Chairperson, said that gaon buris and anganwadi workers in the district have a crucial role to play to uplift women and create awareness among them about their rights and duties.
    - Women's rights activist Jarjum Ete spoke at length on tribal customary laws and gender equity and administered oath on 'No Addiction'.
    - Kamba additional deputy commissioner Ruhhum Rakshap lauded the constant effort of the Commission to create awareness on various issues and urged all stakeholders to spread the knowledge to women in the rural areas.

- APSCW member, Techi Hunmai Doyom spoke on the powers of the Commission and Hoksum Ori on the role of self-help groups.
- Adv Karmu Chotton spoke on polygamy and domestic violence and marriage registration.
- Dr Pagi Kamki Basar on skill development and government schemes.
- The Galo Welfare Society's women wing president, Mipu Sora Ori expressed her gratitude to the Commission for organizing the programme and spelt out the activities being taken out by the society for the cause of women.

13. February 18, 2021, Legal Awareness Programme organized by APWWS West Siang unit in collaboration with APSCW at Bagra.
    - The APSCW Vice Chairperson said that the West Siang women wings and stakeholders in various levels should take the lead role in generating awareness on women's rights and privileges as enshrined under various laws and acts.
    - She stressed on compulsory marriage registration and appealed the Gaon Buras to see their justice delivery system riding against the provisions made for women. She also disclosed that the commission has to take cases mostly related to extramarital affairs among the education section of the society.
    - Members APSCW Techi Hunmai Doyom dwelt at length on powers of the Commission, APSCW Member Hoksum Ori spoke on the role of self-help group.
    - Adv Karmu Chotton spoke on polygamy, domestic violence and marriage registration.
    - Circle Officer Hage Moonya lauded the commission to raise awareness of the women's rights and duties among the women folk in the rural areas of the state.
    - Resource person from West Siang, Advocate Kebom Taso and Advocate Jorik Bagra, dwelt at length on free legal aid, property rights and crime against women.
    - Marbom Riba Bagra, APWWS president West Siang highlighted the role of APWWS Aalo unit in detail.

14. February 19, 2021, aone day legal awareness programme was conducted by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) in collaboration with the Basar unit of the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) at Basar,Leparada district.
    - During the programme, which was attended by various HoDs, PRI members, GBs, women, public leaders and senior members of the society, resource persons, including advocates Karmu Chotton, Murtaza Ansari and Goli Basar imparted basic information on domestic violence, empowerment of women with special reference to widow livelihood, economic empowerment and problem of drugs and alcohol abuse.
    - APSCW Member Secretary Mabi Taipodia Jini gave a brief Power Point presentation on compulsory marriage registration, while APSCW Member Hoksum Ori highlighted the role of SHGs and NGOs in uplifting women.
    - Zilla Parishad Chairperson Nyabi Jini Dirchi requested the commission for early establishment of a separate police station for women at Basar. Basar EAC Murnya Kakki and Leparada Superintendent of Police PN Thongdok also spoke on the occasion.
    - APSCW member Techi Hunmai spoke on the powers and function of Women Commission.
    - The APSCW team, led by Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techi later visited the police station at Basar and interacted with the stakeholders for early establishment of separate police station for women.

15. February 21, 2021, A one day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by the APSCW in Mechuka, Shi-Yomi District.
    - The APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai (Techi) said that certain traditional practices in the society, such as child and early marriage, preference for male child, polygamy, dowry, widow remarriage, denial of inheritance rights to women, etc are discriminatory in nature and should be done away with. She also highlighted the various recommendations made by the commission to the state government, pertaining to compulsory resignation of marriage, 50 percent reservation for women in the legislative assembly, 33 percent reservation for women in government jobs, free and compulsory education of female students till graduation etc.
    - APSCW Member Techi Hunmai dwelt on the powers, rules and functions of the APSCW, and the ways for women to avail their rights and benefits.

- Legal Advisor Karmu Chotton highlighted various crimes committed against women, such as rape, domestic violence, dowry, etc, and appraised the women of how to avail legal aid.
- APSCW Vice Chairperson Heyomai Tawsik and member Hoksum Ori also interacted with the women of the district on several issues.
- Among others, Mechuka CO Dr Honjon Perme, HoDs, GBs, members of the Women Welfare Society, SHG members, and students of Mechuka took part in the programme.

16. February 23, 2021, a One Day legal Awareness Programme was organized by the APSCW in coordination with Galo Welfare Society Women Wing at Likhabali.
    - Jarjum Ete, former Chairperson APSCW, Dr. Todak Taba, Gynecologist TRIIMS, Adv. Karmu Chotton and Mabi Taipodia Jini attended as resource person to sensitize on various issues like marriage complicacies, women empowerment, Gender Budgeting, health and legal related issues.
    - APSCW member Techi Hunmai spoke on the powers and function of Women Commission.
    - Speaking on behalf of Galo Welfare Society, Mipu Sora and Dr. Ngulom also dealt many issues relevant to women folk of Galo Society.
    - Kardo Nyicyor MLA Likhabali said that Drugs and alcoholism has become menace for modern day society and he urged the women folk to be very vigil on the issue and control the children at their respective household levels.
    - A.K. Singh, DC Lower said the program will immensely help the women folk of Lower Siang in improving their status and quality of life in days to come. He informed that through Malinithan Vikash Parishad he and his MVP team have constructed 25 rooms within Temple Complex where 25 women have been allotted room to run shops.

16 February 2021, at Aalo, West Siang

17 February 2021, at Kamba, West Siang

18 February 2021, at Bagra, West Siang

19 February 2021, at Basar, Leparada

21 February 2021, at Mechuka, Shi-Yomi

21 February 2021, at Mechuka, Shi-Yomi

23 February 2021, at Likabali, Lower Siang

17. March 8, 2021, the International Women's Day celebration was organized by APSCW in collaboration with Women & Child Development (WCD) Department at DK Convention Hall, Itanagar.
    - Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that lack of quality education and the drug menace have become major hurdles in giving the youths a future. He called for active support of women organization, gaon buras and particularly the school management committees of the villages. On the rising drug menace the Chief Minister said the government cannot curb it without the support of the society.
    - The CM also suggested to the AP State Commission for Women, the AP State Legal Services Authority and AP Women's Welfare Society to raise the topic in all their events and workshops and ask their district units to create awareness at the village levels. He also advised them to keep a check on functioning of the de-addiction and rehabilitation centres and report the same to the government with recommendations, if any.

18. March 9-10, 2021, A Two-Days Seminar on Customary Practices, Property rights of women & girl child in context of Arunachal Pradesh was organized by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Level Services Authority (APSLSA), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh at DK Convention Hall, Itanagar.
    - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai (Techi) while giving the keynote address emphasized on women empowerment and the important role of gaonburas for social empowerment of women while also highlighting the challenges faced by the women in the state such as polygamy and gender inequality.
    - APSLSA Member Secretary Jaweplu Chai spoke on working of Legal Services Authorities by providing legal assistance and creating awareness of citizen rights by conducting a legal awareness programme and training. She also spoke on Arunachal Pradesh Victim Compensation Scheme, 2011 and Lok Adalat.
    - Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) Prof Dr Vandhana Upadhyay gave a presentation on Difficult transition Economic development and gender relation and also presented statistical data on the socio-economic status of women in Arunachal Pradesh.
    - Dr Taw Azu, principal of Doimukh College spoke on customary practices and marital rights in the context of Arunachal Pradesh.

- Kani Nada Maling, secretary of the Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society highlighted the work of the Arunachal Pradesh Welfare Society and changes it has brought for the betterment of women.
- Former APSCW Chairperson, Jarjum Ete, spoke on strengthening traditional institutions to empower women of Arunachal Pradesh and requested CBOs to include women in the main body not in just women wing.

International Women's Day Celebration 08.03.2021, at DK Convention Hall, Itanagar

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19. March 19, 2021, members of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) visited the short-stay home run by the Oju Welfare Association (OWA) and the one-stop centre. APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai (Techi), Vice Chairperson Heyomai Towsik and members Hoksum Ori and Techi Hunmai, along with legal advisor Karmu Chotton interacted with the destitute and victim women. The team also interacted with OWA chairperson Ratan Anya and noted that all the pending cases of the APSCW taking shelter at the OWA's Swadhar Grah have been disposed of. She informed that due to lack of funds the OWA is unable to provide skill development training in 'beauty care' to the inmates of the Swadher Grah. Coordinator Nada Nampi informed that they need a permanent building to establish the one-stop centre in Naharlagun. She also informed that it is difficult to run the centre, especially during medical emergencies of victims, due to lack of vehicle. Further, it was suggested that establishing a women's police station would be beneficial for all the public, especially victimized women. Accordingly, the APSCW requested the state government to look into the matter and take necessary action for the welfare of women and the public as a whole. The visiting team also donated some amount to OWA for emergency medical expenditures for the women living in their institution.

20. March 23, 2021, APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai (Techi) and its Member Techi Hunmai attended a Seminar on 'Safety and Employment of Women' through National Commission for Women (NCW) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi .

21. June 11, 2021, A One Day Webinar on 'Addressing the Issue of Polygamy in Arunachal Pradesh' was organized by National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW).

- APSCW Chairperson introduced the term polygamy which means married to more than one spouse at a time; Polygyny (co-wives share a husband) and Polyandry (Co-husband shares a wife), and how polygamy is also used as a synonym for polygyny which has been commonly used worldwide. She pointed out that one reason of polygamy being rampant is because in some culture, divorce is a taboo, and therefore polygamy is more rampant in those cultures.

  In order to under understand polygamy from a wider perspective, she shared a brief history on it with the context of India. According to her research, polygyny and polyandry were prevalent in ancient India and were practiced mostly by the warrior castes and rich merchants. She mentioned that polygamy in ancient India was a matter of personal choice, status symbol and at times social, moral and religious obligation.

She also highlighted the fact that polygamy is more common for husbands of women belonging to scheduled castes and tribes to have multiple wives, like in India, Eastern region with (2.11% partners), North-Eastern region 3.20% partners and in Southern region 3.22% partners whereas in Northern and Central regions mostly have one wife.

22. June 18, 2021, The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) team led by Chairperson Radhilu Chai (Techi) visited the Deepak Nabam Living Home here today and interacted with its owner Deepak Nabam and the inmates as well. The APSCW, which distributed essential ration items and donated some amount for medical treatment and urgent needs of the inmates, requested the authorities concerned to implement the housing schemes for widow/single/separated and destitute women and provide activities as per the GOI guidelines. The Commission requested the State Govt. to provide all necessary infrastructure and support to the NGOs working on ground level such as Deepak Nabam Living Home and Mother's Home which need Govt.'s urgent attention. During the interaction, Deepak Nabam informed that a separate building is being constructed for women inmates for a safer environment. Presently, there are 205 inmates, including females, in the shelter home. Another 100-bedded building will be constructed at Doimukh soon, he added.

23. August 8, 2021, a One Day Webinar on 'Economic Empowerment of Women in the State of Arunachal Pradesh' was organized by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW).

24. August 7, 2021, a meeting was held on the "Arunachal Pradesh Marriage and Inheritance of Property Bill, 2021", organized by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar at Hotel PYBBS.

25. September 24, 2021, One-day Legal Awareness Programme was organized today by Friends For Life (FFL) NGO in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) and Women Cell Government College Doimukh at Government College Doimukh.

    - Addressing the gathering, Chairperson APSCW Radhilu Chai (Techi) stressed that Women Empowerment is not possible without economic empowerment. "Women cannot be empowered in the real sense if she cannot acquire and hold any immovable property in her own name," she said. Attending the programme as a resource person, Assistant Professor, AITS

Zilpha Modi, dwelt on the topic "Gender Equality & Gender Budgeting". Whereas, Hunmai Techi, Member APSCW gave a speech on "Domestic Violence & Polygamy". Further, Adv. Karmu Chotton, Legal Advisor APSCW, elaborated on the topic "Property Right in context of Arunachal Pradesh" explaining the different property rights of the various tribes.

26. September 27,2021,A One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by the Women Against Social Evils (WASE) in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) at the 2-mile Jamoh building conference hall, Pasighat.
    - The Chairperson APSCW, Radhilu Chai (Techi) spoke at length on gender equality, women empowerment and advantages of giving better education to the girl child. Reiterating that the Commission stands for protection of the rights of all women, she added that at present women were subject to a lot of exploitation and to tackle this issue, the Commission has been continuously studying and is looking for various methods and strategies to assist them.
    - She also stressed on reformation of traditional laws and marriage system that do not give full justice to women and has outlived its utility and urged women to uphold their healthy tradition of working hard to nurture their families and know the various rights given to them today in the awareness programme.
    - APSCW member Techi Hunmai spoke on the powers and function of Women Commission.

27. September 30, 2021, A One Day Legal Awareness programme was organized by APWWS Yingkiong unit in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) at Yingkiong, Upper Siang.
    - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai (Techi) reiterated the need for rectification of the tribal customary laws, which she said are not suited for the progress of the society.She stated that heavy wedding expenses involved in marriages seem to be one of the reasons behind domestic violence and such practices should be abolished.
    - Upper Siang DC Taper Pada said a society can never progress without the support of women. Every society has to give priority to the education of the girl child to uphold the women for prosperity of a country.
    - APSCW Member Techi Hunmai, Yingkiong ICDS Deputy Director Aroti Tayeng and advocate Kabang Taron also spoke.

24 September 2021, at Women Cell Govt. College Doimukh

27 September 2021, at Jamoh Building, Pasighat

28 September 2021, at Gidi Notko, Mariang, Upper Siang

30 September 2021, at Yingkiong, Upper Siang

28. October 18, 2021, A One Day Legal Awareness programme was organized by the Tawang District Youth Welfare Society in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW).
    - The ASPCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai (Techi) said that no woman would be empowered until she is economically independent. She spoke about the recommendations made by the Commission to the government that there should be a special entrepreneurship package for unemployed girls, 33% job reservation for women, establishment of family courts in the state legislative assembly, and 50% reservation for the women in panchayats.
    - The APSCW Member Techi Hunmai spoke about the roles of the APSCW and the National Commission for Women.
    - Local MLA Tsering Tashi described women as the backbone of the society and said that the Monpa society is an open society and there is no discrimination between a boy and a girl. He added that women representatives comprise 53% of the total Panchayat members in the district.
    - Advocates Pema Chowang, Sangey Tsering and Sonam Zangmu and Tawang DC (in-charge) Lobsang Tsering also spoke.

29. October 19, 2021 a One Day Legal Awareness Progranmme on "Property Right in context of A.P, Gender equality & Gender Budgeting and Drug Abuse among youth" was organized by APSCW in collaboration with Mahila Mandal Kendra at Narfa.

30. October 20, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme on Women's Property Rights, Gender Equality and Gender Budgeting and Drug Abuse among youth was organized by APSCW in collaboration with Women Welfare Centre (WWC) and MMK in Bomdila.
    - The APSCW Chairperson highlighted the activities taken up by the APSCW with the State government for the upliftment of women in society. She talked about how women are suffering in society because of lack of gender equality, empowerment, awareness and old customs.
    - The Chairperson said there should be a special entrepreneurship package for unemployed girls, 33% job reservation for women, the establishment of family courts in the state, 33% women reservation in the state legislative assembly, 50% reservation for women in the panchayat, establishment of one working women's hostel in the capital and

there should be dedicated maternity home with all the modern equipment and facilities in the state capital and each district of the state.

- She congratulated the state government for devolving powers to the panchayat bodies and sought the same kind of cooperation and support for the state commission of women.
- APSCW member Techi Hunmai spoke about the history, objectives and roles of the APSCW and the National Commission for Women.
- Resource person Advocate Jyoti Zongluju spoke on Gender Equality and urged the participants to change the pre-conceived notions of differentiating on the basis of gender and give equal opportunities to each irrespective of gender.
- Resource person Advocate Kamala Dewan informed the various rights of the Arunachal Pradesh (Land Settlement and Records) Act-2000.
- K Dev. OC of Bomdila PS discussed the various problems of drug menace in society. He shared the symptoms of drug addiction, he urged the parents to inform the Bomdila police department if they see any of the symptoms in their children.

31. October 22, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme was held by Friends for Life (FFL) in collaboration with APSCW at Don Bosco College, Itanagar.

32. October 29, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme was held by the Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) Yingkiongin collaboration with APSCW at Guiidi Notko, Geku, Upper Siang.
    - APSCW Member, Hoksum Ori said that time has come for society particularly women organization to introspect on matters relating to increased issues on domestic violence, rape, child marriage and divorce and alimony conflict. She called upon women folk and adolescent girls to come out of their shell of timidity and age-old bindings and fight for the cause.
    - Speaking on the occasion Jummar Basar, Superintendent of Police Yingkiong said that drug abuse is now rampant in the society and it is detrimental for the progress of the society. He informed that many drug peddlers were arrested

and punished from every nook and corner of Upper Siang district but the efforts of the government machinery failed to curb the menace.

33. November 15, 2021, One Day Legal Awareness Programme on "Crime Against Women, Property Right in Context of Arunachal Pradesh, Drug Abuse & Alcoholism, Domestic Violence and Polygamy" was organized by APSCW, in collaboration with the All Wancho Women Welfare Society (AWWWS) and CBOs.
    - APSCW Vice Chairperson Heymai Towsik said that the commission is organizing awareness programmes to make women understand their entitlements and legal rights. She urged the women folk to refrain from engaging in negative activities like gambling, as the role of mother is important in the process of a child's socialization.
    - She also spoke about the importance of SHGs in bringing women empowerment. She negated the culture of panchayatpati syndrome and requested women leaders to be confident and lead from the front.
    - APSCW member Techi Hunmai made a presentation on the roles, functions and powers of the APSCW. She informed that the commission is taking up with the government issues like special maternity hospital, subsidized and collateral-free loans for women entrepreneurs, increasing the number of women police personnel, etc.
    - DC Bani Lego shared his concern over the issues of drug abuse, early marriage, etc, in the district and said that such programmes can be crucial for bringing positive change in the society.
    - Advocate Wangtan Wangsu spoke about property rights of women in Arunachal, while advocate Langtho Shangham dwelt on "various dimensions of domestic violence," and Dr K Ratan spoke about the issues of drug abuse and alcoholism.
    - AWWWS president Satyawoti Wangsa submitted a representation enumerating the various problems in Longding, such as lack of an office for the women's organization, employment of underaged children, need for mass awareness, etc.
    - Wancho Council president Sompha Wangsa stressed on the need toreform the bad practices in the tradition and culture.

34. November 16, 2021, a One day Legal Awareness Programme on "Property Rights, Drug Abuse & Alcoholism, Domestic Violence and Polygamy" was organized by Nocte Women Association in collaboration with APSCW at Khonsa,Tirap District.

35. November 17, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by APSCW in collaboration with Nocte Women Association at Khonsa.
    - The APSCW Chairperson, Radhilu Chai Techi urged the women to be aware of the rights against domestic violence and the practice of polygamy. She also spoke on drug abuse and warned the youths about its consequences in the family. Expressing happiness over the huge participation of women, she urged them to go back and share whatever they learnt from the programme with other women.

36. November 21, a One Day Legal Awareness programme was organized by the APSCW at Roing, coinciding with the final match of the Naba Ita Pulu Memorial Women's Football Tournament.
    - The Chairperson advised that girls should take up sports seriously and informed that the Commission had written to the Govt. to consider selecting two girls from each district to join the Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy (SLSA) as done for male candidates. This would encourage more women to join the sporting field an open it up as a career option.
    - The Chairperson also stressed on the importance of providing good education to girls to empower them independent in life. She added that economic empowerment is essential for social and political empowered it is essential to give her property rights.
    - SP James Kabang Lego spoke on crime against women/girls. He highlighted that incidence of cases of crime against female domestic helps were on a rise and put the onus on the employers to employ only adults or their welfare and safety.
    - Advocate Bulia Pulu spoke on drug menace in the Mishmi Belt. The department of Labour and Employment also conducted awareness cum registration programme for the unorganized workers in the e-SHRAM portal on the day.

37. November 22, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by Wakro Women Welfare Society, All Mishmi Women Welfare Society & IGG College Tezu women cell in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) Itanagar at IGGC Tezu, Lohit District.

38. November 22, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by Ayang Self Help Group (KABA) & Friends for Life (Naharlagun) in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for women (APSCW) Itanagar at Town Club, Namsai.

39. November 23, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by Women Welfare Society of Anjaw (WWSA) in collaboration with APSCW, Itanagar at Hayuliang, Anjaw District.
    - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techi urged gaonburahs (GB), PRI members and public leaders to help the society by discouraging bad practices in the name of custom and tradition. She also sensitized the participants to the provisions under the law for protection of women's rights. She urged women to "keep themselves updated on such facilities that the government has put in place for them.
    - Resource person Dr CM Thamoung spoke on the ill effects of drug abuse and alcoholism, and ways to curb the menaces from the society, while Inspector NK Khen highlighted the provisions under the law for protection of women.
    - A speech on gender budgeting was delivered by Prof Arnob Paul.
    - APSCW member Techi Hunmai spoke on the powers and function of Women Commission.

40. November 29, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society APWWS, Sagalee in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) Itanagar at Sagalee, Papum Pare District. APSCW member Techi Hunmai spoke on the powers and function of Women Commission.

15 November 2021, at Circuit House, Longding

16 November 2021, at Khonsa, Tirap

17 November 2021, at Circuit Hall, Changlang

21 November 2021, at Roing

22 November 2021, at IGG College, Tezu, Lohit

22 November 2021, at Town Club, Namsai

23 November 2021, at Hayuliang, Anjaw

29 November 2021, at Sagalee, Papum Pare

41. 6 December, 2021, The Aalo unit of the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS), in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) organized a legal awareness programme in Aalo, West Siang district.
    - Aalo East MLA and law & justice advisor Kento Jini said that while the rights, duties and liberties of women have been defined under Articles 15, 16, 19, 21 and 300 A to safeguard them, the government has also enacted several Acts and welfare measures like Beti Bachao, Beti Padao, one-stop centre schemes, free legal services, women helpline schemes, working women's hostel, Nari Shakti Puraskar, etc, to protect them.
    - APSCW member Hoksum Ori spoke about the role of the commission, and former APWWS president Jarjum Ete stressed on compulsory registration of marriage, and said that the time has come for the womenfolk to know their rights, duties and privileges.
    - SDO Henkir Lollen lauded women for playing a pivotal role in curbing social evils, while Inspector Pari spoke on crimes against women, Dr J Kato dwelt on drug abuse and alcoholism, and advocate Jorik Bagra briefed the participants on property rights of women in the context of Arunachal Pradesh.
    - APWWS unit president Marbom Bagra and secretary Roge Ado Ete also spoke.

42. 7 December, 2021, the Yomcha unit of the APWWS, in collaboration with the APSCW and the Aalo APWWS unit conducted a legal awareness programme in West Siang district.
    - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai (Techi) urged the women to know their rights and privileges, and dwelt on the government's welfare schemes for women.
    - Liromoba MLA Nyamar Karbak also called for creating awareness among women about their rights.
    - APSCW Member Hoksum Ori spoke on the role of the commission in dealing with issues related to women.
    - Liyum Padu spoke on domestic violence.
    - MO Dr Lopin Gadi spoke on drug abuse and alcoholism.
    - Advocate Jorik Bagra spoke on property rights of women in Arunachal Pradesh.

- Mother's Vision Chairperson Jumde Gamlin elaborated the role of parents, growing problems among young girls and boys and the role of women as mothers.

43. 9 December, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme organized by ADI BANE KEBANG" Women wing in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) Itanagar at Tato, Shi-Yomi District.

44. 10 December, 2021, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme organized by District administration, Shi-Yomi District in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) Itanagar at Mechuka, Shi-Yomi District.

45. 28 January, 2022, the handing and taking over of New Office Building for APSCW at Papu Hill vacated by SE, BOBIA, PWD Circle took place between APSCW and Shri Pema Dorjee, AE & Shri Toko Takam, Site Engineer (JE). It is also to enjoin here that the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has very kindly allotted a plot of land earlier under the occupation of S.E., PWD, Sagalee office at Papu Hill, Naharlagun, which was under the administrative control of the Executive Engineer, Naharlagun Division, PWD, AP Naharlagun vide Govt. of AP's order No.PWD/W-496/2021/842; dated 13/07/2021.

    Accordingly, the said plot of land was formally handed over to the APSCW on 29/01/2022, copies of which were endorsed to the Commissioner, WCD Department, Director WCD and others.

    Since the existing PWD office building at Papu Hill, Naharlagun was in a dilapidated condition, the Govt. has also provided an amount of Rs 60,00,000 (Rupees Sixty Lakhs) only for Special Repairs and Maintenance of the said building for housing the APSCW office building after renovations.

06 December 2021, at Aalo, West Siang

07 December 2021, at Yomcha, West Siang

09 December 2021, at Tato, Shi-Yomi

10 December 2021, at Mechuka, Shi-Yomi

28 January 2022, Handing/Taking over of building and land at Papu Hill, Naharlagun

28 January 2022, Handing/Taking over Note with APSCW Team

Detailed Breakups Are As Under

New cases registered from 2021(January) – 2021 (December) - 30

Various Types Of Cases Registered Under APSCW

January 2021 to December 2021

Sl. No	TYPES OF CASES	Jan 2021 to 31st Dec 2021
1.	Domestic violence	19
2.	Extra Marital Affairs	1
3.	Sexual Harassment	4
4.	Attempt to Rape/Murder	2
5.	Maintenance	2
6.	Divorce	1
7.	Forced Marriage	1
Total		30

REPORT RECEIVED FROM POLICE STATIONS

Lower Dibang Valley (2021)	
IT Act	**1**
Rape	**1**
Domestic Abuse	**2**
Total	**4**

Papum Pare Rural (2021)	
Kidnap	2
Physical Abuse	2
Total	**4**

Kurung Kumey (2021)	
Domestic Abuse	3
Rape	6
Molestation	4
Murder	2
Kidnapping	1
Total	**16**

Longding (2021)	
Domestic Abuse	1
Atrocity on Women	1
Total	**2**

Anjaw (2021)	
Attempted Murder	2
Blackmail	2
Total	**4**

Dibang Valley (2021)	
Attempted Rape	1
Total	**1**

Lower Subansiri (2021)	
Rape	1
Stalking	1
Other (IT Act)	1
Total	3

Tawang (2021)	
Molestation	2
Total	**2**

West Kameng (2021)	
Molestation	5
Rape	1
Cheating	1
Domestic Abuse	2
IT Act	1
Murder	3
Total	**13**

West Siang (2021)	
Molestation	1
Extortion	1
Attempted Rape	1
Molestation	4
Assault	2
Domestic Abuse	1
Murder	1
Rape	1
Total	**12**

Pakke Kessang (2021)	
Domestic Abuse	2
Molestation	4
Total	**6**

Lohit (2021)	
Molestation	5
Domestic Abuse	4
Rape	2
Total	**11**

Siang (2021)	
Attempt to Murder	1
Assault	1
Molestation	3
Total	**5**

Changlang (2021)	
Rape	2
Kidnapping	4
Molestation	1
Total	**7**

East Kameng (2021)	
Domestic Abuse	5
Kidnapping	1
Rape	1
Total	**7**

Tirap (2021)	
Murder	1
Molest	3
Domestic Abuse	2
Total	**6**

Leparada (2021)	
Molestation	2
Domestic Abuse	1
Total	**3**

Itanagar City (2021)	
Domestic Abuse	40
Molestation	22
Physical Assault	20
Other (IPC)	4
Assault	15
Rape	10
Mental Abuse	13
Polygamy	3
Extra Marital Affair	7
Modesty	5
Other (IT Act)	1
Kidnapping	3
Murder	1
Total	**144**

Upper Subansiri (2021)	
Kidnapping	3
Assault	1
Modesty	1
Domestic Abuse	1
Rape	2
Total	**8**

East Siang (2021)	
Physical Assault	5
Mental Abuse	1
Domestic Abuse	1
Kidnapping	1
Modesty	1
Attempted Murder	1
Murder	2
Attempted Rape	1
Molestation	1
Total	**14**

Kara Dadi (2021)	
Kidnapping	1
Total	**1**

Shi-Yomi (2021)	
Molestation	1
Total	**1**

Lower Siang (2021)	
Physical Abuse	1
Illicit Relationship	1
Attempt to Rape	1
Total	**3**

Kamle (2021)	
Cyber Crime	1
Attempt to Murder	1
Total	**2**

Upper Siang (2021)	
Rape	1
Attempt to Rape	1
Total	2

Namsai (2021)	
Rape	3
Murder	2
Assault	2
Dowry	1
Attempt to Rape	1
Total	**9**

Name of Cases	Total
Domestic Abuse	65
Rape	31
Attempt to Rape	6
Murder	12
Attempt to Murder	5
Physical Abuse	26
Mental Abuse	14
Molestation	54
Assault	21
Other (IT Act)	5
Kidnapping	16
Atrocity on Women	1
Blackmail	2
Stalking	1
Cheating	1
Extortion	1
Extra Marital Affair	7
Modesty	7
Other (IPC)	5
Total	280

RECOMMENDATIONS

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As per the provisions of rule 22 of the APSCW Act.2002, the following recommendations are being made:

1. **Infrastructure Requirements of APSCW:**
   i. **Independent Plan Head:** Since the inception of first team of APSCW recommended that an independent plan head should be set up at par with other Commission viz. APPSC, APSIC, etc. in terms of functioning is a must for the effective delivery by this commission. For better facilitation and also establishing parity with other similar bodies, the APSCW needs to have its own independent plan head. Presently the commission is dependent on Grant-in-Aid from the state government being received through the nodal department. This arrangement entails this commission to submit utilization certificates for even the recurring expenditures of the office like staff salary etc. the resource allocation for APSCW ought to be made under a separate plan head to facilitate the growth and effective functioning of this office.Since this commission is not only a statutory body but also a quasi-judicial one with need for functioning autonomy, financial autonomy with its own plan head would be most desirable. That would also help in enhancing the status of the office of the commission to a large extent, as it ought to be.
   ii. **Independent Functioning and Status of APSCW:** Further despite the ceremonial status at par with that of Minister of State for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the APSCW and that of Secretary to the state government for the members, there is no commensurate privilege, which is required to be provided at par. Residential accommodations to the constituent members of the APSCW require to be provided as per the entitlement as on date the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members are having to put in private/rented residences therefore necessary office space and residential accommodations need to be earmarked for the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and 7 Members as per their entitlements.

2. **Immediate effect of the CCS (Conduct) Rules:** The CCS (Conduct) Rules is something every employee of the government signs at the time of joining the services of the state. These rules are also supposed to govern the conduct of each and every person holding a government job. But today, many government officials are not only committing

conducts contrary to their own undertaking signed on joining the services of the government, but also taking the law of the land for granted by violating rule 21 of the said rules besides misleading the court of law in many cases. Many complaints have been received from violated spouses got deprived of their privileges as family in terms of financial and social security, sometimes causing the destitution of their own loved ones. Yet, there is no known case where action has been taken against anyone under the CCS Conducts Rules. And the cases keep rising in total negation of such a positive legal provision.

3. **Effective Implementation of Compulsory Registration of Marriage:** 'Marriage' is considered a sacred institution. It is an integral part of our culture. The commission since its inception supported the need of compulsory registration of marriage in order to prevent child-marriage, polygamy, harassment of women. All North-Eastern states (Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim & Tripura) except Arunachal Pradesh have implemented compulsory registration of marriage to stop the practice of polygamy. Arunachal Pradesh too should implement compulsory registration of marriage to stop the practice of polygamy, forced marriage and child marriage. Government should ensure that marriage registration certificate has to be mandatory for all official purpose in our State.

4. **Modification of Customary practices relating to women rights:** The need of the hour is to do away with evil practices of tribal customary practices and treat the women of our society equally. It is a very disappointing fact that in customary practices where there is no male heir; then the female heir is not allowed to inherit the immovable property in the family, they are still not treated equally. For instance, in case of widow she is not allowed to inherit her husband's property. The practice of depriving women of their right to property is still prevalent in our tribal society which also deprives her from right to life and right to livelihood. This is a gross violation of fundamental rights. Therefore, it is pertinent to mention that the Govt. should initiate the codification of customary practices with modification which is in the line with the constitutional laws.

5. **Prioritizing Investigation of rape and murder cases and provision of support to victims during investigation and trial process:** The APSCW is deeply alarmed by rising instances of crime against women, hence, they appeal the

Government to issue strong directives to concerned authorities for prompt and gender sensitive investigation of cases of rape and murder of women and children and for collateral support to the victims and their families during investigation and trial process. Strong action should be taken against Govt. Officers committing crime against women and children and should be terminated from their service. An accused committing rape and murder should be disqualified from holding important post in any government, semi-government and commission or public representative.

6. **Establishment of Maternity Hospital:** It has been observed in our State that many maternal deaths have been reported in the recent times. So, to avert the situation, proper & hygienic Maternal Health Care Services is required in the Rural or Urban area with proper facilities. The construction/establishment of separate Maternity Hospital with all high-tech facilities is needed in the twin capital and all the District Headquarters should have separate Gynae Ward with proper facilities.

7. **Immediate Setting up of Short Stay Homes in twin Capital Complex:** It has been observed that there has been alarming rise in number of cases registered in women commission faced with extreme forms of violence due to forced marriage, child marriage, polygamy and other forms of atrocities. The APSCW request the government to immediately allocate fund to set up Short Stay Homes in twin Capital cities of Itanagar and Naharlagun as there is only one shelter home Oju Welfare Association at Naharlagun which is sponsored by the state. And also in all district headquarters Short Stay Home (Swadher-Greh) may be established.

8. **Special Loan Provisions with Subsidy to Women Entrepreneurs in State:** Today many women are unemployed and want to startup different kinds of business in our state, but due to financial constraintsthey are unable to do so. For economic empowerment of Women, a provision of special soft loan may be provided to unemployed women for running small scale entrepreneurship without any Security or Guarantee.

9. **Special Scholarship Scheme for Higher and Technical education for girl Child:**
   i. Free and Compulsory education of girl child till their graduation may be introduced and implemented in letter and spirit in the State.

ii. Special Scholarship Schemes may be introduce for Higher & Technical studies for girl child.

10. **33% job reservation for women in all govt. sectors of Arunachal Pradesh:** Job reservation of 33% for women and girl in the Government Jobs under Government of Arunachal Pradesh may be introduced and implemented.

11. **Special Housing Scheme for Women:** Special housing schemes for Widow/Single/Divorced women& women who are victims of violence for their rehabilitation may be started in Arunachal Pradesh.

12. **Recruitment of Women Police Personnel and Establishment of separate Women Police Station and Help Desk:**
    i. To deal with the rising Crimes Against Women & Children, more Women Police Personnel may be recruited and separate Women Police Stations may be established in all district headquarters. At present 5 (five) Women Police Stations have already been established in the State.
    ii. As far as possible, there should be a Women Help Desk available in all the police stations even though separate Women Police Stations could not be established.

13. **Appointment of Independent Protection Officer under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005(PWDV Act,2005) and allocation of fund:**
    i. To curtail rising instances of domestic violence in the state and for effective implementation of the PWDV Act, 2005, appointment of Independent Protection Officer is required. As of now, the Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) are holding dual charges. It is also recommended that while keeping the provision for appointment of Protection Officer, the State's planned budget may also allocate fund for effective implementation of the Act.
    ii. **It is recommended that the Protection Officers** be from preferably Law graduate as many cases, CDPOs are also promotional posts. The POs under the PWDV Act 2005 ought to be sound about law also besides a minimum proficiency in written English to be able to record, document, recommend cases for litigations etc.

Therefore, state plan budget must have this in the plan outlay for recruitment or appointment of Protection Officers under the PWDV Act.2005.

14. **A Chapter on Gender Issues in School Curriculum at Secondary Level:** At least one comprehensive chapter on gender issues and sensitization should be a part of all school syllabuses at the secondary level. Human rights also require to be incorporated into the syllabus for the awareness of basic human rights by the young boys and girls with focus on the rights of the girl child.

15. **Women Representative on the AP State Planning Board:** With the whole emphasizing on gender parity in development and the participation of women in development of humanity, it is time for the state to consider this issue with all seriousness. Inclusion of women representative-with ability, integrity, intelligence and standing, actively involved and working for the cause of women-in the State Planning Board of Arunachal Pradesh, is a very urgently felt and over-due need to ensure gender parity and equity in the development inputs and the process itself.

16. **Reservation of 50% women seat in Panchayat Raj:** To empower the women in the political field our state should provide **50% reservation** for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies. 20 states namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal have made provisions of 50% reservation of women in Panchayat Raj Institutions in their respective State Panchayat Raj Acts.

17. **33% reservation in Assembly:** States that already give 50% reservation for women in Assembly are Bihar, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. There is also a need to provide reservation for women in parliament and in Govt. services too.

18. **Awards/Citation to Government Officers/NGOs:** Letters of appreciation should be awarded to Women achievers of the state,Government Officers, Magistrates and NGO representative who have helped the cause of securing justice and development of Women and children.

19. **Qualifications of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members of APSCW:**
    i. It is recommended that a clause be included in the APSCW Act.2002,Chapter II, Section 5, as sub-section (6), providing for basic minimum education to qualify for nomination on the commission and be able to deliver the goods to the needy women. Members of the first team of APSCW, on the basis of their personal field experiences, recommend that to be eligible to be entrusted with the responsibility of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or a member of the APSCW, one must be at least a graduate from a recognized institution, with sound knowledge of the constitutional provisions and other human rights instruments ratified by the country and basic knowledge of the law of the land, to be able to hold the respective offices in the commission and also to be able to function and deliver their responsibilities as office bearers of a quasi-judicial statutory body.
    ii. It is recommended that a clause be included in the APSCW Act.2002. Chapter II, Section 5, as sub-section (6), Providing for age limit as minimum 35 years and maximum 60 years.

20. **Additional Resource Allocations to the APSCW:** The commission has been functioning without any additional support in terms of knowledge base or expertise of Adhoc Committees to assist the office of APSCW in special situations. Additional resource allocation by the state for activating Adhoc standing/expert committees as provided in Rule 9 of the Act is highly recommended by this Commission.

21. **Setting up of Working Women's Hostel in twin Capital Complex Itanagar and Naharlagun** and in all district Headquarters. Under the Urban Development Dept. few projects has been completed but it's yet to be functional due to the lack of basic amenities like electricity and water. The State government should take necessary action for immediate function of the working women hostel, shopping complex and it should be provided with security guard and installation of security camera.

Similarly, Old age home with destitute women and children are yet to be completed.

22. **Initiating action against police officials causing undue delay in investigation** and ban on transfer/posting of an investigation officer (I/Os) till completion of the charge sheet in a case.

23. **For Victims of violence against women:** More rehabilitation schemes and economic packages needs to be initiated and funds at the discretion of women commission for disbursal after proper assessment.

24. **Deployment of security for Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women's court premises:** The APSCW also functions as a quasi-judicial court because of which incidents of unwanted activities often take place. Therefore, security is required to maintain the decorum of the court.

25. **Financial aid for research work:** The commission needs additional financial aid to undertake research works. Research work is a must for better understanding the problems and in resolving it.

26. **Equal representation in sports quota:** The Sangey Laden Sports Academy presently selects one girl and two boys from each district of the state which is discriminatory towards female. The commission would request the state Government to make an equal representation of both the sexes.

27. **Discretionary fund:** For dealing with various cases, including immediate dispersal/relief/ rehabilitation/ medical treatment etc. of victims of Domestic Violence, rape, murder etc., discretionary funds may be provided to the Commission (APSCW).

28. **Cyber Crime:** Immediate action should be taken against the people who are involved. The awareness of this should be done across the state.

29. Creation of adequate Post:

i) The APSCW have been functioning under acute shortage of manpower. Presently, there are only 3 regular staffs viz- 1 each of UDC, Driver & a Peon since its inception in the year 2005. Most of the staffs in the Commission presently are of contingency basis, many of who have been serving since 2005. Upon, increasing of population in the state, the cases of different natures too increases day by day, thereby, adequate manpower is urgently needed.

ii) For creation of 11 posts of staff for the Commission, a file was moved from the Nodal Deptt. (WCD) long back, but is still waiting for the positive result from the Govt.

iii) Considering the increasing workloads, the Commission, vehemently requests the state Govt. to take immediate action for approval of creation of proposed posts as referred above

(iv) and place necessary fund provision accordingly in the budget 2020-21.

30. Enhancement of Grant-In-Aid to APSCW: The Commission vehemently requests the State Govt. For enhancement of Grant-In-Aid to APSCW to sum of Rs. **6.00 Crore (Rupees Six Crore) annually** for smooth functioning of the day to dayprogrammes/activities of the Commission. As, due to increasing of various cases, such as – Domestic Violence, rape, Molestation, Murder, Harassment, Polygamy, Bigamy, Drug Addiction, Suicide, Child Marriage, Abduction etc. it is necessary to conduct Legal Awareness Programmes at various districts, circles and village levels to give legal knowledge/education and develop other of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials including recurring and non-expenditure of the Commission office.

31. Enhancement of Monthly Salary: Presently, the constituent members of the Commissions i.e.-Chairperson, V/ Chairperson & members are getting a monthly salary of Rs.40,000/-, Rs. 35,000/- and Rs. 30,000/- respectively which is very meager. **So, it is requested that the same may be enhanced at par with Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission (APIC) and Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) i.e. Rs.100,000/-, Rs.90,000/- and Rs.80,000/- Chairperson, V/Chairperson and Members respectively.**

Dark Clouds:

1. **Prevalence of Child Marriage Cases:** Despite the Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006, even today the Girl Child is treated as tradable commodity. File records indicate that with the spread of awareness child marriage with men in the older age group is peripherally declining, however, marriage of underage girls to under age boys is still continuing. As also indicated in the first report tabled before the Honorable Legislative Assembly many men who have sold or bought child brides for wives or daughter-in-law are men in power and are often seen to be village council elders GBs and HGBs or Priests. By the time the child bride comes to her senses, she would have been deprived of basic education, of her childhood, often raped and tortured, kept in captivity. Invariably, these victims are young, poor or helpless orphans and the men are from influential and better off family backgrounds. And not all such victims can access the Commission's office for intervention.

2. **Crime Against Women: Domestic Violence:** 33% of women in the age group of 15-49 years have experienced physical violence while 10% have experienced sexual violence and 36% have experienced both physical and sexual violence. Battery, insults, physical torture and deprivation owing to multiple marriages, rape, gender discrimination, are among the apparent forms that have been reported to the office of the APSCW. There is a palpable lack of knowledge and concern about the human rights of the Women, Constitutional safeguards and laws of the land that protects the rights of citizens, particularly the women.

   The Crimes in India as per 2019 reports show that Crimes Against Women have gone up by 7% from 2018. The crime rate registered per lakh women population is 62.4% in 2019.

3. **Rise in heinous crime against women is a concern that is surfacing over the recent years:** According to the available statistics rape and murder of children within age group of 4-10 years, rape and murder of young girls, gang rapes as well as rape of elderly women are being reported at an alarming rate.

4. **Tribal Customary Inheritance Laws and Practices:** It has been observed that in most of the tribal socio-cultural setup, women are barred from inheriting paternal property and many a times from inheriting even matrimonial property. Widow with no male offspring is barred from inheriting any property of deceased husband which renders them not only homeless and socially insignificant but also in pitiable situations. In few cases young widows have disposed of her marital property, jointly acquired and owned by her with her deceased husband. Although succour is available in the modern legal system, the people in the state still rely on the customary practices on property rights and are unaware of the facilities that can be availed.

5. **Neglect of the Consultative Status of the Commission:** "As per section 22 of the APSCW Act 2002, the Government shall consult the Commission on all policy matters affecting the women in the State from time to time as and when sought by the Commission". The Commission has not received any single policy paper from any of the departments, agencies of the state government since its inception. It has also written to the government in this regard. This needs immediate attention if gender concerns in the development of the states are to be taken seriously.

6. **Low Literacy among Girl Child:** There is a Gender gap of 17% in education (2011 Census) despite the efforts made by successive government. There is a certain increase in female literacy, but there are also an increasing number of unemployed young girls. A steep increase in the number of unorganized sex workers among indigenous population has been observed in the last two decades and more though there is no study or data available on the same. It is a matter of serious concern for a young and tribal state still grappling with the fast shifting modern development paradigms.

7. **Patriarchal Set-ups, Hierarchy of Authority in Decision Making Process:** It is apparent in the preference for male persons for appointment of village level authorities like Gaon Buras, Political Interpreters and even apparent from the nil representation in the present State Assembly. Able and deserving women ought to have the opportunity to be on the various decision-making bodies in the state.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

RECEIPT

OPENING BALANCE:	
Cash-in-Hand	**0.00**
Cash-at-Bank	**8,29,016.08**
GRANT-IN-AID:	
No.WCD-110/2018-19 (APSCW) / 7178-7184 Dated: 12th March 2021	**1,00,00,000.00**
GRANT-IN-AID:	
No. WCD-1109/2018(APSCW) Dated: 19th March 2021	**1,00,00,000.00**
Bank Interest	**2,75,457.00**
Last Year Expenses Reversal (Cheque No. 000099)	**2,00,000.00**
TOTAL	**2,13,04,473.08**

PAYMENT

i.	Salary	87,15,814.00
ii.	Honorarium	50,000.00
iii.	TA/DA/other allowances	4,23,143.00
iv.	POL expenses	4,98,347.00
v.	Printing of Reports, Calendar etc	4,01,169.00
vi.	Repairs & Maintenance	8,76,811.00
vii.	Awareness Prog./Webinar/Seminar/ LAP	28,67,649.00
viii.	Stationery items purchase	5,74,645.00
ix.	Electricity/Newspaper/Internet Bill expenses etc.	2,63,880.00
x.	Celebration expenses	1,62,120.87
xi.	Financial Aid/Help	60,550.00
xii.	Misc. expenses	5,12,461.13
xiii.	Bank charges	31,400.95
xiv.	Fixed assets	37,92,075.00

CLOSING BALANCE:

Cash-in-Hand	0.00
Cash-at-Bank	20,74,407.13
TOTAL	**2,13,04,473.08**

Photo Gallery

06.01.2021, CM Meet with NCW Member Shyamala S Kinder and APSCW Team

20.01.2021, Bameng, East Kameng

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23.01.2021, Seijosa, Pakke Kessang

24.01.2021, Mengio, Papum Pare

24.01.2021 Tree Plantation, WCD with APSCW & SCPCR

01.02.2021 NCW Interactive Meeting

16.02.2021 Aalo, West Siang

17.02.2021 Kamba, West Siang

18.02.2021 Bagra, West Siang

19.02.2021 Basar, Leparada

21.02.2021 Mechuka, Shi-Yomi

23.02.2021 Likabali, Lower Siang

08.03.2021 International Women's Day 2021

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09.03.2021, 2 Day Seminar

10.03.2021, 2 Day Seminar

27.03.2021, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

19.04.2021, Short Stay Home visit

24.09.2021, at Women Cell Govt. College Doimukh

27.09.2021, at Pasighat

29.09.2021, at Yingkiong, Upper Siang

18.10.2021, at Zomkhang Hall, Tawang

19.10.2021, at Nafra, West Kameng

20.10.2021, at Bomdila, West Kameng

21.10.2021, at Rupa, West Kameng

23.10.2021, at Don Bosco College, Itanagar

29.10.2021, at Geku, Upper Siang

15.11.2021, at Circuit House, Longding

16.11.2021, at Khonsa, Tirap

17.11.2021, at Changlang

21.11.2021, at Roing

22.11.2021, at One Stop Centre, Tezu

22.11.2021, at Namsai

29.11.2021, at Sagalee

06.12.2021, at Aalo

07.12.2021, at Yomcha

09.12.2021, at Tato

10.12.2021, at Mechuka

28.09.2021, at Mariyang, Upper Siang

22.11.2021, at Tezu

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