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Activities:

1. On 25th January, 2019, the APSCW team led by its Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi met the governor Dr B D Mishra at Raj Bhavan. They submitted a memorandum to the governor and W&CD Minister Nabam Rebia on various issues pertaining to the commission. The commissioner to the Governor Dr M Surya Prakash, APSCW Vice-Chairperson Heyomai Towsik, members Hoksum Ori, Likha Joya and Techhi Hunmai and Member Secretary Yame Higio were also present in the meeting.
 - The memorandum includes demand for a permanent office building, creation of regular posts for the office of APSCW.
 - The commission also requested for independent plan head for APSCW. Presently the commission is dependent on grant-in-aid from the state government which routes through the Women & Child Development department.
 - The governor expressed his concern over the issues raised by the commission and assured to look into the demands.
 - The governor emphasized on women education and health, while underscoring that the society will develop and progress, if our girls are healthy and educated. He suggested the APSCW team for extensive tour of the state to ensure every girl child of the age six years and above goes to school.
 - The governor stated that the future of Arunachali society lies on the constitutional bodies like the women commission. Therefore, onus is on the members of the commission to rise to the need and aspirations of every girl child of the state. It must be vigilant and proactive in addressing any atrocity to any girl or women in the state, he said.
 - The governor stressed the need for safety and empowerment of Arunachali women both at home and outside. He advised the APSCW to explore suitable measures and effective enforcement of laws to secure the safety and rights and entitlements of women in the society. He also suggested to the visiting officials to tour Idu Mishmi areas to attend their social issues as appropriate.
2. On 28th January, 2019, the APSCW organized a legal awareness program on women issues at Amik-Ringya Hall, Tezu. The awareness programme was sponsored by National Commission for Women. The event was attended by APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi, members of the APSCW, Tezu SP Dr D W Thongon, Tezu SDO Kajal Karmakar, all the Administrative Officers, HODs, members of All Mishmi Women Welfare Society, GBs, public and students.
 - Radhilu Chai Techhi said that domestic violence and polygamy are burning topics in Arunachal Pradesh and stressed on the importance of girls education and asked all women to be educated and become self-reliant. She called for the need for equal rights with equal responsibilities in all spheres of activities. She also stated the need for discouragement of social evils like mithun exchange as bridal price.

- APSCW Member Secretary Yame Higio informed the attendees that the purpose of conducting the legal workshop was to make women aware about their legal rights. She spoke about the working and functioning of the APSCW and added that the workshop will be conducted in other districts starting from Lohit.
 - Tezu SDO Kajal Karmakar said that for the development of a society the health and education of girl children is important. She spoke about the impact of domestic violence and polygamy on families and the society. She also said that it is a matter of great pride and privilege for Lohit district that for the first time two members of the APSCW are from the Mishmi community.
 - Advocate Kumar Dorjee spoke about the types of sexual harassment at workplace, while Sub-inspector S Jubli informed the gathering about the POSCO Act.
 - Inspector Chapang Lowang, Dr S Muri and Dr G Angu spoke about drug abuse, breast cancer and cervical cancer, respectively.
3. On 29th January, 2019, The APSCW conducted legal awareness program at Wakro, in collaboration with the District Administration and AMWWS. Wakro unit conducted the programme at the community hall.
- Bihem Lap Dellang, President, AMWWS Wakro unit welcomed the newly appointed Chairperson and members of the APSCW and congratulated them while wishing them a successful tenure.
 - APSCW Chairperson, Radhilu Chai Techhi spoke about law relating to POSCO Act 2012, Domestic Violence (prevention) Act etc. She suggested the Mishmi community especially the torch bearers like CALSOM, AMWWS, and AMSU etc to bring about reformation in marriage system. She appreciated the reformation done by the CALSOM in regard to polygamy.
 - APSCW Member Secretary, Yame Higio in her keynote address said that they are undertaking tour to various locations of Arunachal Pradesh to create awareness among the women about their rights under various sections of laws.
 - Adv DLSA Tezu, Kumar Dorjee dwelt on the necessity to register marriage under registration of Marriage Act, so as to ensure proper documentation of marriage. He also spoke about Legal and Maternity Benefits Acts 1961 and Property Rights of Women and Right of Women to Livelihood.
 - EAC Wakro, Horki Diyumk recalled that APSCW had settled many maintenance and domestic cases when he was member secretary APSCW in 2012-2013, much to the relief of the suffering women. He requested parents to educate their girl child at par with the male child so that they can stand on their own feet.
 - Heyomai Tawsik, vice chairperson advised the women to be aware of their rights.
4. On 30th January, 2019, a legal awareness camp was conducted by the APSCW at Hayuliang.
- APSCW Chairperson, Radhilu Chai Techhi made a clarion call to the women to rise up against abuse and harassment in any

form. She advised women to report any case of abuse, harassment and violence either to the women commission or to the nearest police station. She demanded the immediate cease to the practice of polygamy, explaining the negative aspects of polygamy on society and how it can be eradicated.

- Yame Higio, Member Secretary APSCW explained in her keynote the power and function by a deliberation by the resource persons and various safeguarding provision made available by the government for welfare of women and weaker section of the society including children's.
- DMO Hayuliang explained the self-investigation techniques for breast and cervical cancer, effect of drugs including opium and other banned drugs.
- SP Anjaw taught the mammoth gathering about POSCO Act and its application in reference to Anjaw District.
- The legal experts explained in detail the provision and procedure under sexual harassment at workplace.
- Member APSCW, Hoksum Ori deliberated on self-help and self-defense of women.
- Vice Chairperson APSCW, Heyomai Tawsik concluded the programme with a vote of thanks.

5. On 6th February, 2019, the APSCW stated in a press release that it had successfully concluded its three day long Legal Awareness Program conducted from 31st January to 2nd February at Walong, Kibitho and Hawaii in Anjaw. The programmes were sponsored by the National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi.

- On the first day of the programme organized at Conference Hall of IB, Walong, Member Secretary, APSCW, Yame Higio emphasized on promotion of girl child education in society. Member, APSCW, Techhi Hunmai spoke about the powers and functions of Commission and Adv. Likha Joya spoke on Child Labour and Bonded Labour, Juvenile Justice Care, and Protection, Child Line.
- On the second day, Extra Assistant Commissioner (EAC), Hawaii HQ, VikhelumBellai, PRIs leaders, Teachers, students attended the programme organized here at Kibitho, Govt. Middle School Kibitho.

6. On 7th February, 2019, the W&CDD organized a sensitization programme in East Siang district on the Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and sexual harassment at the workplace. Besides the women, some men, including gaonburahs, participated in it. ICDS DD Mary Tatak CA, counselor Duman Moyong from the One Stop Centre, Pasighat, and protection officer Borik Tarang were the resource persons.

- APSCW member Hoksum Ori urged the West Siang district unit of the Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) to strive and work for the cause of women of the district. She informed that more than 600 cases are pending in the commission.



- District APWWS president Marbom Bagra, advisor Yaken Doji Ete, and Mother's Vision chairperson Jumde Yomgam Gamlin were present on the occasion, and spoke about the multifarious roles of women in the society.
 - The West Siang APWWS unit and the West Siang Weavers' and Handicraft Cooperative Society felicitated Hoksum Ori on being inducted as a member of the APSCW at Lik Putu. She was earlier holding the post of secretary of the West Siang APWWS unit.
7. February 27, 2019, in a press statement the APSCW said that the police stations in the capital complex, including the women police station lack sufficient personnel, necessary equipment and vehicles and strongly urged the state government to deploy required personnel and provide sufficient equipment and vehicles at all the police stations (PS) in the state to maintain law and order without any difficulties. The APSCW also conveyed deep condolences to the bereaved families of the three youths who died in police firing during the anti-PRC agitation, and prayed for eternal peace of the departed souls. It appealed all CBOs, NGOs and student organizations to maintain peace and harmony.
8. On 8th March, 2019, Arunachal Pradesh joined the rest of the globe in celebrating the International Women's Day (IWD) themed "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovative for Change", across the State with numerous activities marking the occasion. A large number of women from community-based organizations, women officers and officials of various departments, institutions and girl students participated in the celebration.
- Greeting the women of Arunachal Pradesh, the First Lady of the State, Neelam Misra said that every woman is a 'woman of substance'. Each one of them is important to the family, society, State and the nation.
 - She said that women were always revered, even in the Vedic period but due to numerous invasions, they lost their status and were confined to limited precincts of the household. With the march of time, the domain of women has changed, she said. India, in this regard, has taken a big leap forward.
 - Misra called upon the women folks to focus on their positive aspects in life to progress and empower. She stated that women have to strengthen themselves and that they have the capability to do so. She asserted that a surgical strike is needed for the change of common perception with regards to the cash benefits to the girl child from Dulari Kanya Yojna as it not only benefits the girl's marriage but her higher studies as well.
 - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi and prominent women activist, Gumri Ringu and Mitali Tingkhatra also shared their views.
 - The APWWS members presented a colorful cultural programme, which impressed the gathering.
 - Radhilu Chai Techhi said that the APSCW calls for gender equality and the empowerment of women folk of A.P.***



Lighting of lamp by the First Lady of State, Neelam Mishra and Chairperson, APSCW, Radhilu Chai Techhi on the occasion of International Women's Day on 8th March' 2019.

9. June 27, 2019, the APSCW called for making registration of marriages compulsory under law. An APSCW team led by its Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi, which called on Chief Minister Pema Khandu at his office, expressed hope that women-centric welfare measures would see a quantum leap under his leadership. APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi, Vice Chairperson Heyomai Towsik, Hoksum Ori, Likha Joya and Techhi Hunmai were present in the meeting.
 - The Chairperson informed that “hundreds of cases come to the commission with issues related solely to marriages,” and said such disputes remain unaddressed or partially addressed due to the absence of marriage registration. She urged the government to come up with a feasible act under which all marriages are registered.
 - The commission also expressed grave concern over the menace of drug addiction among the youths, and requested CM Pema Khandu to make provisions in the budget for establishing drug rehabilitation centers and Juvenile Justice homes.
 - Stating that most issues of women would be resolved if women are made financially independent, the APSCW members urged the CM to consider the longstanding demand of the women for reservation in jobs and in the state assembly. They suggested making special loan provisions for women willing to take up small businesses. They also urged the government to establish a State Child Rights Commission as early as possible.
 - The APSCW members advocated empowering the commission for it to be able to work efficiently in delivering justice to needy women. They also drew the CM’s attention to the lack of regular staff, manpower and office space at the APSCW, saying such disadvantages affected the efficiency of the commission.
 - The Chief Minister acknowledged the constraints under which the women’s body is working, and assured to resolve all its issues in phases. He said he would “take up the commission’s suggestions and requirements with the authorities concerned, and include these in the 2019-20 budgets.” He also commended the proactive role being played by the APSCW, and urged the commission to “cooperate with the government with constructive suggestions and interventions.”
10. On 05 July, 2019, APSCW made an official inspection visit of the District Jail, Jolly and interacted with female inmates. APSCW were informed by the inmates that they are being provided good facilities by the jail authorities. The team informed the legal facilities that can be availed such as legal counseling, free legal aids etc. They also interacted with the DSP jail and jail wardens. The team also visited the Nirjuli Police Station and requested for proper investigation and nabbing of culprit(s) at the earliest.



The team of APSCW with Hon'ble Chief Minister PemaKhandu at his office on 27th June 2019.

11. July 07, 2019, APSCW team headed by its Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techil called on Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein at his office residence at Itanagar and sought a tough Act to tackle domestic violence. Other commission members present were Vice Chairperson Heyomai Towsik, Member Secretary Yame Higio, Hoksum Ori, Likha Joya and Techil Hunmai.
 - The members exuded hope that women-sensitive issues and welfare measures would be taken up by the government and re-address various issues and challenges confronting the commission.
 - The Commission reiterated the necessity to enact laws for compulsory registrations of marriages.
 - To check the growing rise of crime against women in capital, the commission suggested for installing CCTV at all the prime locations in the twin capital cities.
 - The Chairperson said that most complaints and cases that come to the Commission are related to marriages and domestic violence. She urged the government to formulate feasible act to tackle the situation.
 - The Commission discussed on 33% reservation in jobs and assembly for womenfolk of the state, which they said would be one of the greatest achievements of the Pema led government.
 - The members demanded for the immediate need of setting up permanent office building, creation of regular post for the office of the Commission to work efficiently and deliver justice to needy women besides also drawing the attention of the Deputy Chief Minister towards creation of independent plan head of commission and special loan provisions with subsidy to women entrepreneurs of the state.
 - The Commission expressed joy and thanked the government for extending the maternity leave and child care leave benefits to women contingency and contractual employees of the state government.
 - The Deputy Chief Minister while acknowledging the proactive role played by the Commission assured to look into their demands placed before him and also assured to resolve all in phased manner after discussion and consultation with the Chief Minister and cabinet colleagues.
12. July 10, 2019, The APSCW appreciated Capital Superintendent of Police, Tumme Amo and his team of officers and officials from the Nirjuli police station for cracking the rape and murder case that occurred near Dikrong Bridge. The Commission also requested the police for a charge sheet as per IPC and requested the State Government to provide compensation to the victim's family as per the Arunachal Pradesh Victim Compensation Scheme.



The APSCW team with Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein at his office residence at Itanagar.

13. On 19th July, 2019, The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women organized a legal awareness programme in Papum Pare district. The event was organized by APSCW in collaboration with APWWS.
 - APSCW Chairperson delivered the keynote on 'Gender and patriarchal society' and said that the women in the state have no property and land rights, whereas women under the Hindu law can enjoy these rights. The Chairperson also called for implementation of 33 percent job reservation for women in the state.
 - The Chairperson informed that the highest cases received by the APSCW relate to Domestic Violence, followed by cases of Polygamy, Maintenance, and Rape. The Chairperson said that Inheritance Rights should be granted to the women of A.P. after necessary changes in the Customary Laws & Practices of A.P.
 - APSLSA Member Secretary Budi Habung said customary practices and customary laws, in most cases, are "gender biased, and the women are denied ownership and inheritance." He also informed that Nagaland and Mizoram have almost the same practices but recently Mizoram passed a new state legislation under which women can inherit specified properties.
 - Papum Pare SP Pranav Tayal during an interactive session with the students and other participants said students are being targeted by drug peddlers, and added that the police are trying their best to contain the supply and abuse of drugs. He stressed the need for the combined and consistent effort by everyone in the society to stop drug abuse.
 - SPDO Kamdam Sikom informed that Papum Pare has a huge problem because of large-scale cultivation of marijuana in Mengio and Sagalee.
 - Rural development department ICE nodal officer, Tamar Baki, spoke on livelihood opportunities and said that there are avenues for self-employment which are being promoted by the government.
 - TRIHMS psychiatrist Dr Aroti Namchoom Ete spoke on mental health and wellbeing. Underscoring the importance of getting treated for any mental health ailment, she added that substance and alcohol abuse worsen mental health issues.
 - Former APSCW Chairperson Gumri Ringu spoke on sexual harassment at workplace. She said that, unlike in the past, now there are legislations in place to check sexual harassment. She advised women to make use of the laws that are in place.
14. The members of APSCW visited Oju Welfare Association on 9th August, 2019 and interacted with the rescued children in Children's Home and also with the special children in the Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA). The team also visited Women Helpline and One Stop Centre run by the organization.
 - OWA Chairperson Ratan Anya briefed the APSCW team about the schemes run by the organization.
 - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi advised the inmates to abide by the rules and regulations of the organization and assured the women survivors to solve their cases pending at APSCW at the earliest possible.
 - The APSCW donated some amount as medical expenses for the inmates of Swadhar-Greh and Children Home and appreciated

the yeoman work rendered by the OWA for the society. The team also provided sanitary pads to the inmates with the advice to maintain personal hygiene.

15. The APSCW organized a programme at Chimpu in collaboration with VKVAA at VKV Chimpu.
16. September 02, 2019, The Apatani Women Association Ziro (AWAZ) in collaboration with APSCW and APSLSA conducted an awareness programme on drug abuse, customary laws and gender equality at the Abotani Hall in Lower Subansiri district.
 - APWWS chief advisor Jarjum Ete, APSLSA Member Secretary Budi Habung, and Lower Subansiri DMO Dr Tage Kano spoke on gender equality, customary laws and drugs and alcohol abuse in the state's tribal society.
 - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techii dwelt on the role of the commission, and stressed the need to weed out the menace of drug abuse.
17. September 06, 2019, the Indian Council for child Welfare – Arunachal Pradesh (ICCW-AP) in collaboration with APSCW organized a legal awareness program on mother and child rights at Banquet Hall, Itanagar.
 - Dr Goter Doke of TRIHMS informed that new cases of cervical cancer are reported every year.
 - Dr Sam Tsering, in-charge of Tertiary Cancer Centre, TRIHMS elaborated on tobacco and drug addiction and how these cause cancer.
 - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techii said that the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) also acts as Child Protection Officer and said that an independent Child Protection Officer should be there to take care of the matter altogether. Speaking about welfare schemes for women, she informed that Commission is working on setting up a women's hostel at Chimpu.
 - APSLSA Member Secretary Budi Habung gave few suggestions on how legal aids can be sought for various acts meant for child rights and mothers.
 - APSCW member Techii Hunmai informed that among the various crimes against women and girl children, 2128 cases of domestic violence and 166 cases of child marriage\forced marriage have been reported in the state. She, however, informed that many of the cases go unreported.
 - Apart from the invitees including CBO members, Govt. officials and women activists, school children from Donyi Polo Mission School for Hearing Impaired and Visually Challenged, VKV, GHSS Polo Colony, Naharlagun and Oju Mission attended the programme.



18. September 07, 2019, the APSCW organized a one day legal awareness programme on 'Cervical and Breast Cancer, Drug Abuse & Alcoholism, Sexual Harassment at Work Place and Women Related Laws' in collaboration with Dera Natung Government College at the Golden Jubilee Hall of the college.
 - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi said the commission would organize such programmes at all the colleges and higher secondary schools across the state.
 - TRIHMS psychiatrist department's senior resident, Dr Igam Bagra, made an exhaustive presentation on drug addiction and alcoholism. She stressed the need to break the stigma attached to drug addiction and seek professional help.
 - APSLSA Member Secretary Budi Habung presented an inventory of women-related laws, special legislations and the rights safeguarding gender equality enshrined in the constitution.
 - TRIHMS gynecologist Dr Todak Taba made a presentation on cervical and breast cancer, underlining their causes, detection methods, symptoms and treatment.
 - Jote Government Law College Assistant Professor Nani Mamung described the behaviors that are classified as harassment at workplace and highlighted the criminal and civil remedies available to the victims through various acts.
19. On 12th September, 2019, the APSCW in collaboration with the Women Welfare Society, Anjaw and the district administration organized a one day legal awareness programme at Quibang, Anjaw district. The programme was graced by APSCW Vice Chairperson Heyomai Tawsik, and Member Techhi Hunmai.
 - Vice Chairperson Heyomai Tawsik and Member Techhi Hunmai spoke on power and function of the commission, the right to women's reservation and the role that can be played by NGOs and SHGs in empowerment of women. They also shared the importance of role to be played by women in the society and the need to prevent issues of polygamy, child marriage and child labour.
 - Other speakers included Sotailum Bellai, EAC who spoke on drug abuse. Dr. Ahoso Pul spoke on mental health and wellbeing.
 - Advocate Sohan Romat gave a detailed presentation on ill effects of polygamy. He explained provisions under acts Kara Juna Tebe, CDPO (Hayuliang) delivered speech on the provisions of POSCO whereas S. Longling, CDPO (Manchal) provided detailed information on domestic violence.
20. September 13, 2019, A one day legal awareness programme was organized for the students and teaching staffs of Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Arunodaya by the APSCW in collaboration with APSLSA and APWWS.
 - APSCW Chairperson, Radhilu Chai Techhi in her keynote address exhorted the students to aim high in life and study hard and achieve success as professionals or entrepreneurs. She asserted that gender discrimination at home and schools by parents

and teachers should not be encouraged and all the students irrespective of sex should get equal treatment.

- Child Welfare Committee Chairperson Kani Nada Maling spoke on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. She asked the students to report cases of sexual offenses to their family, police, Child Welfare Committee, to the person whom they trust or call on the toll free number of child helpline 1098.
- Psychiatrist from TRIHMS, Dr Tame Kena spoke on illegal use of drugs. Highlighting side effects of drugs that cause brain damage and other mental health problems, he advised the students to stay away from drugs and added that the punishments of five years in jail for drug peddlers can be extended upto 10 years.
- APPWS Vice President Tojum Poyom spoke on the topic of mental health. She informed about the various ways to stay healthy and encouraged the students not to lose hope and always have positive thinking. She encouraged the students to speak to their teachers if they face any difficulties in their studies or mentally.
- Legal aid counsel (APSLSA) and APWWS law coordinator, Advocate Raknu Konya elaborated on Arunachal Pradesh Victim Compensation Scheme, 2011 and the Arunachal Pradesh Recording of Marriage Act, 2008. She highlighted the schemes whose benefits can be availed by the victims of rape, human trafficking, loss of fetus due to physical abuse etc.
- The programme was attended by more than 200 students, APSCW member Likha Joya, APWWS president Dipti Bengia Tadar, members of APWWS and teaching faculties along with staff of GHSS Arunodaya.

21. September 23, 2019, the APSCW organized a legal awareness programme in West Kameng district in collaboration with the Amate Association, Kalaktung and the National Commission for Women.

- APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi called for gender equality and urged all to do away with discriminating between boy and girl children. She said that it was high time that people changed their mindset and adopted a more educated, logical and reformist approach. She said that the commission is not fully satisfied with the appointment of CDPOs as protection officers and urged the state government to appoint independent protection officers, which would facilitate full-time involvement for the cause.
- APSCW members Techhi Hunmai and Hoksum Ori dwelt on the powers and functions of the commission, while advocate Karmu Chotton spoke on compulsory registration of marriage, free legal aid and the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.
- Industries Deputy Director P Lama enumerated the government's skill development, industrial and vocational training programmes for women, and DSP J Netan elaborated the POSCO Act. Kalaktang ADC Techu Aran also spoke.
- The programme also featured an interactive session between members of the Amate Association, NGOs, SHGs and girl students.

22. September 24, 2019, APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi on the second day of the legal awareness workshop for West Kameng said that delayed justice is equal to its denial. She urged upon the administration, the police, gaonburas, NGOs, women's groups and other institutions to ensure that prompt justice is provided to adolescent girls and women when they are victimized.
- She also said that it was time to introspect on matters relating to increased issues relating to domestic violence, rape, child marriage, and divorce and alimony conflict. She called upon women and adolescent girls to come out of their shell of timidity and age-old bindings and fight for their cause.
 - The chairperson appealed to intellectuals, civil society and other shareholders to work diligently for gender equality and make women equal partners for the development of society.
 - Deputy Commissioner, Dr Sonal Swaroop expressed her optimism that the Commission will play a vital role in leveling the playing field for women for a healthy and meaningful society and assured all help possible.
23. September 25, 2019, on the third legal awareness programme in West Kameng, APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi came down heavily on the prevalence of polygamy in the state and said that it was time to straighten the thing out. She also strongly advocated against the cases of domestic violence and said that the Commission, being an advisory body, would put all efforts to see that the status of the womenfolk is elevated at par with the men folk.
- The participants in the programme also urged the Commission for conducting such awareness programmes at regular intervals. They also asked for Commission's functionaries in the districts for effective implementation of the welfare measures meant for women and girl child.
24. On September 27, 2019, the APSCW conducted a day long legal awareness camp at Jang in Tawang district.
- Addressing the participants, APSCW Vice Chairperson Heyomai Tawsik encouraged women to be aware of their rights and to participate in local self-government bodies.
 - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi spoke on various issues relating to women. She also interacted with women participants and cleared their doubts.
 - CHC Jang SDMO Dr. Rinchen Neema spoke on breast cancer, menstrual hygiene and cervical cancer.
 - Jang additional deputy commissioner Lobsang Wangchu Bapu also spoke.



At Quibang



At GHSS Arunodaya



At Gollang



At Kalaktang



At Bomdila



At Dirang

25. September 28, 2019, the APSCW organized a day long legal awareness programme in the conference hall of DC's office, Tawang.
- Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi said the government should consult the commission on all policy matters related to women in the state, as and when sought by the commission, under Section 22 of the APSCW Act, 2002. She addressed the customary laws and practices in Arunachal, with special emphasis on land, marriage, and various government acts and schemes for women, organized by the APSCW. She also urged the WWA of Tawang to work for the welfare of the district's women.
 - APSCW member Techhi Hunmai made a PowerPoint presentation on the powers and functions of the Commission, while Advocate Likha Joya spoke about domestic violence. Hoksum Ori explained the function of women NGOs and SHGs and the APSCW legal advisor, Karmu Chotton made a PowerPoint presentation on laws relating to women and sexual harassment at workplace.
 - Among others, APSCW Vice Chairperson Heyomai Towsik, Tawang DPO Sangha Babung, JMFC Damge Nii, SP Sagar Singh Kalsi, Dr Tenzin Kunga and DTCP coordinator Sand Dorjee Dirkipa spoke on various topics.
26. October 04, 2019, APWWS, Sagalee branch conducted a one day legal awareness programme in collaboration with APSCW and Papum Pare District Administration.
- Former Chief Minister and local MLA Nabam Tuki urged upon their respective villages to eradicate social evil practices such as forced marriage, child marriage, and polygamy and drug abuse to create a better future for the young generation.
 - Hailing the role of APWWS and APSCW for their effort towards emancipation of women, prevention of child marriages and drug addiction cases, Tuki asserted they should continue their good work for better future of women and children.
 - APSCW Chairperson advocated for giving better education and support to girl child so that she becomes and can strongly stand against all odds. She advised the girls to focus on career building and to learn basic steps of self-defense instead of falling prey to early marriages.
 - Speaking on increasing crimes against women and children in the state, Radhilu Chai Techhi expressed that a Women Grievances Cell as a branch of State Women Commission is required to be opened in every district to address the issues of women and children at district level itself and independent Protection Officers to tackle the problems.
 - Former APSCW Chairperson cum life member of APWWS Gumri Ringu spoke on domestic violence and law relating to women. APWWS president DiptiBengia also spoke.
 - Resource persons – Sagalee ADC S Lowang spoke on child marriage, Dr Welly on drug addictions and maternal health, advocate Anand Techhi Tara on POCSO Act 2012 and Adab Gollo from SRLM on women's economic empowerment.
27. October 10, 2019, The APWWS celebrated their 40th foundation day cum general body meeting at Don Bosco Youth Centre conference hall.

- Addressing on the occasion as chief guest, APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi said time has come for women organizations to fight for their rights in all aspects for a happy living in all aspects for a happy living in the society with dignity and equality including the 33% job reservation in government and legislative assembly.
 - Guest of honor AIGP Chandan Chowdhary emphasized on gender equality and urged upon women to encourage both boys and girls and to segregate and engage them in working and support the family in the work. He also urged upon the mother and father to give equality to both boys and girls right from home so that they grow into good human beings.
 - APWWS President Bengia Dipti Tadar spoke on several prevailing problems in the society and urged upon all sections of society for development of education, social upliftment, peace and prosperity among the family.
28. On 21st October, 2019, a one day legal awareness programme was organized by the APSCW at Pasighat CHF auditorium in collaboration with the East Siang district administration and in association with the National Commission for Women (NCW). East Siang deputy commissioner Dr Kinny Singh, session judge J Chai, SP Rajiv Ranjan Singh, DD (ICDS) PE Angu, women activists, NGOs, SHGs, officers and students attended the programme.
- In her keynote speech address, APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi said the main aim of the program was to empower women and girls with the knowledge of their legal rights and duties, ultimately to be able to lead stress-free progressive and healthy life.
 - The Chairperson also reiterated APSCW's demand to make registration of marriages compulsory under the law in the state. The chairperson further informed that APSCW has demanded the state government for compulsory reservation in jobs and panchayat, municipal and assembly elections for women.
 - She urged the protection officer and women activists to spread the message of women rights and its value in the society so that everyone could lodge complaint fearlessly against injustice and extend all possible support to the victims instead of protecting culprits.
 - Expressing hope that the state government would setup forensic laboratory in the state so that justice is delivered to the victims promptly, the APSCW Chairperson also advised the Gaon Buras to act rightly without any favor and avoid intervening in court matters.
 - Deputy Commissioner Singh appreciated the pro-active role being played by the Commission members and asked them to cooperate with the administration with their constructive suggestions and interventions.
29. October 25, 2019, the APSCW conducted a daylong legal awareness camp for women at Boleng.
- The Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi exhorted the womenfolk to have a good grasp on various legal rights that protect and empower women to lead a comfortable life. She disclosed that the whirlwind tours to various places of the state undertaken by the women Commission is a step towards infusing much needed dynamism among women folk to have knowledge on

polygamy, domestic violence, women education, reservations in Panchayat and Legislative Assemblies in its quest of women emancipation and empowerment.

- The Chairperson also stressed on reformation of traditional laws and marriage system that do not give full justice to women and outlived its utility. She urged women to uphold their healthy tradition of working hard to nurture their families and know the various rights given to them today.
- The other members of the Commission, Techhi Hunmai and Hoksum Ori dwelt on the role of women through formation NGOs and SHGs.
- Adong Pertin, ADC Boleng and DSP Dilip Yosung highlighted on Crime Against Women and POCSO Act, 2012 with a power point presentation.

30. November 11, 2019, a Legal Awareness Programme was conducted at Central Rekho Cheta by the APSCW. The legal awareness programme was organized by Anjalomenda Women's Empowerment Forum in collaboration with APSCW.

- APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi advised the mass gathering to stop gender discrimination and gender conditioning of children at home. She explained that girls are treated differently from boys and are assigned different roles. While girls are taught household work and responsibilities of the family, the boys are left free and learn to feel entitled, which needs to stop as this discrimination at home leads to discrimination in the family and in the society.
- The Chairperson added that people have the wrong perception of the Commission's awareness activities being only for women, which is wrong and there is a need for participation from all sections of the society as when men help their female counterparts to be empowered, then the society goes forward.
- She also spoke on evils of polygamy, early marriage, domestic violence, customary practices detrimental for women and stressed on the need to register marriages which will help check early marriage and polygamy. She also informed the gathering about the APSCW's recommendation for 33% reservation in Govt. jobs and legislative assembly for women and the compulsory registration of marriage in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Deputy Commissioner Mitali Namchoom informed about the functions and mandate of the APSCW and stressed on the importance of education in bringing about a change in the status of women in the society.
- APSCW Member LikhaJ oya spoke on compulsory registration of marriage and free legal aid and Maternity Benefit Act 1961. SP S. K. Sain, Karmu Chotton, NabamYeni, DPO Marto Dirchi, Adv Bahe Mickrow and SI Pansa gave talks as resource persons during the programme.
- Lomi Linggi, President of Anjalomenda Women's Empowerment Forum, Roing submitted a memorandum on the need for a shelter home, de-addiction and rehabilitation centre and vocational training institute for distressed and destitute women in the district and the need to conduct a consultative meeting with all CBOs and women's NGOs regarding women's right to property.



At Jang



At Tawang



At Sagalee



At Sagalee



At Pasighat



At Boleng

31. November 12, 2019, a One Day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by the APSCW in collaboration with Adi Bane Keba Women Wing (Lower Dibang Valley) at Bolung Village under Parbuk Sub Division.
- APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Tech, addressing the gathering, said that as Gaon Buras and Gaon-buris play an important role in dealing with problems at the grass root level, it is important for them to know the rules and regulations put in place to deal with problems related to women. They should know their powers and jurisdictional limits in dealing with cases brought before them and are fair in their decisions.
 - Explaining about domestic violence/abuse and its different forms, physical, mental, verbal, emotional and sexual abuse, the ASPCW Chairperson said that it can happen to any woman irrespective of social class and not necessarily committed by men only.
 - Tech also commented over the reports/complaints received from women of the Adi tribe that polygamy as a practice was uncommon within the community previously, but now it has become a common practice. She said that this practice that could break up families and is detrimental for the society should not be accepted and called upon the ABK to ponder upon it and come up with measure to stop this practice.
 - She also called upon the CBOs and NGOs to ponder upon important issues like Woman's right over immovable property, 33% job reservation for women, increase in reservation quota for women from 33% to 50% in Panchayat and 33% reservation for women in Legislative Assembly seats.
 - Deputy Commissioner Mitali Namchoom stating that the Adi society is a very progressive one and pro-active culturally and socially, called upon the participation of men of the tribe in any discussion on women's role and empowerment in society.
 - Olen Megu Damin (President, ABKWW APEX) chaired the programme and encouraged all to absorb the knowledge of women's rights and help in the empowerment of women in the society.
 - Likha Joya (Member, APSCW) spoke on powers and functions of APSCW which was constituted for the protection of dignity, interests and guaranteeing the progress and development of women in the state.
 - Advocate Karmu Chotton spoke on sexual harassment of women at workplace and registration of marriage and Dr. Nabam Yeni spoke on mental health and suicide prevention.
 - Marto Dirchi (DPO) spoke on skill development (industrial and vocational training) and schemes of govt. for women. Advocate Atet Pertin spoke on customary practices with special emphasis on land and marriage laws and Inspector Sushant Saurabh Jha (OC, Shantipur) spoke on crime against women & POCSO Act 2012.
 - Opak Takuk Ering (Gen Secy, ABKWW APEX) delivered the keynote address and Odseng Apum Yirang (President, ABK Women Wing, LDV) submitted a memorandum on the requirement of an indoor stadium cum multipurpose hall for women, a separate custodial cell for women and a juvenile home, framing of laws for extramarital and illegal relations and the need for setting up a de-addiction centre in the area.

32. November 17, 2019, the APSCW conducted legal awareness programmes at Anini and Etalin, in collaboration with the Dibang Valley district administration and the Dibang Valley Women's Welfare Society (DVWWS).
- APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi dwelt on the Commission's activities to empower the women of Arunachal, and on issues such as domestic violence, marriage registration, land rights for women, the ill-effects of child marriage, polygamy, etc. and emphasized on gender equality at home and outside. She also advocated opening a grievance cell in each district and establishing a family court in the state.
 - APSCW member Likha Joya spoke on the powers and functions of the APSCW, Bahe Mickrow of the Dibang Valley district legal services authority spoke on the customary practices in Arunachal, with emphasis on land and marriage laws.
 - Advocate Karmu Chotton spoke on compulsory registration of marriage, free legal aid and the Maternity Act, 1961.
 - Clinical psychologist Nabam Yeni spoke on mental health and wellbeing, while DSP Jiga Molo explained the POCSO Act, and Assistant Industries Director Tarik Nyitan dwelt on the livelihood opportunities promoted by the government to make women self-employed.
 - The DVWWS submitted a memorandum, requesting for posting of a psychologist and a gynecologist at the district hospital, shelter homes for victims of domestic violence, and a rehabilitation centre and vocational training for persons suffering from substance abuse.
 - Deputy Commissioner Wayong Khimhun lauded the APSCW for organizing such programmes, and commended it for its efforts to mitigate the problems faced by the womenfolk of Arunachal.
33. December 18, 2019, Chief Minister Pema Khandu assured the State Women Commission (APSCW) to provide it with a proper building so as to accommodate its offices as the present one at C-Sector is on the verge of collapse due to ongoing road (NH-415) widening works. The APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi along with its members and member secretary called on him at his office premise.
34. January 9, 2020, the APSCW visited the mental hospital, Midpu and interacted with medical officer-in-charge, medical staff and inspected the institution. The team comprised of Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi, Vice Chairperson Hyomai Towsik, members Hoksum Ori, Techhi Hunmai and Likha oya along with Member Secretary Yame Higio. It was informed that only two medical officers and two multi-tasking staff are insufficient to run the institution. In this regard, the MO-in-charge has submitted memorandum to the Director of Health Services, Naharlagun to provide another medical officer and more multitasking staff for strengthening the medical. Medical team and patients also face shortage of water supply, the team said. During the visit, the team found from the office record that two female patients namely Smti Yanya Pujen, 71, from village Papikurung, Monigaon circle and Smti Yaluk Ragyor, 62, from village Tagur, Tato of Shi-Yomi District are fit to be discharged as per the letter of Director of Health Services, Naharlagun.

However, they are still staying in the Hospital. While interacting with the patients it was found that the families of both the patients have not visited them since they got admitted for the treatment. The Commission has requested the family members to visit the patients and further appealed the district administration and NGOs of the concerned district to trace out their families and reunite them. The team also urged the government to assist the hospital as it also provides medical assistance, medicines to a rehabilitation centre at Senki Park, run by on Deepak Nabam.

35. January 17, 2020, the APSCW team launched a weeklong legal awareness programme for Lower Subansiri, Kamle and Upper Subansiri districts. On the first day, the programme was held in Yazali, at the indoor stadium.
 - APSCW Chairperson exhorted parents to not discriminate between boys and daughters. “Equality should start from home. It is then that the society as a whole will be able to come out of this vicious circle of discrimination,” she said.
 - She stressed on ensuring smooth functioning of women’s welfare organizations in the districts, and appealed to the commission’s Yachuli branch to “induct fresh faces who are educated and can play proactive roles for women’s welfare.”
 - Various resource persons made PowerPoint presentations on topics pertaining to uplift of women in society.
 - Lower Subansiri SP Hemant Tiwari spoke about crimes against women and actions initiated by the government, and APSCW legal advisor Karmu Chotton dwelt on compulsory registration of marriage, free legal aid, and the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.
 - DSLA member Toko Nikam spoke about customary practices, especially with regard to marriage and land laws, while Industries Deputy Director Gyati Kacho highlighted the government’s schemes for women.
 - Dr Toko Papu and APSCW member Hoksum Ori spoke about drug abuse and alcoholism and the role of women NGOs and SHGs in curbing the menaces.
 - Among other, HoDs, representatives from SHGs and NGOs, gaon-burahs and gaon-buris attended the programme.
36. January 18, 2020, the APSCW conducted a one-day legal awareness program at Abotani Hall, Hapoli in collaboration with the District Administration and National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi.
 - APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi called for concerted effort from people of all sections of the society to empower women to assist them live a respectful life. “The empowerment process starts from the home. Treating a son and a daughter equally at home and teaching sons to respect women are the building blocks to a society void of gender discrimination,” she added while emphasizing on bringing up children without discrimination.
 - Terming excessive bridal price, early marriages, extra-marital affairs and financial dependency of women on husband as the cause of physical, mental and emotional abuse of women, the APSCW chief appealed for minimizing the bridal prices, educating the women and inculcating respect for relationships. She further appealed to the Police department to ensure that

police cases related to crime against women are expedited.

- Terming the Gaon Buras and GaonBuris as the guardians of law at the grassroots level, she requested them to be proactive in curbing crimes against women.
- She informed the issues such as soft loans for women entrepreneurs, 33% reservation in job openings for women, modification in customary laws that are detrimental to women, establishment of family courts, rehabilitation centers, forensic labs and district grievances cells have been appraised to the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Various resource persons gave PPT presentations on various topics pertaining to upliftment of women in the society as a part of the awareness program.
- APSCW member Techhi Hunmai dwelt in length about the powers and functions of the Commission.
- OC, Ziro PS Taniya Uli spoke about crimes against women and actions initiated by the government while Commission's legal advisor Karmu Chotton dwelt on compulsory registration of marriages and Free Legal Aid, Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, and member Likha Joya spoke about sexual harassment in workplace and remedial and curative measures to prevent it.
- Advocate Toko Nikam, also member of DLSA spoke about customary practices especially with regards to marriage and land laws. Dy Director of Industrites Gyati Kacho highlighted the various schemes initiated by the Govt. for women.
- Dr Roto Robo spoke about drug abuse/alcoholism and its effect on society. He appealed to the parents to guide and counsel their children before they get waylaid.
- Among others, SDO B Tawsik, EACs tame Yajum and Priscilla Tayeng, HoDs, representatives from AWAZ and APWWA Ziro unit, members from NGOs, SHGs, Anganwadi workers and public attended the day-long program.

37. January 19, 2020, the APSCW team conducted legal awareness programme at Raga.

- In the interactive programme held at the indoor stadium, Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi informed about various recommendations forwarded by the Women Commission to the government. Soft loans for women entrepreneurs, 33% reservation in job openings for women, modifications in customary laws that are detrimental to women, establishment of family courts, rehabilitation centers, forensic labs and district grievances cells have been appraised to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, she further informed.
- Various resource persons presented Power Points on various topics pertaining to upliftment of women in the society as a part of the awareness programme.
- APSCW member Techhi Hunmai dwelt in length about the powers and functions of the commission.
- SP John Pada spoke about crimes against women and actions initiated by the government while APSCW legal advisor Karmu Chotton dwelt on Compulsory Registration of Marriages and Free Legal Aid, Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.

- APSCW member Hoksum Ori dwelt in length about the functions of SHGs and NGOs and their role in upliftment of women.
 - Doyak Sangyo, District Planning Officer highlighted the various schemes initiated by the government for women.
 - DMO, Dr. Nani Rika spoke about drug abuse/alcoholism and its effect of society. He appealed to the parents to guide and counsel their children before they go wayward.
 - Among other ASC C. Chukhu, administrative officers, members of various NGOs and SHGs attended the programme.
38. February 02, 2020, APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi and Member Techhi Hunmai attended the 27th Foundation Day of the National Commission for Women– (NCW) at the Commission’s auditorium in the national capital on January 31st.
39. February 02, 2020, APSCW member Likha Joya and legal advisor Karmu Chotton attended the two-day National Conference organized by the Organizing Committee of North East Land and Development Conference in collaboration with Martin Luther Christian University on ‘Land, Laws, Locals and Livelihoods: Tenure Dynamics and Development Paradigms in NE India’ on January 30-31 at the Martin Luther Christian University in Shillong. Topics such as divergence and conflict between customary traditional rights over land, indigenous identity, customary and cultural diversity, land acquisition etc. were covered.
40. Feb 02, 2021 APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi and Member Likha Joya attended programme at Guwahati.
41. February 18, 2020, The APSCW came up with a slew of suggestions; in a bid to incorporate those in the State Budget 2020-2021.
- The Commission suggested allotment of independent head of account saying, it is dependent on grant-in-aid from the State Government being received through the nodal department, Women & Child Development.
42. February 25, 2020, A legal awareness camp on marriage, free legal aids, Maternity Benefit Act, etc, was conducted by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) at Sunpura, Namsai, Wakro and Hawaii.
43. March 05, 2020, The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar welcomed the initiative taken by the Chief Minister Pema Khandu-led government in the state for women and child issues.
- The Commission in a press statement, hailed the decision of the state government to reserve 33% for women in all skill development programmes and che’che facility in all state directorates.
 - The Commission also appreciated for proper fund allocations for establishment of 200-bed hospital with emphasis on

maternal, child health and ophthalmology service at Itanagar, health and hygiene scheme for girl students, destitute homes cum working women hostel, juvenile homes in Changlang and Yupia and setting up of rural home stay through SHGs.

- In the education sector upgradation of infrastructure of higher secondary schools in all the districts of the state, establishment of an all girls Sainik School in Kharung at Tawang, second installment for construction of accommodation facilities for girls in JNC Pasighat, DNGC Itanagar and Government Model College Basar.
- The APSCW also requested the government for setting up of rural home stay through SHGs to be distributed equally in all the districts. The APSCW further requested the Government to add more fund for cyber crime cell as crime against women and children are rapidly increasing.

44. March 16, 2020, The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) urged the investigating agency to expedite the investigation into the mysterious death Ngurang Paro, a Class 6 student of the Sher VKV, Kimin so that truth would be unearthed and justice could be delivered. An APSCW delegation comprising Chairperson Radhilu Chai Tech, member Hoksum Ori and member secretary Mabi Taipodia Jini on March 16 met the family members of the victim family who lost his life in the incident of March 13. The team also visited the school campus and interacted with the teachers present in the school. The team was accompanied by ADC Kimin Shri Likha Tejji (APCS) and SDPO D Gumja. The Commission also appealed to all the sections of society to cooperate with police and help to maintain peace and tranquility.
45. April 24, 2020, The Arunachal State Commission for Women (APSCW) said it has received reports of crimes against women from the capital complex and various districts during the lockdown through the one-stop centres and the Women Helpline.
- In a press release, it said 25 cases have been registered during the lockdown, and that the commission has provided counseling to the victims telephonically.
 - The APSCW said it has sought “the status reports of the unnatural death of a lady officer, death of a lady in the fire accident, and three abandoned windows.”
 - The commission also said it has contributed to the chief minister’s relief fund in the fight against Covid-19, besides providing 1000 surgical masks to TRIHMS.
46. April 29, 2020, a team of the APSCW visited the Mothers’ Home, a home for abandoned people, at Lekhi Village here and enquired about the wellbeing of the residents. The APSCW team, led by its Chairperson Radhilu Chai Tech, donated 200 surgical masks and sanitizers to the home. The team also distributed ration items and donated some monetary assistance for medical treatment and urgent needs.



At Roing



At Bolung



At Huhli



At Etalin



At Aolei

47. May 6, 2020, The APSCW team led by Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi on Wednesday distributed surgical masks, ration items and money for medical expenses of destitute at Deepak Nabam Ministries in Christ NGO at Senki Park, Itanagar. During the visit the APSCW team found that out of 90 boarders, 62 were mentally challenged, 24 on rehabilitation for drug abuse and four were the old aged person at the shelter run by NGO for destitute.
- NGO chairman Deepak Nabam informed the visiting team that he runs the institution from his own sources and few donations from well wishers in form of rations etc. He also requested the state government to implement the policy for halfway home which will facilitate NGOs to render service to needy people.
 - The APSCW also requested the concerned authorities to look into the matter and provide necessary aid to such NGOs rendering services on humanitarian ground.
48. January 18, 2021, the APSCW conducted a legal awareness programme at Parang, Papumpare District in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) Sagalee branch.
- Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi spoke on topics like gender equality, women empowerment and advantages of giving better education to girl child.
 - Resource persons, including Techhi Hunmai, advocate Karmu Chotton, ArSRLM Sagalee block manager Toko Chichi, Parang PHC MO Dr Nabam Lata Techhi and APSCW member secretary Hoksum Ori spoke on topics like domestic violence and polygamy, compulsory registration of marriage and free legal aid, skill development and various scheme of the government for women, mental health and drug abuse and alcoholism and importance of SHG, respectively.
 - Parang unit APWWS president Nabam Yalla and Sagalee branch APWWS president Gollo Putung Nabam also spoke.
49. January 19, 2021, the APSCW conducted a legal awareness programme at Apop Village, Papumpare District in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) Sagalee branch.
- APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi said that Arunachal has more girl population than boys, but when it comes to property and inheritance, boys are given more importance than girls. With the changing times, all these notions should be changed and girls should also be given equal rights over property and inheritance.
 - She called upon the gaonburas and gaonburis to judge without any bias, especially in cases related to women.
 - 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.
 - Techhi 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 Techhi and APSCW member secretary Hoksum Ori.
50. January 20-21, 2021, the APSCW conducted a legal awareness programme at Bameng and Seppa East Kameng District respectively, in collaboration with Women Welfare Organization (WWO).
- Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techhi called for equal birthright for daughters to inherit family property.
 - “Daughters, like sons, have an equal birthright to inherit family property, she said. Women should be given more reservation in government jobs. “The state government should also enhance the reservation of women in Panchayati Raj Institutions from 33 per cent to 50 per cent,” she added. She also termed polygamy as one of the main reasons for domestic violence, and expressed concern over the rapid increase in drug abuse among youths in the state.
 - Resource person, advocate RumitaTaku spoke on legal rights of women, while Raju Tamang Gishing, DTC-SISD, ArSRLM spoke on economic power and skill development for women.
 - Protection of women from domestic violence act was highlighted by Techhi Humnai, APSCW member and advocate Karmu Chotton, legal advisor; APSCW spoke on compulsory marriage registration and free legal aid service.
 - SD Pandey, lecturer, DIET, Wessang spoke on parenting and guidance, while Dr Paya Liyak highlighted the issues related to breast and cervical cancer.
 - Among others, East Kameng ADC Likha Teji, Bameng ADC Tungge Loya, ZPC Doba Lamnio, Seppa PS OC Line Kommo, EKSWCO executive members, NGOs, SHGs, clan, colony, and religion-based women groups, were present on the occasion.
51. January 23, 2021, the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) organized a one day legal awareness programme at Seijosa, Pakke-Kessang District in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS).
52. January 24, 2021, the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) organized a one day legal awareness programme at Mengio.

Photo Gallery























*Case Registered
&
Data of Crime
against Women & Child*

Detailed Breakups Are As Under

New cases registered from 2019(January) - 2021(January) - 119
 Cases disposed-off by Fifth Commission - 52

Various Types Of Cases Registered Under APSCW

January 2019 to December 2019

Sl. No	TYPES OF CASES	Jan 2019 to 31st Dec 2019
1.	Domestic violence	31
2.	Child Marriage	01
3.	Trafficking	Nil
4.	Rape	02
5.	Abuse/Sexual Assault	Nil
6.	Missing Report/Eloping	02
7.	Physical Assault	01
8.	Physical and Mental Harassment	04
9.	Attempt to Rape	Nil
10.	Molestation	01
11.	Physical Torture	01
12.	Murder	02
13.	Suicide	Nil
14.	Illicit Relation	04
15.	Bigamy	02
16.	Threatening	Nil
17.	Maintenance	03

Sl. No	TYPES OF CASES	Jan 2019 to 31st Dec 2019
18.	Attempt to Murder	01
19.	Dowry	Nil
20.	Adultery	Nil
21.	Divorce	01
22.	Polygamy	Nil
23.	Negligence	Nil
24.	Cheating	04
25.	Prostitute	Nil
26.	Extra Marital Affairs	01
27.	Sex Racket	Nil
28.	Forced Marriage	01
29.	Transfer	Nil
30.	Atrocity	Nil
31.	Bonded Labour	Nil
32.	Rescue	Nil
33.	Marriage Dispute	01
Total		63

January 2020 to December 2020

Sl. No	TYPES OF CASES	Jan 2020 to 31st Dec 2020
1.	Domestic violence	21
2.	Child marriage	Nil
3.	Trafficking	Nil
4.	Rape	03
5.	Abuse/Sexual Assault	Nil
6.	Physical Assault	02
7.	Physical and Mental Harassment	02
8.	Attempt to Rape	Nil
9.	Molestation	02
10.	Physical Torture	Nil
11.	Murder	Nil
12.	Suicide	Nil
13.	Illicit Relation	04
14.	Bigamy	Nil
15.	Threatening	Nil
16.	Maintenance	01
17.	Attempt to Murder	Nil
18.	Dowry	Nil
19.	Adultery	Nil
20.	Divorce	Nil
21.	Polygamy	01
22.	Negligence	Nil
23.	Cheating	03
24.	Prostitute	Nil
25.	Extra Marital Affairs	Nil
26.	Sex Racket	Nil
27.	Forced Marriage	01
28.	Atrocity	01
29.	Bonded Labour	Nil
30.	Rescue	Nil
31.	Marriage Dispute	Nil
32.	Miscellaneous	10
Total		51

Number Of Hearings Held**Year 2019**

Sl. No.	Month	Days	Number of Cases
1.	January	2	4
2.	February	3	5
3.	March	8	14
4.	April	2	4
5.	May	11	22
6.	June	12	23
7.	July	12	29
8.	August	9	16
9.	September	9	19
10.	October	9	16
11.	November	11	26
12.	December	5	9
Total		102	187

Year 2020

Sl. No.	Month	Days	Number of Cases
1.	January	2	4
2.	February	3	5
3.	March	8	14
4.	April	2	4
5.	May	11	22
6.	June	12	23
7.	July	12	29
8.	August	9	16
9.	September	9	19
10.	October	9	16
11.	November	11	26
12.	December	5	9
Total		102	187

Cases Registered To The APSCW During The Years 2005-2020

Sl. No.	TYPE OF CASE	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
1	Child Marriage	11	16	15	17	25	25	20	12	8	7	2	8	1	0	1	1	169
2	Domestic Violence	10	11	4	15	9	16	13	15	18	24	25	24	12	6	31	21	254
3	Kidnapping/Missing Report	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	5	1	1	2	1	2	0	18
4	Rape	3	6	3	2	10	3	4	8	13	7	3	0	0	0	2	3	67
5	Atrocity	0	0	13	3	1	5	1	4	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	40
6	Family Maintenance	0	1	3	1	5	10	9	3	4	3	2	3	13	0	3	1	61
7	Physical Harassment/Torture	1	0	2	7	14	27	9	9	12	5	15	11	12	1	1	2	128
8	Sexual Harassment	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	11
9	Marriage Conflict	0	8	9	13	5	9	3	4	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	57
10	Divorce	0	0	2	4	1	5	2	5	8	2	5	3	2	1	1	0	41
11	Gender Discrimination	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	11
12	Forced Marriage	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	0	0	1	1	14
13	Molestation	1	0	3	3	1	1	0	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	1	2	22
14	Polygamy & Bigamy	1	1	7	5	10	14	15	3	5	5	3	2	6	0	2	1	80
15	Murder/Rape & Murder	2	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	5	6	1	1	0	2	0	25
16	Mental Harassment	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	10
17	Child Labour/Trafficking	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	10
18	Suicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	5
19	Anti Social Activity	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
20	Cheating	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	3	3	1	1	4	3	23
21	Land Rights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
22	Blackmailing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
23	Sexual Exploitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24	Transfer of Case	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25	Adultery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	11
26	Illicit Relationship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	3	5	9	0	2	5	4	36
27	Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	7
28	Threatening	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
29	Dowry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
30	Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
31	Bonded Labour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
32	Physical Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	2	9
33	Attempt to Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4
34	Attempt to Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
35	Sex Racket	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
36	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Total		20	47	71	73	87	119	78	81	102	84	91	86	78	12	63	51	1,143

REPORT RECEIVED FROM POLICE STATIONS

Lower Dibang Valley (2019)	
Kidnapping	2
Molestation	2
Domestic Violence	1
Total	5

Lower Siang (2019)	
Molestation	3
Domestic Violence	1
Kidnapping	1
Total	5

West Siang (2019-2020)	
Kidnapping	3
Rape	4
Attempt to Rape	3
Threatening	1
Sexual Assault	4
Missing	1
Physical Assault	8
Attempt to Murder	1
Immoral Trafficking	1
Domestic Violence	6
Total	32

Tirap (2019)	
Domestic Violence	1
Kidnapping	1
Total	2

Namsai (2019)	
Molestation	1
Rape	1
Total	2

Anjaw (2019)	
Assault	1
Molestation	1
Total	2

Lohit (2019)	
Kidnapping	1
Molestation	1
Domestic Violence	3
Dowry	1
Rape	1
Assault	2
Attempt to Rape	1
Total	10

Kurung Kamey (2019)	
Kidnapping	1
Molestation	1
Domestic Violence	1
Assault	3
Rape	3
Total	9

West Kameng (2019)	
Attempted Murder	2
Assault	3
Cheating	1
Rape	1
Domestic Violence	1
Total	8

Changlang (2019-2020)	
Kidnapping	3
Murder	1
Rape	4
Cyber Crime	2
Attempt to Rape	2
Domestic Violence	4
Total	16

REPORT RECEIVED FROM POLICE STATIONS

East Siang (2019)	
Adultery	1
Missing	2
Kidnapping	5
Assault	5
Domestic Violence	1
Total	14

Palin Kra-Daadi (2019)	
Molestation	1
Total	1

Capital Complex (2019-2020)	
Assault	21
Rape	3
Domestic Violence	25
Attempt to Rape	2
Cheating	15
Cyber Crime	12
Acid Attack	1
Molestation	6
Threatening	3
Kidnapping	6
Murder	1
Rape & Murder	1
Suicide	2
Total	98

Tawang (2019)	
Rape	1
Molestation	1
Abuse	2
Assault	1
Total	5

Name of Cases	Total
Assault	36
Rape	18
Domestic Violence	44
Attempt to Rape	8
Attempt to Murder	1
Cheating	16
Cyber Crime	14
Acid Attack	1
Molestation	17
Threatening	4
Kidnapping	23
Murder	2
Rape & Murder	1
Suicide	2
Sexual Assault	4
Adultery	1
Missing	3
Abuse	2
Dowry	1
Immoral Trafficking	1
Total	199

Case Studies

CASE STUDIES

All names have been changed for the sake of security and privacy of the parties involved.

Case Study: 1

The following detail is of a woman named SmtiAsha. She had come to the Commission with complaint against her husband Shri Kevin for exclusion of her name from the Gratuity Nominee (GN) List despite being his legal wife. The respondent was an employee of a bank and they were living in the town since 1989. However, without any prior notice to Asha, a woman named Smti Mina has been included in GN list, which is illegally living with Kevin in the year 2010. The complainant was left behind with her daughter Esha and son Paul. The complainant prayed to Commission to look into the matter and help her and her children to get justice. The APSCW sent to the bank Assistant General Manager a letter to withhold the process of Gratuity list. The Commission received a reply letter from the bank informing that the payment of both Gratuity and pension has been withheld till the clarification from the respondent. Later, a letter was received by this Commission from the complainant that she and her husband have made mutual agreement before the District Magistrate, Assam. That the respondent is ready to pay 50% (Fifty percent) from total amount of Gratuity/PPF/GPF/LIC/SBI Life insurance and monthly pension amount to the complainant without any coercion, undue influence and force. Therefore, the complainant requested the Commission to give out the necessary instruction to the SBI to release her husband's pension and the full and final amount. Further, she submitted her withdrawal letter and requested to close the case.

Case Study: 2

Smti Yana filed a complaint against Shri David regarding domestic violence. At her early age, she was given in a child marriage to ShriRaju. When she realized that she have been given in child marriage, she ran away from the house. However, the clan people of Yana forcefully marry her off with Shri David. The clan of Shri David returned the bridal price which her parents took from ShriRaju. In the year 2006, the complainant and respondent had accepted each other as husband and wife. She gave birth to a son in the year 2009 but the behavior and nature of her husband David did not seemed happy. After few years, she came to know that her husband is committing adultery with his brother's wife. When Yana objected their relationship and tried to stop them, her husband always threatened to murder her. After the birth of their son, her husband never treated her as his wife but Yana always stayed in her husband's house. David and his sister-in-law continually had relationship. In the year 2011, Yana's parents summoned David and his family for the amicable solution locally in the house of ShriKiran, who is elder brother of David. In the local meeting, David made an agreement that he will not give divorce to Yana and he will never do polygamy in near future. Since, from that day on Yana was left all alone and nor any of David's family members came to meet her. For the 8 years Smti Yana waited for her husband. So, she prayed the Hon'ble Commission to give her divorce from her husband. All the family members were called and theirs statements were recorded. After the counseling and request of the complainant, the Commission recommended for separation on the basis of mutual agreement from both the parties.

Case Study: 3

Miss Asha filed a complaint against Shri Paku regarding coercion, Threat, Blackmailing, and harassment. Accordingly, the Commission registered the case and summoned both the parties. The instant case was heard and their statements were recorded. The complainant refused to go back with the respondent and also refused to attend the Kebang (village level meeting), whereas, the respondent requested the Commission to refer the case in the Kebang. The APSCW tried to re-unite both the parties in the next hearing. However, the respondent kept insisting to refer their case to Kebang, whereas, the complainant wanted her go through legal procedure. After counseling also both the parties refused to change their decisions. Looking at the sensitivity of the case and also being requested by the complainant the APSCW forwarded their case in the Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Service Authority (APSLSA). The Commission also provided free legal aid to the complainant for further action.

Case Study: 4

A domestic violence victim Smti Odi filed a complaint against her husband Shri Matum. She stated that her husband unnecessarily tortures her without any reason. The complainant requested the APSCW to look into their matter. Accordingly, the Commission summoned both the parties and gave counseling. After counseling, both husband and wife agreed to reconcile their marriage with an undertaking. They were re-united with the liberty to approach the Commission office again, if anyone violates the undertaking.

Case Study: 5

The APSCW received a complaint letter from one Smti Lila against her husband Shri Babu stating that her marriage with her husband was solemnized in 2008, as per the Hindu rites and ritual at Mandir. After marriage they shifted to respondents' brother-in-law house to start their married life. Initial their married life was going peaceful and smooth but after elapsed of few months, Babu started assaulting Lila mentally and physically without any reason. Babu always strives to look for her faults on whatever she does. Out of their wedlock, they have a daughter, seven years old and one son, seven years old. The brother-in-law of Babu molested Lila whenever he gets opportunity. When she informed the incident to her husband, he totally ignored it and threaten her not to disclose the matter to anybody, taking it as an opportunity the brother-in-law threaten to harm her children and forced her to have physical relation with him many times. Due to such inhuman and brutal act on the part of her husband, the parents of Lila become quite annoyed, they even intervene many times and try to convince Babu to stop assaulting the complainant physically, but all was in vain.

Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. Substantive posts of Member Secretary, Finance and Account office etc.:** Provision of a substantive post of Member Secretary, Finance and Accounts Officer, Standing Legal Counsel and Office Superintendent along with supporting staffs for the efficient functioning of the office and its activities for progress and development of women in the state. Till now all the Member Secretaries of the APSCW have been discharging their duties towards the commission in addition to other responsibilities of substantive posts.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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 deprivation 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.
- 4. 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.

5. **Gender experts in every Department and agency:** Until and unless each and every department and agency of the state has a Gender Expert to assist the engendering of the development planning and policy formulation, the overall engendering of governance and gender sensitization at large will remain a farfetched dream. There are young professionals with requisite educational background of mastery in sociology, or administration, social work, Human Resources Management and Development, Rural Development, Human rights etc. who can be trained further on gender issues for these positions. Thus, every department and agency must identify and allocate resources for this position in their budget plan.
The Government may also like to appoint a Gender Advisory at the state level at par with cabinet minister like the media advisor, Political Advisor, Financial Advisor etc.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **Infrastructure Requirements of APSCW:**
 - i. **Independent Plan Head:** Since the inception of first team of APSCW recommended that an independent 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.
9. **Setting up of infrastructure for family courts:** It is also recommended that the state set up infrastructure and other facilities and allocate resources for the effective functioning of the same. Towards this, it may be pertinent to make the legal provisions,

humanitarian values and positive tribal custom to ensure a safe and secure society for the women in the state. Justice must be easily accessible, fast and affordable to the poorest of the poor. This may require the government to consult the State Legal Services Authority, the Bar Council, experts on tribal value systems in the state, human rights and women's rights experts and activists along with the APSCW to draw up the framework for Family Courts in the tribal state to help our future generation to retain the positive values of our communities. The state plan budget must have provision for this in the concerned department.

Independent Plan Head for APSCW:

- 10. Setting up of District Grievances Cells:** This office of the APSCW, despite good intentions of the members and its mandates laid down in the APSCW Act.2002 cannot reach out to all the needy women in the nook and corners of the state. Nor can all the victims have resources to access the guidance or assistance and interventions of this commission at the time of their need. Therefore, keeping in mind the hurdles that victims face, the Members of APSCW recommends to the government to facilitated easy access of legal aid to victimized women and the girl children, by notifying the setting up District Grievances Cells in every District headquarters. **The Deputy Commissioner be made the ex-officio chairman, a non-official Secretary who must be a women working with the women's issues for a respectable period of time, the Superintendent of police as an ex-officio member and at least four other members, which will be an equal mix of men and women of good repute and outstanding social commitments with empathy for the cause of women and girl child.** This office with the help of women's organizations will prepare the panel for nomination and notification by the government. The annual budget of the state must also incorporate this for immediate implementation.
- 11. Crisis Management Centres for Women and the Girl Child:** Crisis Management Centres for all the districts was envisaged in view of requirement assessed so that traumatized victims can receive immediate succour and guidance, after undergoing atrocity. This Commission has requested the State Legal Services Authority and the State Police Administration to collaborate with the APSCW for supporting the project.
- 12. 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.
- 13. Inclusion of Women in State Public Service Commission, State Planning Board and State Information Commission:** It has been observed over the years that the number of female officers in the State Public Services is very nominal. To make up for the same, a special drive for recruitment of lady officers of higher rank is urgently need-especially to deal with women related cases as well as in the rural development and the Panchayat sectors, where there is a mandatory participation of women beneficiaries and decisions makers. Presences of lady officers would certainly facilitate a smoother functioning of the women decisions makers and the delivery of services to the women beneficiaries.

14. **Age limit of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Member of the APSCW:** 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 58 years.
15. **One-Time Grant:** One time resource allocation of 6 crores in order to streamline the activities.
16. **Appointment of Independent Protection Officer under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005(PWDV Act, 2005) and allocation of fund:** 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.
17. **It is recommended that the Protection Officers** be from the APCS cadre as many cases, CDPOs are also promotional posts. The POs under the PWDVA 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 POs under the PDV Act, 2005.
18. **Gender Budgeting and Allocation of an earmarked amount in each department for gender sensitization:** The APSCW recommends initiation of gender budgeting of the state plan. Towards this the planning department can start with orientation and sensitization of the heads of departments on gender budgeting. Further, the government ought to allocate an earmarked amount in each department and agency, especially for gender sensitization program in the respective offices for all their staff and officers to ensure effective delivery.
19. **Qualifications of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members of APSCW:** 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.
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. 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.
- 22. Women Development Corporation (WDC):** For the Economic development and empowerment of the women of the state, the establishment of the Women's Development Corporation is overdue. The government is urged to take this up as one of the top priority agenda for the economic growth of the state. The women SHGs and entrepreneurs would be able to draw much benefit from such an institution if we have one.
- 23. State Public Undertakings (SPU):** Our state has various public sector undertakings viz.
 - i. The Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board,
 - ii. The Arunachal Pradesh Geology and Mining Corporation,
 - iii. The Arunachal Pradesh Power Corporation,
 - iv. The Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Apex Bank,
 - v. The Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Union,
 - vi. The Arunachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency,
 - vii. The Arunachal Pradesh Khadi and Village Industry Board,
 - viii. The Arunachal Pradesh Industrial Development and finance Corporation,
 - ix. The Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation,
 - x. The Arunachal Pradesh Medicinal Plants Board,
 - xi. The Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission,
 - xii. The Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commission etc.

Except the **Arunachal Pradesh State Social Welfare (Advisory) Board**, even the oldest PSUs have also never seen any women heading it. There are many deserving women who ought to be given an opportunity to head these institutions of the government and make their marks and contributions. So, the government may like to open up these bodies for capable women leaders to steer and direct.

- 24. Setting up of well-equipped Forensic Laboratory** with hi-tech facilities and adequate manpower. Crimes in the state are on the rise so the state needs to have its own forensic laboratory to expedite investigations.
- 25. Setting up of Fast-Track Courts to deal** exclusively with offences against women. And expeditious trial of such cases as per directions of the Chief Justice of India, Shri Altamas Kabir. Trial of rape cases should be completed within 1 (one) month time. Fast Track courts should be established in the state for speedy trials and effective implementation of existing laws, especially for the safety of women and children.

26. **Crusade against Drugs, Opium and Alcohol:** The problem of drug abuse and alcohol addiction is becoming a hydra-headed menace among the youths in the thinly populated state here. Mothers have demanded for a concerted effort to eradicate these killer habits in the young state. Owing to insensitivity in handling of the problems so far, the addicts are under ground and in such a situation, it would be difficult to help them. Therefore, this Commission also recommends that the government to take up immediate step to address this call for help from the women and establish the rehabilitation Centre in every districts and capital complex. All concerned departments need to work in tandem and in close coordination. The social audit of all the sources of state revenue is also an urgent need in the larger interest of its human resources.
27. **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 and 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.
28. **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.
29. **Initiating action against police officials causing undue delay in investigation.**
30. **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.
31. **More Vocational Training Institutes for economic empowerment of women,** for skill development and gainful employment. Arunachal State needs Vocational Training Institute for women.
32. **Ban on transfer of an investigation officer** till completion of the charge sheet in a case.
33. **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.
34. **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 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. do initiate for codification of customary practices with modification which is in the line of constitutional laws.

- 35. Inclusion of male as member of the Commission:** Inclusion of one male person as a member of the commission-as in the National Commission for Women where a male person is also appointed as one of its members.
- 36. 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.
- 37. 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.
- 38. Residential Accommodation:** To the constituent's members must be provided as per the entailments but as on date the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and members are staying in private/rented residences. There is a need for earmarking space and fund for constructions of residential complex for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and members.
- 39. Discretionary fund:** For dealing with various cases, including immediate dispersal/relief/ rehabilitation/ medical treatment etc. of victims of PWDV, rape, murder etc., discretionary funds may be provided to the Commission (APSCW).
- 40. Construction of separate Women Jail and construction of Borstal School:** During the visit of APSCW's team to Pasighat jail, it has been observed that the women jail is not in proper conditions and at Tawang there is no separate women jail. Also during our visit to District Jail, Jolly a women inmate was kept along with her minor child in the lock up. If there is an inmate with a child there is a need for establishment of creche/borstal school within the jail premises for the overall mental growth of the children.
- 41. Initiating Action Against Police Officials causing willful delay** in investigation and ban on transfer/posting of an investigation officer till completion of the charge sheet in a case.
- 42. Reservation of women seat:** To empower the women in the political field our state should provide 50% reservation for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies. States that already give 50% reservation for women in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are Bihar, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. There is also a need to provide reservation for women in parliament, Assemblies and in Govt. services too.

43. **Installation of CCTV at School:** To avoid crime against children, the school environment has to be made secure by installing CCTV and the same has to be made mandatory for both the private and government schools.
44. **Cyber Crime:** immediate action should be taken against the people who are involved. The awareness of this should be done across the state.
45. **33% Govt. job reservation for women in all sectors of Arunachal Pradesh:** Job reservation for women and girl in the Government Job under Government of Arunachal Pradesh may be introduced and implemented.
46. **Shortage of police personnel at Wakro Police Station:** The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for women (APSCW), during its Legal Awareness Programme conducted at Wakro on 29/01/2019, had visited Wakro Police Station and interacted with the officials of concerned police station, wherein they stated that they have in sufficient police personnel, no proper Lock-up for UTPs, no Police Quarters for accommodation at Wakro Police Station and also no lady Police personnel have been posted there. In the recent times, law and order problem arises due to encroachment of boundary by the Chakmas, during that time sufficient police personnel is required to maintained law and order problems. So, the state Govt. may kindly look into the matter and deploy sufficient numbers of police personnel and also lady police personnel at Wakro police station.
47. **Special Loan Provisions with Subsidy to Women Entrepreneurship in State:** Today many women are unemployed and want to startup different kinds of business in our state, but due to financial constraints they 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.
48. **Setting up of Drugs Rehabilitation Centre and Juvenile Observation Home:** The APSCW requests the state Govt. for immediate setting up of Drugs Rehabilitation centre and Juvenile Observation Home with proper facilities with manpower.
49. **Special Scholarship Scheme for Higher and Technical education for girl Child:** Special Scholarship Schemes may be introduce for Higher & Technical studies for girl child.
50. **Free and Compulsory Education:** Free and Compulsory education of girl child till their graduation may be introduced and implemented in letter and spirit in the State.
51. **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.

- 52. Construction of working women's hostel:** Working women's hostel (SwadharGreh) may be constructed/established in every district Headquarters. And I twin capital city of Itanagar-Naharlagun. As rate of house rent are too high which the marginalized income women are not able to afford it.
- 53. Improvement of Infrastructure at the Mental Hospital, Midpu:** During the Commission team's visit to the mental hospital at Midpu, it was found that the hospital is in need of proper infrastructure. It was also observed that the DDO power needs to be conferred to the head of the institution, and budgetary support for the state's lone mental hospital be increased.
- 54. 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 increase 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.
- 55. Residential Accommodation:** None of the constituent members of the Commission is provided any residential accommodation. So it is requested that same may be provided at the earliest possible as per the entitlement. And, take up for earmarking & construction of a residential complex for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members, Officers & Officials of the commission at the earliest and accordingly keep fund provision for the same.
- 56. Fund for Immediate Restoration of existing office building of APSCW:** Due to earth cutting for widening of the Highway, a portion of the commission's building has been damaged & fell down. So, to construct a RCC retaining wall, reconstruction of Kitchen & Toilet bathrooms etc., it is requested that, a fund, amounting to Rs.10,000,000.00 (One Crore) only may be allocated/provided.
- 57. 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 day programmes/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.

- 58. 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 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.**
- 59. Setting up of infrastructure for family courts:** There is a need for separate family courts for speedy settlements of disputes in the family.
- 60. Provision of facility for Women in need of mental health care:** ASPCW has come across many cases of women suffering from depression and other problems related to mental health. Since the facility in the state so far is not adequate the Commission recommends the establishment of health facility for the mentally challenged, particularly the women, who are the most affected owing to many oppressive customs and social practices still vogue and yet to be stemmed. The mental health needs equal emphasis like all other aspects of health management.
- 61. Recruitment of Women Police Personnel and Establishment of separate Women Police Station and Help Desk:** 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 Arunachal Pradesh.
As far as possible, these should be a Women Help Desk available in all the police stations even though separate Women Police Stations could not be established.
- 62. Submission of Budget Estimate of 2020-2021:** The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has submitted a Budget Estimate of **Rs 2,50,000.00 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakhs) only for the financial year 2020-2021 as per Hon'ble Chief Minister's note.** Therefore, the Commission requests the Govt. to kindly consider the Budget Proposal of **Rs 2,50,000.00 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakhs) only** as per the Hon'ble Chief Minister's note for smooth functioning of the day to day programmes/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.
- 63. Request for Procurement of 5 (five) nos. Mahindra Scorpio for the office of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar:** All the vehicles of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) Itanagar were procured during the tenure of 1st and 2nd Commission and become much retched condition as these vehicles were frequently used for conducting Legal; Awareness Programme in remote far flung areas of the State. In this connection, the APSCW requests the Govt. to provide us fund for the procurement of 5 (five) nos. of Mahindra Scorpio for the Commission Members.

Dark Clouds:

1. **Prevalence of Child Marriage Cases:** Despite the Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006, even today the Girl Childs are treated as tradable commodities. File records indicate that although with the spread of awareness child marriage with men in the older age group is peripherally declining, marriage of under age girls to under age boys is still continuing. As also indicated in the first report tabled before the Honorable Legislative Assembly many of the men who have sold or bought child brides for wives of daughter-in-law are men in power and are often seen to be village council elders BGs 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 ever experienced sexual violence and 36% have ever experienced both physical and sexual violence. Battery, insults, physical, torture and deprivation owing to multiple marriages, rape, gender indiscrimination, 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 females, Constitutional guarantees and laws of the land that protects the rights of citizens, particularly the women.
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 alarming rates.
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 been disposed of her marital property, jointly acquired and owned by her with her deceased husband. Although succor 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 state are to be taken seriously.

6. **Low Literacy among Girl Child:** There is a Gender gap of 19.83% in education (2001 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 nit 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.
8. **Tribal Customary Inheritance Laws and Practices:** In most of the tribal socio-cultural; set-up women are not allowed to inherit immovable property. Women are barred from inheriting paternal property, and many a times from inheriting even matrimonial property – for e.g. a widow with no male offspring is barred from inheriting any property of a deceased husband which renders them not only homeless and socially insignificant but also in penury. In a few cases young widows have been dispossessed of her marital property, jointly acquired and owned by her with her deceased husband.
9. **Total Fertility Rate:** Total Fertility Rate is significantly and negatively related with literacy. From the Situational Analysis of Women and Girls in Arunachal (NCW), the Crude Birth Rate in the state is 34.62 and the Total Fertility Rate is 4.56 compared to 25.40 and 3.20 respectively to the national average. So interference is that owing to the lower literacy among women in Arunachal, the total fertility rate and crude birth rate are higher here compared to the national average.
10. **Low Nutritional Status:** 62.5% of ever married women in the state are anemic, 50.6% were having mild-anemia, 11.3% were having moderate anemia. These concerns are directly proportional to low literacy rates and low economic independence among women. The percentage of women having a Body-Mass-Index (BMI) below 18.5 kg/sqm is the lowest in the state among all the north eastern states and relatively higher among illiterate women and lower living standard
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