

President for changing attitude towards women

Launching a Madhya Pradesh government scheme aimed at providing safety and succour to repressed women and children, President Pratibha Patil Sunday emphasised the need for a new social welfare movement to change society's attitude towards women.

The Usha Kiran Yojana, chalked out under the provisions of the Domestic Violence (Prevention) Act, 2005, envisages curbing violence against women by helping women and children and protecting them against all kinds of tortures including physical, verbal, sexual, emotional and economic ones.

'Women face tortures like domestic violence, sexual harassment at workplace, social repression, discrimination in education and employment. Social organisations, media and the government should work unitedly to stamp out these evils', said Patil.

'The government has taken several steps to empower women. The 33 percent reservation provided in local bodies would go a long way in improving their status. Still much more requires to be done for them.'

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan elaborated upon various welfare schemes launched by his government for the upliftment of women and children in the state.

Under the scheme, a 24-hour help desk will be set up in every district so that any affected woman's call can be promptly attended and her complaint is immediately put before the police for quick redressal.

The help desk would provide temporary shelter to repressed women and children apart from providing legal advice, medical and police help, requisite training, financial help and rehabilitation.

(© IANS / India eNews)