

Training Programme on Gender and Child Rights(22nd to 25th July, 2014):-

National Gender Centre, LBSNAA organized a training programme for the officers of Jammu and Kashmir on Gender and Child Rights in collaboration with Unicef and Institute of Management and Public Administration, Srinagar from 22nd to 25th of July at Srinagar. The aim of the programme was to bring officers from the Indian Administrative Services, Indian Police Service, Kashmir Administrative Services and Other State Services from the state of Jammu and Kashmir on a common platform for discussion on issues related to Gender and Child Rights, in an attempt to create a Gender Sensitive administration in the State.

The programme was inaugurated by Honourable Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Omar Abdullah, who endorsed the need for such a programme where participants can share their experiences and views and also understand that a society that does not take care of its women and children cannot progress. Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, former Chief Information Commissioner of India, Ms. Ranjana Chopra, Joint Director of LBSNAA and Director of the National Gender Centre, and Mr. Tejinder Singh Sandhu, Head of Governance, UNICEF, India attended the inaugural.

Over four days, 35 participants from the state were exposed to and deliberated on the impact of conflict on women, issues and challenges in gender equality and protection of Child Rights in Jammu and Kashmir. Resource persons were drawn from the field of Gender, Child Rights and Law; representatives of civil society organizations and civil servants from the central and state governments. The principal resource persons were Sh. Wajahat Habibullah, Ms. Nighat Shafi Pandit, Ms. Anuradha Bhasin, Ms. Vrinda Grover, Ms. Flavia Agnes, Mr. Ujwal Uke and Mr. Arun Mathur.

The programme ended with a valedictory function presided by the Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Mohammad Akbar Lone, who spoke from the heart about the need to debate, create awareness and discuss how we can reduce discrimination against women and give them their rightful place in society. Each participant received a certificate of course participation and copy of the group photograph from Honb'le Minister and programme ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sandhu.