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**MEGHALAYA POLICE AND NORTH EAST NETWORK (NEN) COLLABORATE TO
FOSTER GENDER SENSITIZATION OF POLICE PERSONNEL**



Director General of Police expressed concern over the rising trend of crimes against women in the State and called upon all stakeholders to work together collaboratively, to sensitively handle the issue. Mr. Ramachandran was addressing a workshop on gender sensitization of

Police personnel.

The DGP called for an attitudinal shift within the police and stressed that police personnel while dealing with crimes against women, should handle such cases with the right levels of sensitivity, as there is a perception that at present the police responses to crimes against women are inadequate. Policemen are often accused of biased and prejudiced behaviour against women while dealing with crimes against women and the DGP stressed the need to impart appropriate training to the police personnel on gender sensitivity.

As the existing practice of holding occasional training programmes on gender sensitization have a limited reach, it was felt that there is a need to extend such training to reach the rank and file of the police force. It was decided that Meghalaya Police will include appropriate training modules on gender sensitivity in the induction training of police personnel. The NEN will collaborate in this effort by providing resource persons and study materials. Similarly, in-service training programmes would be held at Shillong and Tura for the benefit of serving police personnel, in a structured manner.

The workshop also called for convergence of the efforts of all government departments concerned, NGOs and other stakeholders, for more effective results.

Smti Rovina Bastian, Project Coordinator, Gender Sensitization People Friendly Police Project (GSPP) Karnataka, smti Ibadasuklin Kharshandi and Smti Darilyn Syiem of the North East Network made presentations on key issues and carried out an Evaluation and Assessment of the project.

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