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Women Protection In Telangana: Role of She Teams -Special Focus on Metropolitan City of Hyderabad

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SHE TEAMS IN TELANGANA – “We all are you”



INTRODUCTION

Women are being facing Gender based discrimination and violence have been reinforced through prejudices, biases and attitudes that prevent them from reaching their full potential as individuals.

Domestic violence, sexual harassment at workplaces, and “eve teasing” used throughout the Indian sub-continent to denote unwanted sexual remarks or advances to women in public places.

Sexual aggression is of various types ranging from offensive watch, Cat calls, Sexist comments, Stalking, suggestive songs, display of indecent videos to flashing, and molestation are crimes that devise ingenious ways of harassing women in public places, near colleges, workplaces and outside their homes

SHE TEAMS is a first of its kind initiative in the country launched by the Telangana Government on 24th October 2014 with the vision of providing a safe and secure environment for women.



SHE TEAMS are engaged in round the clock surveillance of the city by mapping out “hotspots” and “hot timings” where offenders pounce on unsuspecting victims.

She teams are a boon to the women in the State who can get timely police help and go about their work without fear.

THE TEAM

- Each of the SHE Team is headed by a Sub-Inspector of Police and consists of an Assistant Sub-Inspector or Head Constable, a lady constable and two to three male constables.
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- Every unit of 'SHE' Team is headed and supervised by a Deputy Superintendent of Police rank officer.
 - As of now 100 SHE TEAMS are working under direct supervision of Smt. Swati Lakra IPS, Addl. ^[L]_[R]Commissioner of Police, Crimes & SIT.
 - SHE TEAMS were launched on 24th October, 2014 in Telangana.
 - About 100 teams were formed keeping in view of the Telangana Government vision for Safe and Secure Environment for Women.



LITERATURE REVIEW

- ❑ Akhtar (2013) Violence against women is experienced by women of all ages, social classes, races, religions and nationalities, all over the world.
- ❑ Singh (2009), Sexual harassment includes "such unwelcome sexually determined behaviour as physical contact and advances, sexually coloured remarks, showing pornography, and sexual demands whether by words or actions"

AIM OF THE STUDY

To know how the establishment of “ SHE TEAMS” decreased the crime rates against women.

NEED OF THE STUDY

- Domestic Violence is the abuse that happens in a personal relationships. Domestic Violence disturbs women that threats physical and mental abuse. There is a need to study about the “Laws pertaining to Domestic Violence in the society”.
- 60% of working women facing Harassment at work place. It could be Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, gender-based Harassment, Harassment of in-ability etc . The Study Project is to know about the SHE TEAMS in providing Safe and Security to women in society.
- Eve Teasing and molestation are the problems that women all over the world struggling every day in the society. It is a form of Sexual Harassment which could be of various nature such as Vulgar Comments, Whistling, Threats, Forced Proposals etc. There is a need to know how the SHE TEAMS is curbing the eve teasers in the society.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To know about the SHE Teams in providing safety and Security to women who are at home and working in different professions.
- To study the reasons for the establishment of the SHE TEAMS.
- It is also to know the SHE TEAM act as a deterrent to the occurrence of more serious crimes by nipping the problem in the bud.
- It is to study the ACTS and Laws of acknowledging what is SHE TEAMS

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- Gathered information from secondary data - Internet, Newspaper, T.V. and Journals.
- The study is purely descriptive.
- The research was on secondary data

HYPOTHESIS

- The establishment of the SHE TEAMS have reduced the crime rates against women.
- An overall reduction of around 20% in offences against women due to strict vigilance by the SHE TEAMS.

SHE TEAMS OF CYBERABAD

- She Teams of Cyberabad Launched on 24-12-2014 in Cyberabad.
- Total Teams - 30 : 10 teams for each zone : In each team: • Sub-Inspector of police as Team in charge
1 SOT PC, 1 ZTF PC, 3/4 WPCs.

- They will be shuffled on rotation basis for every 3 months.
- Total Hot Spots – 150 .
- Total Cyberabad is divided into Two Commissionerates i.e., Cyberabad and Rachakonda.
- She Team is Headed by Smt.Saleema, Asst. Commissioner of Police.
- Cyberabad She team is headed by Asst. Commissioner of Police, covering (1) Madhapur Zone (2) Shamshabad Zone (3) Balanagar Zone and (4) IT Corridor .

Year 2022

Complaint received so far this year-5125.

Dial 100 - 21

WhatsApp - 2187.

HawkEye - 25.

Email - 35.

Twitter - 23,

Directwalk- in- 1830.

Decoy Operations -925.

QR Code - 41.

Commissionerate wise complaints.

Cyberabad – 1571.

Hyderabad – 1240.

Rachakonda – 971

Nature of Complaints:

Phone harassment : 31 %

Teasing & Misbehaving : 20 %

Stalking : 9 %

Harassment through social media : 9 %

Complaints with the She Teams can be raised directly at their office or through social media or Hawk Eye app or WhatsApp– 94416-69988.

Telangana: She Teams received 5,125 complaints till September this year

What is Sexual Harassment?

- Touching, grabbing or making other physical contacts with you without your consent.
 - Asking you for sex or sexual favours.
 - Leering and staring at you.
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Cracking sexual jokes and comments around or to you.

- Insulting you with sexual comments.
- Behavior on a phone call that makes you feel uncomfortable.

Reasons of Harassment

- Harassment at the Workplace.
- Gender Inequality is common.
- Failure to implement harassment policies.
- Poorly Managed Policies and Procedures.

Geo tagging for hotspots!

'Woman' as Rama Raksha.. Identification of areas where crimes against women occur

- In SHE -Teams application :Their maps are deposited Based on these Special supervision at those places
- Police spread across the state from Hyderabad to Adilabad, the She-Teams are using this app to keep the performance and response the same.
- It has been extended by the police department across the state.



Ignorance costs life

Priyankareddy, an educated and veterinary doctor, had no idea how to react when she was in danger, and it cost her life. On Wednesday night, she spoke to her sister on the phone and expressed her fears. At the same time, if you call 100, the police can reach the spot within five minutes based on GPS. Who should complain to? Dial 100 should be called. You can call the toll free numbers 112, 1090, across the country. Complaints can be made to 040-27852355 or WhatsApp number 9490616555 established by “SHE” groups in Telangana state.

నిర్లక్ష్యం ఖతమే సంతు త్రిణం

ప్రయాణంలో ఉన్నప్పుడు ఇలా చేయాలి..

వద్యానంశురాలు, విశుద్ధింశురాలు ప్రయాణంలోకి వెళ్లితే తాను అందరితో చెప్పకుండా, సహాయంతో ఎలా ప్రయాణంలాంటి భయాన్ని కలిగిన వ్యక్తులను పోలీసులకు, ఆసుపత్రికి సంబంధించి తెలియజేయాలి. అలాగే అనేక పోలీసులకు పోలీస్ మాండ్రెట్ ఫ్యామిలీలలో భాగంగా ఉండాలి. అనేక సమయంలో పోలీస్ 100కు పాత నెట్ నెట్ అప్ లో కాల్ చేయాలి. అలాగే అనేక పోలీసులు ఫుటర్ స్టాఫ్ చేయాలి.

ఎవరికి ఫిర్యాదు చేయాలి?!

పోలీస్ - 100కు పాత నెట్ నెట్ చేయాలి.
వేరొకరిని కాల్ చేయాలి అంటే పోలీస్ నంబర్లు 112, 1090, 1091 అను ఫోన్ చేయాలి. తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రంలో ఉన్న వాటిని కాల్ చేయాలి. 040-27852355 లేదా వాట్సాప్ నంబర్ 9490616555 కు ఫిర్యాదు చేయాలి.

HAWK EYE MOBILE APP

- In the wake of a series of sexual assault cases being reported from across the State, the latest being the gang rape of a teenage girl in a car near Peddamma Gudi after a party at a Jubilee Hills pub, the Telangana police's Hawk Eye mobile application is gaining in popularity. The app, which was launched by the Hyderabad City Police back in 2014 with main focus on safety of women and to instil confidence among women, has so far been downloaded by 17,15,988 people, of whom 8.5 lakh are from Hyderabad alone.
- More and more women are now using Hawk Eye to get in touch with police with complaints of harassment and violence. For instance, from the beginning of this year till now, around 135 complaints of crime against women (CAW) were received through this app and they ranged from eve-teasing to domestic violence to assaults as well as breakdown of vehicles at odd hours.
- The app has several categories in which a user can seek help from the police. They include emergency contacts, SOS, community policing, know your report status, vehicle and mobile search. While a total of 53,738 complaints were received since its launch, as many as 1,966 complaints were made through this app this year alone. The most popular feature on the app is Travel Made Safe with an average of five to 10 women hitting the button per day while there are about 30 to 50 SOS calls.

NOW IT'S A MOVEMENT TOWARDS A WOMEN SAFER ENVIRONMENT

- Projects in collaboration with NGOs, schools, colleges, British and US consulates are organised and the print and electronic media are used to provide information about She teams.
- Awareness is created to help women speak out against offenders and lodge complaints so that action is taken.
- All citizens are encouraged to report any kind of harassment they witness as a social responsibility even if they are not directly impacted or affected.



Women Security Initiatives

- She Teams
 - Women Help Desks
 - Crime Against Women Cell
 - Hot Spot
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- The place where huge Number of women gathers: Ex. Bus Stops, Cinema Halls, College premises
 - Total Number of Hot Spots Listed 350
 - GPS tracking
 - Decoy Operation
 - Team goes to Hot Spots in mufti carrying with SPY camera
 - Observes for eve teasers, stalkers



APPROACHING "SHE TEAM'

- WHATSAPP: 9194906555
- DIAL 100
- HYD SHE TEAM NABS 90 MEN FOR EVE-TEASING
- HAWKEYE MOBILE APP
- EMAIL: HYDSHETEAM@GMAIL.COM
- FB/SHETEAMHYD
- TWEET@HYDPOLICE
- TWEET@HYDSHETEA



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS CONDUCTED

- Awareness campaigns were conducted to the people: In Exhibitions.
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- Role of Electronic and Printed Media.
- Participation of NGOs.
- Activities Taken Up on Women's Day.
- Allocation of Separate Wing.
- Publicizing the “SHE TEAMS“ by Posters and T - Shirt.
- Digital Hoardings and Audio Recordings



CONCLUSION

- SHE Team is a pioneering initiative in the country launched by the Telangana government on the 24th of October 2014.
- It was initially started in Hyderabad city, later replicated in Cyberabad and thereafter in the entire state of Telangana from the 1st April of 2015. On the 8th of March 2018, the Women Safety Wing was established along with the SHE Module to monitor the activities and work done by the SHE Teams present in each police unit in Telangana State.

SHE teams were formed with the vision of providing safety and security to women and children by –

- Developing a uniform and reliable process of approach towards women and girls in distress.
- Create general awareness using technology integration.
- Conduct impact analysis with an aim to improve performance.

SLOGANS

- “Respect is the Basis of Esteem”.

- “Give us freedom not feardom”.
- “We want to be safe, not to be RAPED”.
- “A woman’s whole life is a history of the affections.”
- “Whatever a woman’s reason may say, her feelings tell her the truth.”

THANK YOU