Gender – Responsive Public Services and Infrastructure

Safe Cities Experiences From India

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Context

- India moving from the Path of Women Development to Women-Led Development
  - Holistic view of women’s empowerment to ensure an enabling environment.
  - Emphasis on security, protection and dignity

- Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

- Sustainable Development Goals
  - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
  - Make cities and human settlement inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
Strategy

- Legislative Measures
- Rehabilitation and support to victims through schematic interventions
- Security for women
- Attitudinal changes, Awareness and Knowledge
- Gender sensitive urban planning including public transport and sanitation
Legislative Measures

- Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2018
- Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2013
- Sexual harassment of women at workplace (Prevention Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013
- Setting up Fast track Special Courts to dispose off pending trial under Rape and POSCO Act
Rehabilitation and Support

- Swadhar Greh
- Ujjawala Homes
- One Stop Centres- Sakhi
Security to Women

- Universalization of women helpline-181
- Mahila Police Volunteers
- Emergency Response Support System
- Cybercrime Prevention against women and girls
- Panic button on mobile phones
- CCTV at Railway Stations
- Reservation for Women in Police Force.
Safe Cities Program

- Launched in 8 cities with a budget of Rs.30,000 million
  - Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad & Lucknow.

- Major interventions include
  - Enhancing safety of women in public places
  - Security in public transport
  - Vans for quick response to women in distress
  - Strengthening of women police stations, capacity building of police authorities and better investigations.
  - Surveillance in public places, Quick Response Teams
  - Sanitation, SHE toilets and transit dorms
  - Sensitizing stakeholders
Attitudinal changes & Awareness


- Objective – survival, protection and participation of girl child in every sphere

- Two major components
  - Advocacy, Media communication and outreach activities
  - Multisectoral interventions.
Gender Sensitive Urban Planning

- Enhancing safety in public places
- Security in public transport
- Swachtha Abhiyan
  - Construction of household owned and community owned toilets
  - Separate toilets for girls in all Government schools
Thank you