

Discussion 08: The Andaman and Nicobar Police organized an Interaction Programme as a part of 08th Discussion of A&N Police Study Circle on “Women in Police and Gender Sensitization” on 19th October, 2019 at Police Headquarters, Port Blair. Hon’ble Chairperson, National Commission for Women, Ms. Rekha Sharma, was the Chief Guest of the programme. The primary objective of the interaction programme was to sensitize officers on gender issues and empower the police force with the ability to perform their duties more effectively and without prejudice and discrimination. The interaction programme also gave an insight into the role played by Andaman and Nicobar Police in breaking the gender stereotypes and in ensuring the safety of women and children in the islands.

Addressing the gathering, the Director General of Police, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, stated that crime against women is a very sensitive subject and needs to be handled by Police and Society with a heightened sense of sensitivity and empathy. He further stated that women need to be sensitized regarding their rights and the remedies available to them in Indian Constitution, Indian Penal Code as well as in Local & Special Laws.

Touching upon the issue of deep-rooted patriarchy, the Hon’ble Chairperson, National Commission for Women, in her address, stated that Gender is a social construct and police has to play a very important role in breaking the stereotypes and in ensuring justice to the victims of crime against women. She also stated that there is a need for shift in policing in India from “force” to “service”. She also congratulated the efforts of Andaman & Nicobar Police in ensuring the safety of young women and girls in the Islands.

