

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST ONE YEAR

Detailed guidelines developed and circulated in the Central and State Governments to promote adoption of a gender perspective in all public expenditure and policy.

- ❑ A Bill for the constitution of a National Commission for Protection of Child Rights introduced in Parliament.
- ❑ Bill on Protection from Domestic Violence to be shortly introduced in the Parliament.
- ❑ Law for prevention of sexual harassment of women at work place is also in the process of finalization.
- ❑ A virtual resource centre and digital library on women and gender issues has been opened in the National Resource Centre for Women.
- ❑ To universalize integrated child development services scheme, 467 additional projects and 1,88,168 additional *Anganwadi* centres are in the process of being established. Centre to support States by providing 50 per cent of expenditure incurred by them on supplementary nutrition in plan allocation 2005-06.
- ❑ 19 ICDS projects and 6817 *Anganwadi* centres sanctioned for J&K reconstruction plan.
- ❑ High level group set up to address education, women and child development issues in Northeastern Region.
- ❑ *Swashakti* and *Mahila Samakhya* projects further strengthened to empower women.
- ❑ Students of standard VIII to X belonging to Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas across the country are being sensitized against the evil practice of female foeticide through awareness material for teachers.