

National Commission for Women marks its 34th Foundation Day today

Smt. Annpurna Devi underscores transformative impact of POSHAN Abhiyaan

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The National Commission for Women (NCW) marked its 34th Foundation Day today at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, commemorating over three decades of unwavering commitment towards safeguarding, promoting, and advancing the rights and dignity of women across India.

The occasion was graced by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, as the Chief Guest. Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annpurna Devi and Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Smt. Savitri Thakur graced the occasion as Guests of Honour.



Reflecting upon NCW's journey of 34 years, the Foundation Day programme was organised around the theme "Swasthya hi Sashaktikaran", reinforcing the idea that women's health lies at the core of empowerment, social equity, and national development.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda underscored the central role of women's health in nation-building. He stated,

“A healthy woman gives birth to a healthy generation, and a healthy generation is the backbone of a strong, resilient, and prosperous nation.”

He further emphasised that investing in women’s health is not merely a welfare measure, but a strategic imperative for India’s future.

In her address, Smt. Annpurna Devi highlighted the transformative impact of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, noting that focused and sustained interventions in nutrition and healthcare have significantly strengthened the well-being of women and children across the country.

The Chairperson, National Commission for Women, Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar, reaffirmed the Commission’s vision.

As part of the celebrations, eminent scientists from ISRO and DRDO, featured in the NCW Calendar 2026, were honoured for their outstanding contributions to nation-building. Dr. Tessy Thomas, widely known as the Missile Woman of India, was felicitated for her exemplary service and leadership in defence science.

The Commission also honoured Shri V. Kamakoti, Padma Shri awardee and Director, IIT Madras, for his invaluable support in developing the AI module for “Tere Mere Sapne”, a flagship NCW programme aimed at strengthening pre-marital communication and counselling.

The event reaffirmed NCW’s enduring commitment to advancing women’s empowerment through health, policy advocacy, innovation, and inclusive partnerships, as it continues its mission to build a safer, healthier, and more equitable society for women in India.

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