First Orientation of Delhi Police on Child-Friendly Police Stations

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) today conducted the first orientation with Delhi Police on Child-Friendly Police Stations prior to its launch at 13 districts in Delhi, at Indira Gandhi International Airport Police Station, New Delhi today.

Introducing the topic of children in distress and children in conflict with law, NCPCR Member, Shri Yashwant Jain emphasized that an attitude change is necessary when it comes to dealing with such children. NCPCR Member, Smt. Rupa Kapoor said that the Police is often the first point of contact between a child and the official child protection system, and thus need to adopt a child-friendly approach. She also mentioned that Delhi Police will soon be taken on an exposure visit to Ghaziabad Police Station to see how a Child-Friendly Police Station has been operating there. She also sought the support of Delhi Police to help launch at least one Child-Friendly Police Station in each of the 13 districts of Delhi.

Shachi Singh, General Secretary, Ehsaas, an NGO working in the field of Child Rights made a presentation on how Child-Friendly Police Stations established in six districts of Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Kanpur, Ghaziabad) have shown a positive response over the past one year.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, IGIA, Shri Sanjay Bhatia said, "Delhi Police is well trained and well-versed to handle children's issues. Soon, a child-friendly set up would be established at IGIA Police Station which would act as a model for other Police Stations to replicate."

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