

**Panel Discussion on**  
**“Focus Group Discussion Regarding Women Safety Audit”**

**27-07-2023 @ 12.00PM-2.00PM**

**Organized by Women’s Studies Centre**

**REPORT**

The panel discussion commenced with a warm welcome extended to all female participants, underscoring the contemporary relevance of the topic. Mrs. V. Sailaja, the moderator, introduced the distinguished panelists, namely Dr. V. Rama Devi, a Professor from the School of Management at NIT, Warangal, Mrs. Lakshmi, an Assistant Professor at Vignan University, Guntur, and Ms. Kavya Reddy, a Student Coordinator hailing from NIT, Warangal.

During the first round of discussions, the Women's team actively participated, while in the second round, degree final year students specializing in BCA, B.Com (Comp), and BBA took part in the panel discussion.

**Objective of the Programme and Key Discussion Points**

**a. Understanding Women's Safety Audit:**

The first segment of the discussion revolved around the concept of a Women Safety Audit. Panellists elaborated on the process, emphasizing its role in identifying safety concerns, assessing risks, and implementing effective solutions.

**b. Challenges and Barriers:**

Participants discussed the challenges women face in public spaces, including harassment, inadequate lighting, and transportation issues. They also highlighted the barriers to conducting safety audits effectively, such as limited resources and societal attitudes.

**c. Role of Technology:**

The role of technology in improving women's safety was explored. Panellists discussed the potential of smartphone apps, surveillance systems, and communication tools to enhance security and provide support to those in distress.

**d. Community Involvement:**

The importance of community engagement in safety audits was emphasized. Panellists shared successful community-driven initiatives and encouraged participants to actively engage their communities in safety improvement efforts.

**e. Policy and Legislation:**

The panellists discussed the need for comprehensive policies and legislation that prioritize women's safety. They highlighted examples of effective policies from other regions and stressed the importance of advocacy in driving change.

## **Audience Engagement:**

The panel discussion encouraged active participation from the audience. Attendees asked questions, shared personal experiences, and provided valuable insights into specific safety concerns in the local context.

## **Outcome of the Programme:**

- ✚ Attendees gained a deeper understanding of the concept of Women Safety Audits and their potential to improve safety.
- ✚ The discussion highlighted several critical challenges, including harassment, poor lighting, inadequate public transportation, and the lack of safe zones for women.
- ✚ There was a strong emphasis on the role of community engagement in addressing women's safety concerns. Panellists and participants stressed the need for communities to actively participate in safety audits, share information, and work collaboratively to create safer environments.
- ✚ The panel discussed the role of technology in enhancing women's safety, including smartphone apps, surveillance systems, and emergency communication tools. These technologies were seen as valuable tools in improving response times and providing immediate assistance to women in distress.
- ✚ Panellists shared examples of successful policies from other regions and emphasized the need for advocacy efforts to drive legislative changes.

The panel discussion on "Focus Group Discussion Regarding Women Safety Audit" proved to be a valuable platform for exchanging ideas and insights on women's safety. It brought to light the importance of proactive measures, community involvement, and policy changes in creating safer environments for women. The recommendations provided will serve as a foundation for future actions and initiatives in this critical area.

We express our gratitude to the panelists and for their contributions to this meaningful discussion. We look forward to translating these ideas into concrete actions that will make our community a safer and more inclusive place for women.

## PHOTO GALLERY



**Panel Discussion with Girl students by Dr. V. Ramadevi and Mrs. Lakshmi.**



**Panel Discussion with Ladies Team by Distinguished Panelists**