

TELANGANA STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION HYDERABAD

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PRESS NOTE

The Telangana State Council of Higher Education organized a meeting on "Security measures and support system for students in Educational Institutions" on 22nd December 2022 at 11.00 AM at the Conference Hall, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Masabtank, Hyderabad.

Smt. P. Sabitha Indra Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Sri. M. Mahender Reddy, IPS, Director General of Police, Govt., of Telangana, Sri. Navin Mittal, IAS, Commissioner of Collegiate & Technical Education, Smt. V. Karuna, IAS, Secretary, Education Department, other officials from Police department, and Vice-Chancellors of Universities in the State of Telangana attended the meeting.

Prof. R. Limbadri, Chairman, TSCHE welcomed all the dignitaries. He emphasized that this meeting will be a historical meeting in the year 2022. He focused on a few best practices which are needed to harness to protect the students from threats and assaults, may be physical, social or psychological. He stated that effective security measures must be adopted to ensure that students learn in an environment that remains safe and secure.

Smt. P. Sabitha Indra Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Education, appreciated the departments of Higher Education and Police department for gathering here to discuss the **Security measures and support system for students in Educational Institutions.** She requested to bring changes in the system followed in Educational Institutions while taking measures in security. She proposed the Council to constitute a committee with the Education department along with police department to frame guidelines for bringing an act Anti- Ragging Act. Universities should encourage appointment of Student Counselors and installation of CCTVs for effective monitoring. She requested the Higher Education department to monitor Private Hostels and Private Coaching centres.

Sri. M. Mahender Reddy, IPS, Director General of Police, observed that Education is not about only discrimination of information but also educating the student as to how to sustain in life as good citizen. He also emphasized that the Police Department will work with Higher Education department in coordination for taking measures to prevent issues in Educational Institutions like Anti -Ragging Act, CCTVs monitoring etc. He stated that Safety Clubs should be established in the Universities.

Sri. Navin Mittal, IAS, Commissioner of Collegiate & Technical Education Govt. of Telangana also stated that Educational Institutions should adopt effective security measures to prevent issues.

Smt. V. Karuna, IAS, Secretary to Government, Education Department, Govt., of Telangana also stated that safety measures should be taken in all Education Institutions to avoid critical problems.

All the other officials from Police Department, Sri. C. V. Anand, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, Smt. Swati Lakra, IPS, Addl. Director General of Police, Sri. Mahesh Bhagawath, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda, Sri. Vijay Kumar, IPS, Addl. Director General of Police, Govt. of Telangana, Sri. Nagi Reddy, IPS, Addl. Director of General of Police, North Zone, Smt. Sumathi, IPS, DIG Women Safety Wing unanimously agreed with the words of Director General of Police, that the police will ensure to will work with co-ordination with the Higher Education for students protection.

Vice-Chancellor's of Osmania University, Mahatma Gandhi University, Telangana University, Satavahana University, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar open University presented different issues faced by Campses and ensured that they will work to take preventive measures in co-ordination with the Police Department.

Sri. M. Mahender Reddy, IPS, Director General of Police, was facilitated for his continuous support to the Education department in the State of Telangana.

Prof. V. Venkata Ramana, Vice-Chairman, TSCHE, & Vice-Chancellor (I/c), RGUKT gave concluding remarks and presented the different issues being faced in the campuses. He further suggested that measures like drop box, help line for needy students introduced, Liaison officer from Police department for easy filing the complaints should be introduced, Further, Drug awareness programmes, Cyber room to check cyber complaints to be ensured in University Campuses.

Thanks & Regards Sd/-Secretary, TSCHE