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Press Release

Today, Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda Mr Mahesh Bhagawat, IPS & his team has conducted a review of Margadarshak program and took feedback of trained Margadarshaks on various points like how their organizations extending support to Margadarshaks, what are the kind of issues they are facing, what additional support they need from police, to be more effective etc at Infosys, Pocharam Campus.

Margadarshak program provides the infrastructure support for every working woman in Cyberabad to seek police support in a confident manner. Research shows that many women in India do not stand up to violence or abuse as they are not sure of the help they have in the societal and legal framework. Many tragic consequences could have been prevented if only the women had a confidante to reach out to for help. Margadarshak program provides confidential help in such cases of violence or abuse. The volunteers facilitate consultations with the police and provide an avenue for navigating the system and use available resources.

Speaking at the meeting, Mr Mahesh Bhagwat explained, how police is changing to the needs of the working women and others. Quoting an example, he said earlier people need to visit the Police station to lodge a complaint, wait for inspector there and then lodge a complaint. Now all they need to do is use WhatsApp, Facebook or Hawkeye app to lodge a complaint and police will take care of the cases. And this is over and above the 100 helpline to lodge complaints. He said women need to be more confident and replace inner fear with self-confidence. Mr Bhagwat said, Women's day should not be treated as one of the days in the year to celebrate, instead focus on women's safety and empowerment on a day to day basis. He also advised woman to understand & appreciate that international laws could be different from Indian laws on various personal / family related laws and while accepting marriage proposals from NRIs they should be more aware of circumstances and need to do thorough back ground check.

Speaking on the occasion Ms Vishnupriya, SCSC's Women's forum Leader said that it is very heartening to note the response from various companies on Margadarshak program and encouraged more women from Rachakonda area to become members of SCSC's Women's forum.

Ms Satyavati from Bhumika & Ms Sumitra from Ankuram (both NGOs focusing on Women empowerment) also spoke on various issues faced by women and encouraged them to be more aware of laws and how they can take the help of various NGOs and Police, in case any issues they face.

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