



**KAMARAJ IAS ACADEMY**  
Only IAS Academy by Grandson of "Perunthalsivam Kamarajar"

# National Commission for Women

Published On: 03-06-2023

**Why is in news?** NCW & EDII to organize 100 Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes for potential women entrepreneurs Across India

- The National Commission for Women (NCW) **in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)** announced the **launch of 100 Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes (EAPs)** for potential women entrepreneurs across the country at Vikram University in Ujjain.
- The **first EAP out of the 100** to be organized across the country, was launched at Madhya Pradesh.
- The aim of the one-day EAP is to **orient participating women** to the benefits of adopting entrepreneurship as a career, learn the finer skills and overcome social, economic, and familial barriers to becoming entrepreneurs.
- The EAPs are **aimed at developing entrepreneurial skills** among women so that they could gain knowledge, skills and motivation to build their own businesses.

## National Commission for Women:

- The National Commission for Women was set up as **statutory body in January 1992** under the **National Commission for Women Act, 1990** to review the Constitutional and legal safeguards for women; recommend remedial legislative measures, facilitate redressal of grievances and advise the Government on all policy matters affecting women.
- The Commission shall consist of :-
- A Chairperson, **nominated by the Central Government.**
- Five Members with expertise in law and issues related to women, nominated by the Central Government.
- **At least one Member** each shall be from amongst persons belonging to the **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes** respectively
- Member Secretary must be a central gazetted officer having management and sociological expertise and nominated by the Central Government.
- The National Commission for Women **submits all its reports to the Central Government**, which is laid before the Parliament during sessions.
- During the investigation of any matter before it, National Commission for Women has **all the powers of a civil court.**

## Functions:

- Inquiry, Investigation and Examination of matters related to safeguards of women
- Recommendation: to the Union as well State regarding improving the conditions of the women.
- Review different laws related to women and suggest amendments to them.
- Takes up violation cases pertaining to the provisions of the Constitution and other laws related to women.
- **Suo-Moto Notice** on matters pertaining to deprivation of women's rights, non-implementation of laws, non-compliance policy decisions related to women etc.
- Undertake promotional and educational research to find ways to represent women in all spheres of life and improve their efficiency.
- Participate in the process of planning related to the socio-economic development of women.

**Kamaraj IAS Academy**

Plot A P.127, AF block, 6 th street, 11th Main Rd, Shanthi Colony, Anna Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600040

Phone: **044 4353 9988 / 98403 94477 / Whatsapp : 09710729833**

- Evaluate the progress related to the development of women in the State and the Union.
- Inspect the jail, remand homes etc., where women are kept as prisoners.

**Major limitations:**

- The NCW is only recommendatory and has no power to enforce its decisions.
- Commission lacks constitutional status, and thus has no legal powers to summon police officers or witnesses.
- It has no power to take legal actions against the Internal Complaint Committees that prevent grievance redressal of women facing harassment.
- Financial assistance provided to the Commission is very less to cater to its needs.
- It does not have the power to choose its own members. The power selecting members is vested with the Union government leading to political interference at various levels.