

Women Helpline Number '181' launched in Manipur



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[Social](#) Welfare and Cooperation Minister Nemcha Kipgen [launched](#) a 24X7 toll free helpline number '181' for distressed women facing violence in public or private spheres of life.

The function was held at Kuranga Nayani Hall, D C office Complex, [Imphal](#) West jointly organised by [Manipur](#) State Commission for Women (MSCW) and Department of [Social](#) Welfare, [Manipur](#) under the sponsorship of Ministry of Women & Child [Development](#), Government of [India](#).

On the occasion Nemcha stated, "The Women Helpline is a gift to the womenfolk of the [state](#) to [fight against](#) any form of violence [against](#) women."

"A toll free 24X7 telecom services will provide assistance to women affected by violence, seeking support and information will be disseminated regarding various women empowerment schemes and programmes related to women empowerment and protection," she said.

Through the helpline, women from any part of the [state](#) will receive immediate medical assistance like the PCR Van or an ambulance, police, legal aid and one [stop](#) centre for professional counselling, said the minister who was the [chief](#) guest of the function.

The helpline will help prevent crime [against](#) women and create awareness in times of need. It will facilitate quick response of various services like lodging police complaint, to provide medical, legal and counselling to women [victims](#).

The [Social](#) Welfare Minister called upon the people to cooperate and extend maximum support to operate this helpline in the fully functional manner in the interest of all the women of the [state](#).

At present there are seven staff members engaged on daily wage/casual basic payment and there are also staff including one Helpline Manager, one Senior Call Responder, four Call Responders, one IT Staff member and one Multipurpose Helper.

The supervisor and three security officials have been designated from the [Imphal](#) West Police station. It may be mentioned that under the sponsorship of Ministry of Women & Child [Development](#), Government of [India](#), the Centre had [launched](#) the '181' helpline number in 2013 after the brutal gang-rape of Nirbhaya in December 2012 and asked all states to [start](#) the helpline.

Chairperson, [Manipur](#) State Commission for Women (MSCW) Dr K Sobita Devi, [Principal](#) Secretary, [Social](#) Welfare [Manipur](#) JC Ramthanga, IAS, Director [Social](#) Welfare, [Manipur](#) Jacintha Lazarus, IAS, DC [Imphal](#) West N Geoffrey, IAS graced the function [as](#) president, special guest and guests of honour respectively.

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