



National Conference on Women in Police and CAPFs

Why in News

- **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)** organised the **National Conference on Women in Police and [Central Armed Police Forces \(CAPFs\)](#) in New Delhi.**
- It was inaugurated by the **Union Minister for Women And Child Development.**

Key Points

- The main objective of the National Conference was to discuss and deliberate on the following **two themes**:
 - **Cyber Stalking and Bullying of Women: Steps for Protection**
 - Challenges faced by **CAPF Women in Operational Areas**
- Few important issues related to women in Police which were highlighted during the conference are:
 - Workplace harassment besides cyber crime.
 - Society should not look at the working **women with bias** and hold the performance of men to be the only benchmark for success.
 - Training of members of the **Child Welfare Committees (CWC).**
 - The need to **train more female forensic investigators and cyber crime experts.**
 - BPR&D was also advised to make an SoP for **“One Stop Centre for Women”.**
- **To commemorate this event, a hand-out - “BPR&D Mirror - Gender Benders” was released,** which stated the recent initiatives taken by BPR&D **to promote Woman Safety.**

Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)

- The Government of India established the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), under the Ministry of Home Affairs in the 1970s.
- It replaced the Police Research and Advisory Council (1966), with the primary objective of **modernization of police force.**
- In 1995 Government of India decided to entrust issues relating to **Correctional Administration Work** to the BPR&D.
 - Thereby BPR&D has to ensure the implementation of [prison reforms](#) as well.
- The Government of India further decided to create a National Police Mission under the administrative control of BPR&D to transform the police forces in the country.
- Recently, [BPR&D observed its 50th foundation day.](#)

Child Welfare Committees (CWC)

- The **Child Welfare Committee (CWC)** is constituted under the [Juvenile Justice \(Care and Protection of Children\) Act, 2015](#). It is the sole authority to deal with matters concerning children in need of care and protection.
- The Committee is constituted for each district or group of districts.

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