



## PRESS Note

### **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**

**Minister of State of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation Rao Inderjit Singh released the publication Women and Men in India 2022 followed by seminar on Role of Gender Statistics in Policy Making**

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) Rao Inderjit Singh released the 24<sup>th</sup> issue of publication titled **“Women and Men in India 2022”** on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at Scope Convention Centre, New Delhi.

2. The publication **“Women and Men in India”** is a comprehensive and insightful document that provides data on a wide range of topics such as education, health, employment, and political participation, among others. It presents data disaggregated by gender, urban-rural divide, and geographical region, which helps us understand the disparities that exist between different groups of women and men. As a part of International Women’s Day, a seminar to discuss the importance of gender statistics and its role in policy making was organized. The publication **“Women and Men in India 2022”** is available at the website of the Ministry (<https://mospi.gov.in/>).

3. The event witnessed remarkable participation from Ministries/Departments of Government of India and UN Agencies.

4. Ms. Nivedita Gupta, Director General, MoSPI in her welcome address talked briefly about the publication and the theme of the seminar. This was followed by the address by Mr. Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator for India while appreciating the government's vision for women's empowerment, emphasized the importance of gender statistics. Prof. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, Chairperson, National Statistical Commission in his address said that the role of statisticians is to place the data including on gender in the hands of the users to enable them to make appropriate use of data.

5. The key note address for the event was delivered by Rao Inderjit Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Ministry of Planning and Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the Chief Guest of the programme. He talked about the status of women in ancient India when women were given more than an equal status than men which has due to various reasons deteriorated over time and now, we have and we continue to take up many initiatives to bring women back to their lost status. While highlighting the initiatives of the Government towards achieving the gender equality, he showcased the improvements made, evidenced with data. He also threw light on the importance of gender statistics and said that the publication with a huge repository of data should be made use of by the policy makers.

6. The inaugural session was followed by a seminar on "Role of Gender Statistics in Policy Making" which was chaired by Ms. Nivedita Gupta, Director General, MoSPI.

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