



Minister for Women and Child Welfare Motamma (second from right) listening to the grievances of delegates of various welfare women's organisations at a seminar on "Violence against women" in Bangalore on Friday. Prof R Narasimha, director, NIAS is also seen. DH Photo

State to set up women welfare centres soon

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Minister for Women and Child Development Motamma today said that the state government would soon set up "women welfare centres" to provide shelter for women who had subjected to harassment and atrocities at the four divisional headquarters in the state.

Speaking after inaugurating a consultation on "Violence against women" organised by the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), she said the centres would be initially set up in Bangalore, Mysore, Belgaum and Gulbarga and would be extended to all the other districts in a phased manner.

The centres will work round the clock and will provide shelter for women subjected to harassment and atrocities in the society. Counselling and rehabilitation facilities will also be provided at the centre.

She said the new scheme of providing shelter centres for women was a part of the series of projects launched by the government for the upliftment of women. The attendance scholarships for women below the poverty line, announced by the government shortly, she said. The minister stressed the importance of participation of men in full swing to take up the responsibility of eradicating the evil of dowry. "Men should shun their escapist attitude towards family problems and take up the responsibility of eradicating the evil," she said.

NIAS Director Roddam Narasimha, Dr N Shantha Mohan, fellow, Gender Studies Unit, NIAS, former MP C Narayana Swamy, Mr Paalakshappa Pojar, deputy director, department of women and child development, Mr V V Bhaskar, Director General of Police, COD, were among those present.

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