

NCW Launches 'Panchayat Se Parliament 2.0' to bring Elected Women Representatives from Scheduled Tribes to Parliament

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The National Commission for Women (NCW), in collaboration with the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is organising a special program "Panchayat Se Parliament 2.0". This landmark program, to be held in the Central Hall of Parliament, will witness the participation of 500 elected women representatives from Scheduled Tribes, representing 22 states across India.

The event marks a historic moment as it coincides with the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the revered tribal leader and freedom fighter. Honoring his enduring legacy, this program seeks to strengthen the leadership capabilities of tribal women leaders, empowering them to drive positive change in their communities.

A Milestone Initiative for Women Empowerment

Chairperson of NCW, Smt Vijaya Rahatkar, stated, **"This initiative is a step toward empowering women leaders at the grassroots level. By exposing them to Constitutional principles, parliamentary procedures, and governance mechanisms, we aim to equip them with the tools needed for impactful leadership. Women leaders are pivotal in building a developed India, and this program underscores NCW's commitment to supporting their journey."**

The program will focus on technical session from National Leaders: The participants will engage with Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Jual Oram, and Minister for Women and Child Development Smt. Annapurna Devi.

Participants will tour the historic Lok Sabha chambers, PM Sangrahalaya, and the National War Memorial.

As a testament to the importance of this initiative, the **Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu**, will host the women representatives at Rashtrapati Bhavan for an interactive session and dinner. Chairperson Vijay Rahatkar remarked, "It is a moment of great pride and privilege that the Hon'ble President has graciously invited these women to Rashtrapati Bhavan. This recognition will inspire them to contribute even more meaningfully to their communities."

This program builds on the success of the Panchayat Se Parliament 2024 initiative, which engaged 500 women sarpanch from across India.

Women's leadership is essential for building a stronger and more inclusive India. Until we uplift the last woman in the queue, NCW will continue its unwavering efforts to create a brighter future for women across the nation," said Chairperson Smt Vijaya Rahatkar