

International Women in Law Enforcement Conference

A delegation comprising of senior women officers from Bangladesh Police and the Police Reform Programme participated in the “International Women in Law Enforcement Conference- Leadership, Collaboration & Security 2015” hosted by the SVP National Police Academy, Hyderabad, India and Charles Sturt University, Australia from 6-8 October 2015.

The Conference aimed to galvanize a powerful law enforcement constituency, contribute to the development of resilient and efficient organizations, strengthen the skills and competencies of future women leaders and influence inter-regional networking. Representatives from various police agencies, Interpol and government officials from Australia, Bangladesh, Germany, India, Ireland, Pakistan, Singapore, UK and USA participated in the conference.

During the 2 day workshop, Ms. Fawzia Khondker, PRP Gender Expert and Ms. Shamima Begum, PRP Victim Support Expert, made individual presentations on the Gender Policy of Bangladesh Police and the Bangladesh Police Women’s Journey towards Leadership.



In her presentation titled “the Gender Policy of Bangladesh Police”, Ms. Khondker highlighted the PRP’s contribution to increasing the representation of women in Bangladesh Police, increasing gender sensitivity and improving victim support services. The PRP Gender Expert outlined the key areas of the Gender Policy developed by PRP in coordination with Bangladesh Police.

Ms. Shamima Begum, PRP Victim Support Expert, made a presentation on the Bangladesh Police Women's Journey towards Leadership where she provided an overview of women in policing in Bangladesh, their key areas of work, achievements etc. Ms Begum highlighted the achievements of the women police at the Women Support & Investigations Division, the Victim Support Centers (VSCs) in Bangladesh, the Bangladesh Police Womens' Network (BPWN) and Bangladesh Police women in UN Peacekeeping missions. Ms. Begum also outlined the challenges faced by the women police.

Bangladesh Police women have received global acclaim for their professionalism, dedication and contribution to UN Peacekeeping Missions. The BPWN has also received international recognition as a landmark institution that supports female police officers by strengthening their professional development and encouraging women's leadership. The conference participants also commended the women police at VSCs who are partnering with NGOs to provide timely and improved response to victims of gender-based violence.