

National Council for Transgender Persons (NCTP)

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Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment chairs meeting of National Council for Transgender Persons.



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Key highlights of the meeting:

Education, Dignity, and Health Support:

- The meeting underscored challenges in education, emphasizing the **need for unisex toilets**, and addressed concerns related to leading a **life with dignity**.
- Health support, including the distribution of **Ayushman Cards** and provision of **GarimaGreh (shelter homes)**, was highlighted as crucial for the well-being of transgender individuals.
 - The main aim of Garima Greh's to provide **shelter to Transgender persons** with basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and recreational facilities.

Transgender Portal:

- A centralized transgender portal was envisioned to **streamline access to resources and support services**.
- The portal aims to serve as a comprehensive platform facilitating **easy navigation** for transgender individuals across various aspects of their lives, addressing systemic challenges and **providing vital information**.
- The portal is designed to be a comprehensive solution to **enhance accessibility** and **support for the transgender community**.

About National Council for Transgender Persons (NCTP):

- NCTP is the **statutory body**, generally concerned with advising the government on all **policy matters** affecting transgender and intersex persons, as well as people with diverse GIESC (gender identity/expression and sex characteristics) identities.
- It also aims to monitor and evaluate the impact of policies and programs intended for the welfare of transgender persons.
- It is involved in **creating awareness** and **sensitizing society** about the rights and issues faced by

transgender individuals.

- This includes educational initiatives to **promote understanding and acceptance**.
- It was **established in 2020** under the provisions of the **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019**.
 - The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 is an act of the Parliament with the objective to provide for **protection of rights of transgender people**, their welfare, and other related matters.

Composition:

- The Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment leads NCTP.
- The council is composed of **four representatives** of the transgender community and one from the intersex community, one each from **five different regions**: the north, south, east, west and northeast.
- Several Joint secretary-level ex-officio members from various governmental ministries serve on the council as well as **five expert members from nongovernmental organisations**.