UN-Women to develop leadership of elected women reps in MP

The United Nations - Women today said that it had tied up with the Madhya Pradesh Government to give priority attention to leadership development of elected women representatives in Sagar district of the state.

In a statement today, the UN body which works for gender equality and the empowerment of women said that special 'mahila sabhas' will also be conducted for women.

The addition of the district is part of an ongoing national programme to empower elected women representatives already operational in two other districts of Madhya Pradesh - Jhabua and Sehore.

Sagar has 760 gram panchayats and 5703 elected women representatives. The State currently has 54 per cent representation of elected women representatives at the local level, the statement said.

The UN body also said that the mahila sabhas will help to monitor the performance of village ration shops and programmes to protect girl child and decline of child sex ratio.

Women functionaries in the village such as health workers and ASHA workers will work within Mahila Sabhas and implement gender equality proposals passed in the gram sabha.

At least 100 gram sabhas will be conducted in the district, with the participation of women citizens and women panchayat leaders to strengthen local planning and development.

"We want women to step out of the confines of their homes to vote, campaign and contest in local elections," said Sushma Kapoor, Regional Programme Director of UN Women South Asia.

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UN Women's empowerment project launched in Sagar

BHOPAL: After Jhabua and Sehore, United Nation's women empowerment project was on Saturday launched in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh (MP).

Panchayat, rural development and social development minister, Gopal Bhargava inaugurated the project at the auditorium of famous Dr Hari Singh Gour University in Sagar and informed that UN was running such activities in five south-asian countries.

Apart from MP, the UN's women empowerment projects is being implement in five other states- Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Orissa and Rajasthan, he added.

With the launch, skills of women to make them financial self-sufficient and strong would be developed, officials said. Functions to educate women of their political rights with the success stories of women politicians are going to be organised across Sagar - a district of improvised Bundelkhand region of MP, officials said.

Furthermore, different mediums of communication would be used to spread awareness about women rights and other issues like - family welfare, maternity and child health, officials said.

The project, officials feel would give a boost to Panchayat Raj system given that more women become a part of it in the rural areas.

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Madhya Pradesh's Sagar district included under United Nations Women Empowerment project

BHOPAL: Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh has been included under United Nations Women Empowerment Project. UN Women is running the Women Empowerment Projects in five South Asian countries.

According to state government officials, earlier, Jhabua and Sehore districts were included in the project. Panchayat, rural development and social development minister, Gopal Bhargava will inaugurate the project at Swarn Jayanti Auditorium of Dr. Hari Singh Gour University at Sagar on July 28. Besides Madhya
Pradesh, the project is being implemented in five other states of the country including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Orissa and Rajasthan.

Women's participation in Panchayat Raj will get further boost with the launch of Women Empowerment Project in Sagar district. Stress has been laid in the project on capacity building of women, equality and empowerment. Efforts will be made to strengthen rights of Panchayats and women.

Under the project, works will be undertaken to ensure financial soundness and skill development of women. Programmes will be held to motivate women by citing women's political rights and stories of successful woman politicians. Wide publicity will be made about women's individual rights and various issues pertaining to them like family welfare, maternity, child life etc.

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