

**Embassy of India
Monrovia**

Press Release

India-Liberia: Celebrating the Legacy of India's All-Women Formed Police Unit in UNMIL

Ducor Institute for Social & Economic Research, in collaboration with Embassy organised an exhibition and seminar in Monrovia on the theme “Contributions and Legacy of India's All-Women Formed Police Unit to UNMIL/Liberia (2007–2016)”.

The event featured a special statement by Brig. Gen. Geraldine George Johnson, Minister of National Defence of Liberia. Hon. Cllr. Jeddi Mowbray, Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs and Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Nyeyi, Deputy Minister for International Cooperation & Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also attended, alongside representatives of Liberia's security sector, civil society, media and Indian community. The exhibition showcased carefully curated photographs and research findings documenting the service and legacy of India's all-women Formed Police Unit (FPU) deployed with the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL).

In his remarks, the Ambassador of India recalled the historic deployment of India's first all-women FPU to Liberia in January 2007. The deployment marked a milestone in UN peacekeeping, as it was the first-ever all-women Formed Police Unit in the history of United Nations peacekeeping. Successive rotations of women police personnel from India's Central Reserve Police Force served in Liberia until 2016, contributing to the restoration of peace and security and engaging closely with local communities.

The Ambassador highlighted that the contribution of the women peacekeepers went beyond their operational responsibilities. Their professionalism, courage and commitment made them role models, particularly for Liberian women, and helped encourage greater participation of women in Liberia's security institutions.

The exhibition and the research report seek to preserve this important chapter in the shared history of India and Liberia. Through research findings and photographs, they document the human dimension of peacekeeping and demonstrate how peace is built not only through institutions, but also through human connections, trust and solidarity.

The Ambassador also highlighted India's wider and longstanding contribution to UN peacekeeping. Since the 1950s, India has contributed over 300,000 peacekeepers across more than 50 UN missions and has remained among the leading troop- and police-contributing countries to UN peacekeeping. of women medical officers and subsequently, all-women police units.

The event also provided an opportunity to highlight the continuing India-Liberia partnership in advancing women's empowerment. The Ambassador referred to the US\$1 million IBSA Fund project, "Women Legislators in Liberia: Promoting Voice, Leadership and Gender-Responsive Governance," which seeks to strengthen women's leadership and participation in decision-making and promote gender-responsive governance and legislative reform. As part of the project, members of the Women Legislative Caucus of Liberia are currently undertaking a South-South Peer Learning Mission to India.

The Ambassador underscored that the legacy of India's all-women FPU remains a powerful symbol of the enduring friendship between India and Liberia and of the two countries' shared commitment to peace, gender equality and women's empowerment.

The Ambassador congratulated the Ducor Institute for its research and exhibition and expressed hope that the initiative would encourage further research and dialogue on peacekeeping, gender equality and international cooperation, while ensuring that younger generations in both countries remain connected to this important shared history.

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