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From the Director's Desk

I take pleasure in placing the CWDS' Annual Report for 2016-17 before you. While doing so I am acutely aware of the fact that the world in which the Centre pursues its research and enquiry as part of the larger objective of knowledge creation and dissemination is a vastly changed world from the time our founders charted out the institutional path. While this is not entirely unexpected, the pace of change and the directions in which our research is taking us do not always seem to be working in tandem. This is the most challenging part of our work today. While we draw upon the rich experience of our foremothers, the questions that the youth are posing compel us to re-visit our techniques and approaches to align these afresh with the objectives we set out to achieve. Similarly, the environment in which we function today points to the continued need to re-visit our commitment in the search for more inclusive approaches to attain equality through democratic perspectives, and to extend the principles of social justice to the lives of women and men in a more meaningful way. How should our research touch base with the values being pushed by a new marketized economy, even as we adhere to our critical perspectives? Do we search for new definitions of development to measure well-being, dignity and human security in a world of new and emerging vulnerabilities, boundaries that are continuously being re-drawn and a public discourse where the values of liberalism and democracy acquire another meaning? Have the 1990s changed our vocabulary and also the social philosophical assumptions that our academic world rested on? How then should we seek renewed energy for our social commitments? I place this report before you with these and many other questions. I do so with the assurance that my colleagues and I shall continue to engage with these issues, even as we look for guidance in this effort to confront and understand a vastly changed social reality than what the Centre had set out to explore, way back in the 1980s.

Indu Agnihotri
Director

INTRODUCTION



The CWDS is close to completing four decades of an extremely rich and constructive phase of contributing to the building of Women's Studies in India. It is notable that this journey started with close and critical links established with the Indian Council of Social Science Research which has continued to support institutions such as the CWDS, enabling us to provide significant inputs for policy initiatives in the field of women and development. We look forward to a continued constructive relationship with the ICSSR which should enable us to contribute in meaningful ways to a vibrant debate on women, equality and justice in the present context.

This is particularly important since Women's Studies in India is both a part of the world of Higher Education as well as struggling to remain so at the present juncture. There are institutional and policy level changes engulfing the academic structures within which the discipline and practice of Women's Studies sought to build a place for themselves over the last three decades and more. The reference here is to the University based Centres which presently face an uncertain future due to changes in the structures governing higher education in the country. The CWDS has strong links and linkages with these and we are aware that our own research and academic pursuit need to be sensitive to the changes in the organisational structures in which Women's Studies Centres have come to be located. The CWDS, being an ICSSR institute, is not directly impacted by these changes but since our efforts have often been to build partnerships with these institutions, we need to keep track of these.

The Centre's work continues to be in the area of Research, Teaching and Action-oriented interventions.

While the broad thematic areas remain the same, these have developed to include more focused studies on:

- Women's Work and the Economy to highlight the complexities arising from recent developments, a deepening agrarian crisis, continued unemployment, accompanied by an increase in the unorganized sector work and migration;

- Child and the Missing Girl Child to draw continued attention to study the linkages of adverse child sex ratios with development processes and their reflection in emerging as well as inherited social practices. These persist along with the girl child and childcare issues;
- Gender and Violence with special attention being paid to understanding the world of perpetrators;
- Women and Health with a continued engagement with issues related to people's access to healthcare from the perspective of both users and health care workers;
- Gender and Governance to focus on issues of women's lives in conflict zones;
- Gender and Disability to identify the specific nature of vulnerabilities and the institutional potential to address these.

Teaching Women's Studies

- The AUD-CWDS collaboration for the M.Phil/ Ph.D programme in Women's and Gender Studies has been extended after completion of five years.
- The ICSSR Doctoral Fellowships are well-integrated, with faculty involved in teaching and research supervision on a regular basis.
- Short term courses –Orientation and Research Methodology - need to be streamlined to explore the tremendous potential to reach out to scholars from the Marginalized Communities.

Action Research

The Action Research Programme remains a regular feature of the Centre's work representing the unique vision of our founders. The CWDS' field team continues to explore pathways to strengthen links with local partners, including women of the Nari Bikas Sangha.

Engagement with Policy

- CWDS' research remains focused on the prevailing policy initiatives and their impact on the lives of women. Our work with the MoRD is aimed at keeping alive a line of enquiry with regard to rural women's lives and issues.

Advocacy and Networking

The CWDS and networks hosted by the Centre continue to explore new modes of building partners for advocacy in an environment vastly different from the early decades of the CWDS' existence.

- The FORCES-CWDS team has sought to build new partnerships to focus on the issue of universal access to quality childcare, especially for women in the unorganized sector.
- CWDS members have participated in discussions held by:
 - × NHRC, including Consultation Towards Third Universal Periodic Review.
 - × NCW, on the Draft National Policy for Women and on “Review of Child Care Leave for Central Government Employees”.

Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS)

CWDS being a founding institutional member continues to host the financial secretariat of the IAWS. In addition to this, it has also hosted the General Secretary's office for the last six years since the IAWS General Secretaries during this period were members of the CWDS faculty.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



The Centre for Women's Development Studies continues to receive its main financial support from the Indian Council for Social Science Research, being one of its research institutes and the only one with a singular focus on women and development. To continue to do this we need to keep abreast with the changing priorities in funding patterns, guidelines and procedures of our policy governing structures. The Executive Committee of the Centre, which continues to take note of these, has drawn the attention of the faculty to these changes at regular intervals. The CWDS faculty has in turn made concerted efforts to raise additional financial resources for research activities undertaken by the Centre. It is imperative that this is done on a sustained basis. However, it is noted that project grants do not suffice to overcome institutional - infrastructural needs. To meet this challenge a special effort has to be made to ensure that the lack of infrastructural facilities and space constraints do not become a more lasting hindrance. Even as the need is felt to expand the range of our activities and developing special units to strengthen our interventions, the limited faculty strength and human resource availability compel us to draw the line in terms of our initiatives. This aspect needs to be addressed if innovative interventions are to be envisaged and pursued in the coming years.

At the end of March 2017, CWDS had 96 life members. Of these 79 are women, 17 men and there are 4 Institutional members. The Annual General Body of the Centre was held on 23rd September, 2016.

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Centre, comprising members drawn from academics and professionals held four meetings. An equal number of meetings of the Finance Committee were also held during 2016-17. The Centre continued to draw upon the vast experience of members for guidance on administrative and policy matters.

Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

In addition to the guidance provided by the EC, discussions in faculty meetings are the key to day-to-day functioning for regular activities. Seven Meetings of the Faculty Committee were held during 2016-17. Discussions were aimed at strengthening the teaching initiative and

better co-ordination with the AUD team. Programmes to draw in a larger number of students in the Centre's activities remained an important aspect of these. Project activities were reported on to draw on a larger pool of ideas and experience. Our research activities continued to move us to forge new partnerships with university based Centres as well as other organisations.

Current Executive Committee Members

NAME	TITLE
Prof. Kumud Sharma	Chairperson
Ms. C.P. Sujaya	Vice-Chairperson
Prof. Vasanthi Raman	Treasurer
Ms. Nirmala Buch	Member
Prof. Jayati Ghosh	- Do -
Prof. Rajni Palriwala	- Do -
Prof. Mohan Rao	- Do -
Prof. Mary E. John	-Do -
Prof. Wandana Sonalkar	ICSSR nominee
Prof. Indu Agnihotri	Member-Secretary
Prof. Renu Addlakha	Dy. Director - Invitee
Prof. Neetha N.*	Dy. Director - Invitee

Human Resources

While the broad profile of human resources available remains the same, there have been some changes. It is noted that there is a process of ageing with regard to both CWDS members and staff. CWDS is implementing the reservation policy and fresh recruitments need to be made against existing/ upcoming vacancies with this in mind. The Service Rules urgently need to be notified. Various committees set up to oversee administrative aspects met in the course of the year. A new Gender Sensitization Committee has been set up keeping in mind the changing environment and human resource profile of the Centre.

* Prof. Neetha N. assumed charge on 1st March, 2017.

Financial Position

In addition to the grant from the ICSSR, the Centre received funds from UN Women, UNFPA, MoRD, Chetanalaya, Ford Foundation, NIRD, LSHTM, IFIG, WIEGO, New India Insurance Dept. and Directorate of Textiles (Sericulture) during 2016-17. The Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund received additional contributions from individuals, and a few activities were undertaken under the Fund which also holds the HIVOS corpus grant to VMMF received in 2015. Faculty put in additional work time to raise financial resources through project grants. The LSEF continues to be held by the CWDS. The Employees' Provident Fund and Gratuity Fund set up by the Centre are in place. However, with the decline in interest rates, more planning is required to augment financial resources.

Research Activities

The twin aspects of women's low work participation rates and adverse child sex ratios continue to pose a challenge to understanding women's status from social science perspectives. We need to explore the linkages between these trends and development processes, drawing upon interdisciplinary research methods and tools. These need to be tracked in diverse social and regional locations to understand the complexities of contemporary Indian society.

The Political Economy of Sex Selection: Exploring Family-Development Linkages

■■■■ Researcher: Mary E. John

The study, which began in 2015-16, continued into the current year and is set to conclude in August 2017. As mentioned in the previous report the purpose of the study is to explore links between how families plan for their children's futures within their local contexts in order to explain new or ongoing trends in the adverse sex ratio. The field sites were urban and in two states - Haryana and Maharashtra. All field work was completed during the last year - that is 200 survey-based questionnaires in two Wards of Rohtak and Jhajjar in Haryana, and two Wards each in Shirur and Beed towns in Maharashtra— with a total of 1600 questionnaires. Data entry and cleaning were completed. The second phase of the field work involved in-depth interviews with the help of semi-structured interview schedule with 20 female respondents from each ward, a total of 80 from each State. These were recorded and have been translated and transcribed. The final phase was to undertake quick profiles of each Ward in terms of educational facilities, clinics and work. Once all the survey data was entered and cleaned, the process of analysis of the data could begin.

At the time of preparing this account, the survey analysis has been completed for the draft report. It covers a range of pertinent issues relating to marriage, migration, employment of the female respondent and fertility data. The sex ratio analysis is only tentative since the numbers are small (about 2000 children per state). However, this data nonetheless shows very interesting patterns including the special problem of the girl only families. A key insight of the study is that even when a particular sample does not have a skew in the total numbers of girls compared to boys, there is a skew in the proportion of girl only families - which are a rarity in Haryana (characterized by long and persistent low sex ratios) and more recent in the case of Maharashtra. Further analysis has been made of how they plan the future of their children in terms of education, employment and marriage. This will be further amplified, through the analysis of the interviews and the ward profiles. The plan is to have the report ready by August and organise a dissemination workshop with UNFPA in September 2017.

The study has received financial support from UNFPA and UN Women. The study required considerable assistance at every stage of the work. The field work was coordinated in Haryana by Neerja Ahlawat from MD University with a team of 8 field investigators and in Maharashtra by Sneha Gole and Deepa Tak from the Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women's Studies Centre in Pune University with a team of 8 field investigators. Steady research assistance in Delhi has been provided by Ankit Sharma, M.Phil student from the AUD-CWDS programme and for several months in Pune by Abha Tadwalkar, also an M.Phil student of our teaching programme, and subsequently by Daksha Parmar and Neelu Gawade. Data

inputting was supervised by Balwant Mehta of IHD with a team under him. Assistance in transcribing and translating interviews was provided by Ragini Jha, Ankit Sharma, Sneha Makkad, Sruti Patil, and Nupur Jain. Sandeep Misra has been the data analyst throughout this project. Bhaswati Thakurta has been providing assistance since January 2017 in organizing and analyzing the interviews.

Edited Volume Project: Women in the Worlds of Labour – Interdisciplinary and Intersectional Perspectives

■■■■ Researcher: Mary E. John

The book project begun last year with Meena Gopal from TISS to bring out a volume of essays on the theme of women's labour from interdisciplinary and intersectional perspectives was taken forward in the last year. Out of the contributors, 15 papers have been fully revised, 5 papers have been received as drafts for which revisions are awaited and 4 have promised to send their papers by the end of June. A draft of the introduction is being prepared. The manuscript will be sent to Sage publications.

Early and Child Marriage – A Desk Review

■■■■ Researcher: Mary E. John

A new project initiated in January 2017 to undertake a broad overview on issues relating to early and child marriage in India was commissioned by the UNFPA and is set to conclude by March 2018. It will address questions and issues such as the following: the history of the concept of the child in general and in India more specifically; historical debates on child marriage and sexuality in India, and significant shifts in the course of the twentieth century. What is making child marriage a significant issue in India today and for whom? What do national data sets such as the Census of India, the National Sample Survey, and the National Family Health Survey have to offer on the subject of age at marriage? What would a scoping exercise of these data sets yield? What have been the significant variables that have been brought into play in debates about marriage, age at marriage and early marriage – such as poverty, family structures, migration, bodily health, sexual health and sexual activity, reproductive health, education, violence, autonomy, economic independence and so on? How are these variables gendered, that is to say, -understood differently- for women and men? Is child marriage only a women's issue?

What kind of institution is marriage and what makes it such a compulsory institution in the Indian context in particular? How does this affect concerns over child marriage? The massive literature on the declining child sex ratio has disoriented common sense perspectives on issues like education and marriage, because the child sex ratio is the most skewed in regions with the highest ages of marriage and high levels of education among women. How must this be brought into discussions on early marriage? What would a desk review yield by way of regional differences and variations over time in the Indian context? What does the existing literature have to say about why specific groups and regions are particularly vulnerable – such as Dalit communities, and Muslims in certain pockets of the country? What frameworks are being employed by organisations currently working on the issue as evidenced in their reports and published studies? Why has the notion of “norms” become so central in much of this literature? What alternative approaches could be envisaged? How might a more general framework that recognises the effects of the interlocking markets of labour, education and marriage in the lives of all women (and men) be deployed in order to tackle the particular problem of early marriage more productively?

Research assistance is being provided by Nidhi Varma, Ph.D. student of the AUD-CWDS programme. Library staff and faculties, especially from Sanghamitra and Madhu Shri Pandeya, are also being provided under this project.

Gender Dimensions of the Urban Labour Market: Investigating the Terms of Women’s Inclusion and Exclusion

■■■■ Research Team: Neetha N. and Indrani Mazumdar

This is an ongoing study on women’s employment in urban areas, through an analysis of urban households and sectors of women’s employment. It explores the conditions and factors for women’s inclusion/ exclusion in some segments of urban employment, in selected cities and towns, across five states in the country, namely: NCT Delhi, Kanpur and Mau in Uttar Pradesh in the North; Pune and Ahmadnagar in Maharashtra in the West; Chennai and Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu in the South and Kolkata and Santipur in West Bengal in the East. The sectors studied are paid domestic work, manufacturing, construction, education, retail, and other commercial and personal services. The project, funded by ICSSR, was initiated in September 2014 for a period of 2 years. The field survey, data collection and data entry of the project needed to be extended due to the sectoral specificities of the survey schedules, with separate ones for each sector. These required extensive training of investigators. The project was granted an extension from ICSSR, upto May 2017. The data analysis and writing of the research report are in process.

Nayantara Singh is the Research Associate attached to the project team.

Study on MGNREGA, Asset Creation and Rural Development: An Evaluation of Category B Assets in Selected States

■■■■ Research Team: Neetha N. and Dimple Tresa Abraham

This study examines the policy, processes and impact of Category B assets, specifically that of livelihood assets on the beneficiary household in terms of enhancement in income and other non-monetary benefits. Three states, namely - Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Karnataka - are selected for detailed analysis. The study covers 6 districts, 12 blocks and 60 GPs. The sample would cover 3000 beneficiary households. A pilot study has been completed and survey instruments have been tested. After preliminary analysis of secondary data, sample households have been identified for detailed survey. Survey instruments are also ready for field work.

The study involves evaluation of livelihood generating works under MGNREGA taken up on individual/private lands owned by the households from SC/ST/ BPL families, beneficiaries of land reforms/IAY, small or marginal farmers and other vulnerable categories. The works are those related to land development, irrigation facility, promotion of livestock and fisheries, horticulture /plantation works on private lands and so on. These will be studied to assess the impact of livelihood assets on beneficiary households, with reference to agricultural productivity, as well as self and wage employment on rural households.

The study is supported by NIRDPR, Hyderabad and was initiated in January 2017 for a period of 9 months.

Work in Freedom: Evidence from Odisha: CWDS - LSHTM Collaborative Project

■■■■ Research Team: Indrani Mazumdar, Neetha N., and Indu Agnihotri

This is an ongoing research and evaluation study, initiated in April, 2015, in collaboration with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). The duration of the project is forty months, concluding in June 2018. The objective of the research is a) to evolve a comprehensive analysis of the context of out-migration and the issues that impinge on women's migration, b) to document experiences of women migrant workers, their migration decisions, risks and opportunities, and c) to assess the impact/potential of the DFID/ILO supported intervention directed at facilitating safe migration for women domestic workers. The research is carried out in 20 villages in two blocks of Ganjam district as a source region for migration.

The data is collected at different levels. First, a preliminary census of households was done in all 20 villages, 10 each in Sorada and Bhanjanagar block. A sample was drawn from the census for a more detailed questionnaire-based survey of households and also of two individual members (one male and one female) from each of the households. Further, a separate set of questionnaires was used to collect data on male and female migration, if the sample households had migrants. Apart from the questionnaire-based survey, interview based longitudinal case studies of individual women migrant workers are also part of the research design. In all, four rounds of interviews with a target of 64 women migrants are planned. The quantitative data was mostly collected during the previous year. However, since it was difficult to locate and find migrant workers at source areas, especially women, the survey was resumed in December - 2016 for two months, when many migrants visit their homes. The data entry and cleaning of the data set was also carried out simultaneously and the data is ready for detailed analysis.

The second round of case studies of individual migrant women workers was also carried out. This round could only locate 46 women migrant workers of the 72 in the first round. Further, this has taken more time than anticipated due to the difficulty in tracking migrant workers in source areas. The translation of interviews into English is also complete. Based on the experience of the second round of case studies and preliminary analysis of the two rounds of qualitative data, a rethinking of the next two rounds of case studies was required, in terms of covering destination areas as well. The third and fourth round of interviews thus will combine prominent destination and source areas. Of this, the third round is planned in August, 2017. A policy workshop in collaboration with the Labour Department, Odisha involving other relevant state departments to share the preliminary findings of the study and to discuss various state initiatives around employment, migration, trafficking with a focus on women is also planned in 2017.

Gayatri Panda, Research Associate is assisting in this project.

Labour Law and the Migrant Worker

■■■■ Research Team: Indrani Mazumdar, Neetha N.

The project at Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS) on 'Study on Labour Laws and Migrant Workers' supported by OAK Foundation had proposed three levels of activities to develop a grounded and experience based critical perspective on issues of labour rights, labour law and the migrant worker. The objective was to connect migration issues and migrant workers' experiences using a gender lens, with the citizenship rights and labour law systems in India and to bring the issues involved into focused public debate.

The activities included:

- A) Organization of a national seminar on Labour Law and the Migrant Worker.
- B) Continual field work and interactions with workers in Jharkhand, West Bengal and NCR before and after the seminar and in the process of developing a manual for migrants.
- C) Preparation of a manual on labour law for migrant workers.

Field Work

The objective of field work in this project was to ground and orient the study in the experiences of migrant workers. Field interactions have been ongoing in Delhi, Jharkhand, and West Bengal to identify migrants' issues, concerns, and the relationship with labour law.

Preparation of Manual on Labour Law for Migrants:

The situation of flux of the labour law regime and the field work and interactions have both led to evolution and changes in the conception of the issues and questions that need to be addressed in the manual being prepared. After work on a manual for migrant workers had begun, it was reported that the amendments to ISMWA were due to be placed before parliament. Since it didn't make sense to have a manual without including the amendments on the anvil, we had suggested a pause in the preparations. Accordingly a no-cost extension till March 31st, 2017 was discussed with the Programme Officer at Oak Foundation. This has been granted.

Changing Context: Situation of Flux on the Labour Law front in India

Even a cursory listing of developments of relevance to migrant workers since October, 2016 suggests that the framework for the manual will now require reconceptualization.

1) The Payment of Wages Act has been amended. 2) The Contract Labour Act is accordingly proposed to be amended. 3) A draft social security code has been circulated to trade unions for their comments and consultations on the draft code are ongoing. 4) Consultations have been held on a draft government bill on trafficking. 5) A draft national policy on domestic workers is under consideration by the Government. 6) Several notifications have been issued under the EPF and ESI Acts including one extending ESI benefits to domestic workers. 7) Draft Rules have been framed to amend the Rules framed under the Child Labour Act. 8) Advisories have been issued in respect of the system of inspection and a different enforcement system for startups. 9) The Labour Code on Wages and the Labour Code on Industrial Relations are likely to come up for discussion in the monsoon session of Parliament

this year. 10) Some state governments have also amended the Factories Act and Contract Labour Act during this period. 11) The Maternity Benefit Act has been amended.

What this means for the project is a degree of restructuring of the initial approach. 1) The book plan that was prepared for bringing out an edited selection of the papers/presentations at the March 2016 workshop will have to be redone and a different set of papers that are in tune with the current state of amendments and changes in labour law need to be collated. 2) The structure of the manual will also have to shift the focus to perspectives and discussions around the laws rather than just an examination/explanation of the laws. For fulfilling these tasks which can make the project outputs retain relevance, we have proposed a no-cost extension of the project till December 2017.

Evaluation of the Project on Domestic Workers

■■■■ Researcher: Neetha N.

CWDS was the external evaluator for one of the ongoing intervention projects carried out by the Domestic Workers Forum (DWF) of Chetanalaya on domestic workers rights. The evaluation was for the 4th phase of the project, which is from 2013-16. Though there were defined activities undertaken during this phase of the project, given that the interventions are of a continuous nature, the exercise looked at some of the activities from the previous phases that either present a continuum or have been based on the activities/experiences from the previous phases. The work was carried out between December - February and the report was submitted to Chetanalaya.

CWDS-NHRC Study Interrogating Violence against Women from the Other Side: An Exploratory Study into the World of Perpetrators' **Rationale**

■■■■ Project Team: Renu Addlakha, Vijay Kumar Jha and Anshu Singh

This is the third and final year of this exploratory study to gain insight into the perceptions of male perpetrators —both adults and juveniles (16-18 years) —about the reasons for their committing violence against women and girls in order to arrive at some inferences on the intersections between gender, violence, crime and social transformation. During this period the following components of the study were completed:

- **Primary Data Collection:** After continuous networking with government officials and meetings with Delhi Commission for Women Chairperson, permission was obtained to

conduct 25 interviews with adult offenders of crimes against women. These were done with inmates of Tihar jail.

- With the completion of both secondary and primary data collection, the final project report is being prepared for submission to NHRC.

Gender and Governance in Conflict Zones: A South Asian Perspective

■■■■ Project Co-ordinator and Researcher: Seema Kazi with
Regional partners: Amena Mohsin, Bangladesh; Malathi De Alwis,
Sri Lanka and Saba Gul Khattak, Pakistan.

This four country South Asia research study was completed in 2015 and a final report prepared. Upon completion, in addition to finalising the India section involving two research sites and material, the coordinator worked full-time editing and updating the consolidated manuscript of all country studies. Editing and updation of all chapters was completed during 2016-2017. The manuscript is presently with the publishers. Typeset draft country chapters are to be sent to respective country authors for corrections, before publication in September 2017.

Documenting Dalit Women's Experiences

This was planned as a documentation project to capture experiences from the Dalit Movement with a special focus on Dalit women. While funding for this could not be obtained, the work has been initiated in partnership with Rajni Tilak from the National Dalit Mahila Andolan.

Indu Agnihotri and Madhu Shri Pandeya are coordinating with Rajni Tilak in this initiative.

In Search of Justice: A Socio-legal Analysis of the Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005

■■■■ Researcher: Shalu Nigam[#]

This is an ICSSR-funded Post-Doctoral Fellowship project, which was initiated in October 2013. The project seeks to understand the challenges women face while filing a case under PWDVA. It maps the issues that emerge with regard to implementation of the law on the

[#] The project is funded by the ICSSR under the Post-Doctoral project grants and Dr. Shalu Nigam is affiliated to CWDS.

ground. The study also attempts to understand the public discourse relating to the issue of domestic violence and its impact on interventionist strategies, as propounded in the domain of both criminal law and civil remedies. This project explores the question of agency, subjectivities and identity formation through women's narratives as also expressed via the judgments pronounced through the courts to examine how these shape the legal discourse. What impact do these have on responses to issues of gender equality within the 'personal' sphere? The research has policy as well as legal implications and points to the flaws in implementation.

The findings show that though PWDVA provides a platform to women to raise their concerns, there is a dire need to strengthen the legal system as envisaged in the law. There is also a need to provide for solutions going beyond the domain of law: such as provisioning of medical and legal aid, shelter homes, short-stay homes, child-care facilities and economic and social security provisions to women victims and survivors of domestic violence. It is necessary to sensitize those who implement the law, while also countering the backlash against the increase in registered cases of violence whereby women seek recourse under the law. The study highlights that inequalities stemming from social hierarchies and unequal gender relations within the institutions of marriage and the family need to be addressed. These find social acceptance due to the prevalence of patriarchal structures and approach which in turn find their reflection in the popular mind set. These challenges need to be addressed at a broader social level.

A draft report already sent to the ICSSR is now being finalized.

National Level Monitor work for the Ministry of Rural Development

■■■■ CWDS team: Vasanthi Raman and Dimple Tresa Abraham

The Centre was first empanelled as a National Level Monitor (NLM) for the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD, GoI), in 2014-15, for a period of three years. This was extended by the Ministry to another term in January 2017. During this year, as part of the regular monitoring exercise assigned by MoRD, the Centre undertook NLM assignment in six districts of Uttar Pradesh. These were: Fatehpur, Kannauj, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Lucknow and Unnao and covered 10 programmes. The monitoring and evaluation work commenced in August 2016, beginning with interviews with the Chief/District Development officer or the Project Director, District Rural Development Agency of each district. This was followed by field visits in 10 villages across 3 blocks, and exit meetings with officials in charge of the programmes. The field evaluation, on-line data uploading and the final report was completed and submitted to the Ministry in October 2016. The evaluation work was undertaken as a joint team effort involving Sandeep Mishra, Anshu Singh and Akanksha Kumari.

A presentation based on the evaluation findings for districts of Uttarakhand (completed as part of the Regular Monitoring for Phase-I 2015-16) was made to the MoRD during the

Interactive Workshop held in Delhi. In addition to the regular NLM assignment undertaken during the year, the Centre was also designated to be the observer for MoRD for the October 2, 2016 special gram sabha meetings in Faridabad district. Dimple Tresa Abraham participated in these.

The First Common Review Mission, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

The CWDS was part of the First Common Review Mission, (CRM) constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, with the objective of reviewing the implementation of programmes of rural development. The Review team, led by Shri Sumit Bose consisted of retired Secretaries to the Government of India, academics and technical experts drawn from institutions of national importance and representatives of MoRD. The team visited eight states: Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tripura. A team of 4 CRM members visited 2 diverse districts in each state between 4-13 May, 2016.

The Report of the CRM highlights some of the key problems and challenges faced in the implementation of MGNREGS, a flagship programme of the MoRD, while acknowledging that the Scheme provides a crucial safety net and has reduced distress migration.

The CRM identified key issues related to three inter-linked cogs in the wheel to strengthen the implementation of the programme. Firstly, a smooth functioning of funds flowing from the Centre to the states, States to districts down to the Gram Panchayats as well as the management of the funds over the year is a critical lever in the strong implementation of NREGA. Fund management also includes the last mile difficulties experienced by the workers in receiving timely payments for the work done. The second is the State capacity which pertains to administrative capacity at all levels from the State headquarters to the Gram Panchayats. It includes technical capacity, the staffing architecture and vacancies therein. Finally, the most crucial factor is the lever of worker awareness on the 10 entitlements under MGNREGA. This entails a more sustainable mobilisation, awareness about wage rates and payments by measurement - all of which point to the need for a stronger and an effective grievance redressal system. Worker awareness also ensures that the accountability loop in MGNREGA is complete.

Vasanthi Raman represented CWDS on the CRM and was a member of the team that visited Maharashtra.

Action Research

Over three and a half decades of CWDS' work in the area of action research needs to be made more visible. At the same time we need to think critically about this work and the nature of questions posed by the experience of organizing women in collectives. This is especially so in times when state policies also draw on similar strategies for delivery and intervention.

Partnership with Peasant Women (and Men) in parts of Bankura and Purulia districts, West Bengal

■■■■ Team: Pulak Gupta, Meghnad Desmukh, Swapan Chowdhury & Bimal Pakhira; Representatives of Nari Bikash Sangha (NBS), Mahila Samitis (MS), SGSY groups, & Staff and participating farmers (men and women) of Bagicha projects

The CWDS' partnership with peasant women (and men) - which started with Bankura and now extends to Purulia - completed 36 years in 2017. Presently the network consists of 34 Gramin Mahila Sramik Unnayan Samitis, 131 Bagicha Women groups, 49 women SHGs, 70 Forest Protection Committees and 2500 Bagicha (wadi) families & 119 families under TSP Project.

CWDS and Integrated Tribal Development Project through Tasar Culture under TSP

The CWDS-NBS team has more than 30 years of experience in Tasar cultivation. In view of this, the Department of Sericulture (DOS) identified CWDS as the Project Implementing Agency (PIA) for its project aimed at further raising productivity, strengthening of the tribal economy and decentralization of the processing sector in the region. This is a two year project for Integrated Tribal Development through Tasar Culture in Bankura district of West Bengal, under the Central Silk Board—which will continue till October 2018—covering Khatra, Raipur and Hirbandh blocks of Bankura District. The project aims at reaching a total of 295 beneficiaries (viz. Representatives of BSPU(10), Nucleus Seed Rearers(10), Basic Seed Rearers(24), Commercial Rearers(150), Private Graineurs(07), Reelers(50), Spinners(20) and Community Resource Persons(24)]. The work involves: Beneficiary selection for: 10 Nucleus Seed Rearers, 24 Basic Seed Rearers, 05 Private graineurs, 50 Commercial Rearers, 10 Reelers and 20 Spinners identified from six Gram Panchayat of proposed three blocks (viz. Khatra, Hirbandh and Raipur); Field Preparation; Procurement of required inputs for Nucleus & Basic Seed Rearers and requisition for required dfls.

Construction Work for 5 Grainage houses is in progress. The land required for construction of Grainage house in 3 blocks has been selected. Printing of Farmers' Passbooks is in process.

An Inception Workshop jointly organised by CWDS and DOS was held in December 2016 in Khatra, with more than 200 participants. One Project Monitoring Committee meeting was held in Kolkata and the first meeting of the Project Cluster Level Monitoring Committee was held in March 2017 in Bankura.

Tasar Culture:

Maintenance of Tasar host plants required Pruning, Pollarding of Tasar host plants and field disinfection which was completed in 15 samitis. Application of inputs (viz. NPK, Urea and Vermicompost), received from DOS and CWDS, mainly for chawki rearing areas was completed in 11 samitis. Soil conservation work (Viz. staggered trench) was done in 12 acres of Tasar Fields under two samitis. Tasar dfls(eggs) production: This year 244600 cocoons were processed in 4 samiti grainages and the number of dfls produced was 66080, out of which 27605 dfls were reared by 15 samitis, while the rest were sold to individual /informal group rearers of the neighbouring district, Paschim Medinipur.

Tasar cocoon production: In Bi-Voltine 2nd crop rearing 3 samitis brushed 4500 dfls received from BSM & TC Patelnagar and produced 65280 seed cocoons. The entire produce was sold to BSM and TC, Central Silk Board, Patelnagar. During rearing period 1386 person days of employment was generated. In Tri - Voltine 1st crop rearing 3 samitis brushed 2700 dfls received from BSM & TC Patelnagar and have produced 101640 seed cocoons. The produce was sold to BSM and TC, Central Silk Board, Patelnagar and DOS, Bankura with 1968 person days of employment being generated during the rearing period. In Tri - Voltine 2nd crop rearing 8 samitis brushed 8780 dfls received from BSM and TC Patelnagar and produced 226480 seed cocoons. The produce was used for DFL production in samiti grainages. During the rearing period 6071 person days of employment were generated.

In Tri - Voltine 3rd crop rearing 15 samitis brushed 27605 dfls received from Samiti grainages and produced 427060 commercial cocoons. A large number of cocoons were sold to the Raw Material Bank (RMB), Tantipara, Birbhum, West Bengal and the rest were sold to private traders. During the rearing period 13244 person days of employment were generated.

Income Generating and Other Activities:

Babui Culture: During this year 6 samitis produced 216.30 quintal Babui grass on their own plantation. Samiti members used a part of this for rope making and the rest was sold to other samiti members & private traders.

Bagicha (Wadi) Project: CWDS/NBS are together implementing three Bagicha (Wadi) Projects. Ongoing in three blocks (viz. Ranibandh, Raipur & Khatra) in Bankura district, these are in different phases of which two projects (viz. Raipur & Khatra) came to an end in March 2017. These involved operations like Basin formation with compost & fertilizer, application of plant protection, bordo painting, bush cutting, fire guard making, irrigation & special care for fruit bearing trees. Soil Conservation Work: desilting of 30 x 40 Model and Staggered Trenches was completed in 59 Bagichas; Water Resource Development: desilting of 7 Water holes, new digging of 3 water holes, Stone Cement lining of one water holes was completed.

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Bagicha Farmers Conference



Tasar Graineur Training



Bagicha Intercrop



Application of inputs in Tasar Field



Azola cultivation



Broiler Farming

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Brushing of Tasar DFLs



Cocoon Garland Hanging in Grainage House



Harvested Cashew



Disinfection of Earthen Cup



Inter cropping in Tasar Field



Moth Examination Training

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Tasar Graineur Training



Distriction of Water Filter



Women's Rights Workshop



Creche in progress



Panchayet Pradhan with Samiti members



Prize distribution to Creche Children

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Four Honda Pump Machines were supplied to 4 Farmers' Groups and 57000ft. delivery pipes were supplied to six farmers' groups. Intercropping: 410 farmers cultivated vegetables as intercrop. Kitchen garden & Nutrition: vegetable seed pouches & fruit plants were supplied to 300 members of 19 Women's groups for kitchen garden. Azola cultivation has been started by 53 members of 14 women's groups, on an experimental basis. Bagicha Crop Production:

This year Raipur Project reported 1108 quintal mango & 107 quintal cashew of production while Khatra reported 211 quintal mango and 13 quintal cashewnut production. Marketing: the entire produce of mango was sold in Mukutmonipur & Khatra local markets, in the Mango Festival Kolkata and to wholesalers from Paschim Medinipore while cashewnuts were sold to the Cashew Processing Centre, Contai, Purba Medinipore and to local traders.

Poultry: two samitis and 6 SHGs reared 109443 poultry birds in their Broiler Farms. Through Broiler farming 5408 persons days of employment were generated.

- One Rice Puffing Machine was installed at Susunia Village, Khatra for four women's groups.
- For Safe Drinking Water, 30 Water Filters were supplied to 30 members of 2 women's Groups.
- One Bagicha (Wadi) Farmers' conference was organised at Khatra in March 2017 with 120 farmers. A group of 34 Bagicha (Wadi) farmers were taken to Cashew Processing Centre, Contai, Purba Medinipur and market linkages established with that Centre.

Child Care Centres (Crèches) and Village Library: Presently 10 Creches are being run in collaboration with NBS. This year 235 children (Female-115 & Male-120) were enrolled in the creches, out of which 53 children (Female-32 & Male-21) were admitted to primary schools. The usual annual sports were organised for the creche children. The required information in prescribed format, as per new guidelines, was submitted to the West Bengal Central Social Welfare Board (WCSWB), for support for three crèches but no fund has been received in the last four years.

Village Libraries are being run in six villages for literates, neo-literates and children, with financial support from NBS. The libraries supply daily newspapers and Karmakshetra to the villagers.

Infrastructure Development: Space augmentation of Dhabani Samiti building was completed along with construction of Batikara samiti grainage and two samiti (Tansgram & Jamdi samiti) offices cum babui godown, which are in progress.

Credit Programme: Sixty-six members from different samitis received Agricultural loans and eighteen members received Business & Family consumption loans. Loan refund continued

during this year. **Research and Documentation:** during the year field staff undertook an update of samiti profiles, survey of TSP Project Beneficiary households, photo documentation of activities /events.

The Director, BTSSO, Bilaspur, Central Silk Board, visited Tasar samiti villages regarding production of quality Tasar DFLs; DDM, NABARD and NABCON'S officials visited Bagicha(Wadi) Project. The Commissioner of Textiles (Sericulture) visited samiti villages during grainage operation.

CWDS' partnership with Barsole Mahila Sarbik Bikash Sangha (BMSBS) in Parts of Jhargram, West Bengal

■■■■ Team: Meghnad Desmukh and Shanti Pal

This year CWDS' engagement with Gramin Mahila Sramik Unnayan Samitis in Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur completed 21 years. Following up on discussions over the past year, it was decided to apply for registration of the Jhargram based samiti network. These efforts have seen results and this was formally registered as the Barsole Mahila Sarbik Bikash Sangha (BMSBS) during the year. The CWDS/BMSBS network consists of 11 Gramin Mahila Sramik Unnayan Samitis, located in 5 Gram Panchayats (viz. Manikpara, Ergoda & Kapgari) and one Municipality (viz. Jhargram) of 5 blocks (viz. Jhargram, Binpur-II & Jambani). BMSBS in collaboration with CWDS undertook various economic and social activities with the aim of consolidating existing and initiating new activities.

Tasar Culture - Raising new plantation: Three samitis raised 11 acres of new plantations of tasar host plants through plantation of 11000 Arjun plants. The nursery was raised by the samiti itself. **Maintenance of Tasar host plants:** required Pruning and Pollarding of Tasar host plants and application of inputs and spraying of plant protection was completed in 7 samitis(

Jaypur, Mahulbani, Ashakanthi, U.Barsole, D.Barsole, Bhalukkhulia & Amlatora). **Tasar Rearing:** in Tri - Voltine 2nd crop rearing 3 samitis brushed 1700 dfls received from BSM and TC Patelnagar, CSB and produced 42100 seed cocoons. The cocoons were sold to Jhilimili Grainage under Nari Bikash Sangha. During rearing period 1550 person days of employment were generated. In Tri - Voltine 3rd crop rearing 8 samitis brushed 3860 dfls received from NBS Jhilimili and produced 68800 commercial cocoons. These were sold to the local traders. During rearing period 3313 person days of employment were generated. **Construction of Tasar Rearing Shed:** One Tasar Rearing Shed was constructed in Jaypur samiti with financial support from CWDS.

Bamboo & Babui Plantation: Jaypur Kalindipara Samiti planted one acre of Bamboo and one acre of Babui plantation. **Vermicompost Production:** construction of a new Vermicompost

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Vegetable cultivation



Vegetable cultivation



Vegetable seeds distribution



Pruning of Arjun plantation



Bamboo craft works



Pig rearing

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Poultry layer birds distribution



Vermi compost shed at Barsole



Goat rearing



Health awareness camp at Barsole



Blood grouping on health awareness programme at Barsole



Loan repayment

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shed was completed in one samiti with a production capacity of 10 quintals per crop. Forty quintal vermicompost was produced by six samitis, out of which 20 quintals were sold to the Forest Department @ Rs. 1200 per quintal. The present stock of 12.50 quintals was used by the samiti members for vegetable cultivation. Vegetable Cultivation: seasonal vegetables were cultivated by 140 members from 11 samitis. Apart from stock required for family consumption the rest were sold in the local market. Pig/Poultry Bird/Goat rearing: members of one samiti engaged in pig rearing, and 10 pigs were supplied for this purpose. Ten members of one samiti reared 100 Poultry layer birds on an experimental basis and 10 members of another samiti engaged in goat/ram rearing with 6 goats and 4 rams.

Health Programme: A Health Awareness cum Check- up Camp was organised in one samiti village with experienced Doctors and a Pathologist from Jhargram. There were 150 participants, including samiti members, village people, local Panchayat body, school teachers etc.

Loan Programme: this has become a regular activity for samiti members. Members draw upon these funds for various kinds of Income Generation Activities (IGA) like Bamboo Crafts, Piggery, Vegetable Cultivation, Medical Treatment etc. This year 47 members of 7 Samitis took loans and past loans were refunded by members of 9 samitis.

Organisation related activities: Samiti Meetings: five BMSBS meeting and 54 village level samiti meetings were organised during this year. **MSBS registration:** documents for Registration of the MSBS were submitted to the Society Registration office Kolkata. Updating of Samiti accounts was completed.

Convergence with Local Administration: the Dakshin Barsole Samiti has re-excavated the samiti pond for fishery with financial support from the local Panchayat. Meanwhile contact has been established with the Department of Sericulture, Deptt. of Forest, BL&LRO, Local Bank Branches, BCKV- Jhargram, Khadi Society and traders in the local market.

As in the past, all income generated through these activities in Bankura, Purulia and Jhargram was distributed amongst the samiti members as per labour/time inputs based on the records maintained by the respective samitis.

Teaching Women's Studies

In recent years we have established a clear connect with the teaching of Women's Studies. However, this is a point of time when the very institutions engaged in teaching Women's Studies within the University system are faced with a crisis, with regard to their status, funding and human resource capacities. On the face of it the challenge is specific to Women's Studies in the post-Plan scenario as well as the re-structuring of the UGC. In this context, we need to discuss our role in view of our objectives with regard to development of Women's Studies in more clearly defined terms.

AUD-CWDS Women's and Gender Studies M.Phil-Ph.D Programme

The year 2016-17 marked the fifth year of the collaboration between Ambedkar University Delhi and CWDS and completion of five years of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions. Hence this last year saw a process of review and reflection over the experience of teaching at the research level and also the decision to renew the MoU. A further critical aspect was added to this process by the new UGC Guidelines of 2016 which have introduced several changes in the M.Phil and Ph.D programmes across all universities and institutions under the jurisdiction of the UGC. The AUD is in the process of revising its own guidelines for admissions to its M.Phil and Ph.D programmes for the academic year 2017-18 so as to be in consonance with the UGC. In a series of consultative meetings, including a meeting with students, the existing structure of the M.Phil with its course structure, credit system, and so on was reviewed. A new tighter course structure has been proposed beginning in the academic year 2017-18, with a smaller number of core courses and a basket of electives, so as to permit greater flexibility and choice.

A new Draft MoU has been prepared and awaits final ratification, which will run for a period of 3 years. A corresponding Memorandum of Agreement incorporating all the proposed revisions in the course structure, credits and so on is also being prepared. The Admissions process for 2017-18 for the M.Phil has been finalized and put up on the websites of both the AUD and CWDS, with the proviso that the newly proposed M.Phil is subject to being approved by the respective academic bodies of the AUD and CWDS.

M.Phil Programme 2016-17

The overall course structure remained the same as in the previous year.

Ten students were admitted including from the reserved categories for SC, ST and OBC as per UGC rules.

	Semester - One:		Semester - Two:
1	Women's Movements (4 credits)	4	Feminist Theories (4 credits)
2	Reading Texts in Historical Context (4 credits)	5	Research Methodologies through Exemplary works- Part 2 (2 credits)
3	Research Methodologies through Exemplary Works -Part 1 (2)	6	Guided Reading (2 credits)
	Semester III: Dissertation		Semester IV: Dissertation (12) Credits

The course on women's movements was co-taught by Rukmini Sen (AUD) and Indu Agnihotri. The course 'Reading Texts in Historical Context' was restructured around Carole

Pateman's *The Sexual Contract* and the *Towards Equality Report of the CSWI* (co-taught by Rachna Chaudhuri and Mary John). As before, Research Methodologies through exemplary works was spread over two semesters and sought to enable students to both appreciate different social science methodologies and practice them through small projects. The course was co-taught by Rachana Johri and Neetha N., with some inputs by Bijoya Roy. In Semester two the course Feminist Theories sought to familiarize students with the different theoretical orientations and conceptual vocabularies that have been used by scholars in the field of women's and gender studies. It was co-taught by Mary John, Seema Kazi and Rachna Chaudhuri. The course on guided readings was repeated with assigned faculty working more closely with one or two students in the field of their interest and towards a fuller working out of their research question.

Student Intake 2016-17

Over 130 students applied for the Course of which about 60 were shortlisted for the entrance exam and interview. 10 students were selected, and 10 joined the course.

Students who completed their degree during 2016-17

1. Abha Tadwalkar

Title: *Invisible Lives in Visible Histories: Women Negotiating the Transition from Private to Public*

Supervisor: Rukmini Sen

2. Mamatha G.

Title: *Overcoming Odds: Unionisation of Women Workers: A Case Study of All India Federation of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers*

Supervisor: N. Neetha

3. Parul Sethi

Title: *Living the Fitness Project: Experience of Women and Men in a Gym*

Supervisor: Renu Addlakha

4. Shraddha Chatterjee

Title: *Sexual Subaltern/ity and Queer Activism in India: A Search at the Interstice*

Supervisor: Rukmini Sen

Ph.D Programme

The Ph.D programme took in a fourth batch of 7 students during 2016-17. Ph.D students without an M.Phil in Women/Gender Studies took courses along with MPhil students in semester two.

Administrative and Financial Structure

The administrative structure remained the same with the main administration of the M.Phil/Ph.D programme located with the AUD given that it is the degree granting institution.

Ambedkar University Delhi continued to provide stipends to 8 students in their first and second year of M.Phil study. Students with JRF from the UGC are also receiving their fellowships after initial delays.

Mary E. John co-ordinated the collaborative teaching programme.

ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships in Women's and Gender Studies (2016-17)

During the year 2016-2017 there were three running batches of ICSSR Institutional doctoral fellows in Women's and Gender Studies housed at the Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS). We had a total of 16 fellows under the supervision/co-supervision of CWDS Faculty. During the year 3 dissertations from the first batch of ICSSR Institutional doctoral fellows were submitted. While the transition from the first to the second year and from the second to the third year was made through an assessment of the six monthly progress reports, duly endorsed by supervisors/co-supervisors submitted by the scholars. A third year extension was sought for the second batch of ICSSR Institutional doctoral fellows after a thorough assessment of their work by the CWDS Institutional Doctoral Committee comprising Professor Renu Addlakha, Professor Indu Agnihotri, Professor N. Neetha, Professor Maitrayee Chowdhary (External) and Ms. Alka Srivastava (ICSSR Nominee). After thorough review the Committee decided to recommend extension of third year fellowship to four out of the five candidates to the ICSSR. Of the total of 16 ICSSR institutional doctoral fellows, 11 are from the AUD-CWDS M.Phil Ph.D. Programme in Women's and Gender Studies and 5 are from other UGC recognised universities. The candidates at these institutions have been assigned a co-supervisor from among CWDS faculty as a pre-condition for availing of the fellowship.

Renu Addlakha co-ordinates the ICSSR Doctoral Fellowships Award Programme.

Interns and Scholars affiliated to CWDS

The following were affiliated or interned with the Centre in the year 2016-17:

- Sania Zaheer, Department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, completed her internship. Her interest area was Gender in Education.
- Vismita Tej, Commissioner of Income Tax, DSRD, registered with TERI University, completed her internship with CWDS. Her interest area was gender and taxation.

The following foreign scholars were affiliated to CWDS during this period:

- Dr. Samantha Kathleen Watson, Lecturer, Global Health and Development, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK for research project titled “Work in Freedom and Finalisation of Impact Assessment Study and Tools in Delhi and Odisha” from May 2016 for a period of 12 months.
- Ms. Padma Anagol, Senior Lecturer in History at Cardiff University, was Visiting Faculty for the research project on “Gender and Women’s History of the Colonial period” from 23rd March - 5th April, 2017.
- Dr. Silke Neunsinger, Associate Professor, Director of Research Labour Movement Archives and Library, Sweden for Research on “Mind the Gap! An Entangled History of Economic Citizenship and the Demand for Equal Pay 1945-2000” from October 2015 to June 2016.
- Dr. Amanda Kate Gilbertson from New Zealand, working at the University of Melbourne, Australia for undertaking research on “Young People’s work around Gender Issues in New Delhi”, from November 1, 2016 till 30th April, 2017.

Advocacy and Networking

As advocacy and networking acquire a more corporate profile we too need to re-think our mode of intervention even as we seek new partners. There is a need to identify our specific areas of interest and activity — be they child rights, disability, women's safety and security issues or ageing and elderly care — even as we continue to engage with policy making.

CWDS - FORCES Network

■■■■ National Coordinator/ Programme Manager- Savitri Ray

Documentation of FORCES case study- completed

The secretariat prepared a report of FORCES and its journey -25 Years of Advocacy and Action - with support from Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) as part of their Child Care Initiative. (CCI) The CCI is one of the key areas of work under WIEGO's social protection programme where they have invited SEWA, Gujarat and FORCES network from India to take the lead in campaigning in this area. Compiling the FORCES document was the first step in this direction. This was followed by a dissemination workshop which was held in June 2017 with all FORCES state partners.

FORCES case study, prepared by Savitri Ray and Vasanthi Raman was submitted to WIEGO.

Global Campaign on Child care

FORCES is also partnering with WIEGO in its global campaign on Child Care. Discussions for a possible global campaign on child care were first held in June 2015 in South Africa with informal workers' associations and trade unions from India, South Africa and Thailand, facilitated by WIEGO. From India, SEWA participated in the workshop. WIEGO members consist of organizations of informal workers, researchers and development professionals. The other country collaborators in this campaign are from Brazil, Ghana, South Africa and Thailand. They are all membership- based organisations (MBOs) including FORCES and SEWA, Gujarat. The five MBOs engaged in the child care initiative will be working with civil society organizations in their respective countries to raise the visibility of child care as an important need for informal workers. National advocacy plans and strategies will be developed with civil society partners, to complement and further inform the international advocacy strategy.

In this context, FORCES organised a National workshop on Child Care in collaboration with WIEGO and SEWA where members discussed the key demands and strategies for a national campaign. In the workshop, FORCES members identified convergences and gaps in the implementation of quality public child care services across India. Participants also discussed the lack of demand and information about existing entitlements that guarantee quality public child care provisions, such as the restructured ICDS and MGNEGRA. Inputs were based on FORCES' work in these areas. The network has finalised six key issues for the national campaign. The pamphlet(s) and posters in this regard are being finalised by WIEGO with inputs from FORCES and SEWA. These will be multi-lingual.

FORCES also prepared a note mentioning its position on Women and Young Children's Rights to Childcare and Development Services/ Creches and Day Care and the Role of the State.

Work in this area is on-going.

Other initiatives/interventions

- Network members are participating in discussions on Child rights and SDGs and contributing suggestions in the area of Survival and health of children, especially of young children along with public care services.
- A Note was prepared for the Child rights coalition under *Key priority1: Survival, Health and Nutrition*- Sub -Objectives under Action 1.
- The issue of maternity entitlements is also being discussed in the context of changes in the conditionality for existing government schemes in recent months: e.g., the one-child clause and merging with Janani Suraksha Yojna (JSY). The network has continuously raised the issue of maternity entitlements for women working in the informal economy and highlighted that creches for their children should be a state responsibility.
- *A proposal on Strengthening Care Services for Women in India has been finalised in an effort to raise resources for the network.*

Indian Association of Women's Studies (IAWS)

CWDS, as a founding institution of IAWS, has always had a special relationship and responsibility towards the activities of the Association. In 2016-17, with two CWDS faculty members in the EC of IAWS, and with the IAWS secretariat continuing to be located in CWDS for the present term of the EC, the staff and faculty of the Centre have contributed majorly to the organization of:

- a) A two day Regional Workshop on "Documenting Women's Experiences in the Movement: Issues, Experiences and Struggles", which was held on 29-30 September 2016 in Ranchi.
- b) The XV National Conference on Women's Studies organised by IAWS in Chennai between 22-25 January, 2017 in collaboration with Madras University. Despite the city being in turmoil – due to the on-going agitation subsequent to the ban on Jalikattu, a popular festival – the Conference was held. However, the programme had to be curtailed by one day due to the venue being located at the epicentre of the protests.

At the Conference, apart from public acknowledgement of the contributions of the staff of CWDS towards the Conference, R.N. Pillai (Nandan) was specially felicitated for his enduring contribution to IAWS.

- Neetha N., was one of the IAWS Subtheme Coordinators. She coordinated the sub-theme on Women's Work and Employment, held on 22-25 January, Madras University, Chennai.
- Neetha N., was Joint Co-coordinator of the IAWS-ISLE Panel on Domestic Work: Challenges and Learnings, held on 24-26, November 2016, IIT, Guwahati.
- Indu Agnihotri was coordinator of the Regional Workshop on "Documenting Women's Experiences in the Movement: Issues, Experiences and Struggles", which was held on 29-30 September 2016 in Ranchi.

Library and Information Services

The library and information services represent a visible platform with a public interface. We urgently need to upgrade our facilities and put these services on a more firm digital track through adoption of new technologies. Our location in the Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan library hub holds out several possibilities. We also need to improve our collection with identification of focal themes and developing new partnerships for resource sharing.

Introduction

The library being an integral and effective part of CWDS has a vibrant collection of research materials related to gender and women's studies. In the past four decades the library has witnessed the influence of the women's movement within academia, leading to path-breaking research in different disciplines, particularly in the social sciences and humanities. It has always tried to provide excellent services that meet the expressed and anticipated needs of scholars, especially through innovative technological means.

New Initiative

The Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library (VMML) has taken the initiative to develop an Institutional Digital Repository (IDR). The objective is to begin archiving the CWDS' collection related to women's rights. The IDR project has been started in collaboration with IIT-Kharagpur, under the National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT). This is an initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).

New additions

Collections added to the Library in 2016-17 are:

Collection	Added in 2016-2017		Total for 2016	Total Collection
	Purchased	Complimentary		
Books	275	308	583	9972
Monographs/ Institutional	-	289	289	7284
Conference Documents	-	19	19	1332
Journals/ Newsletters (Indian and International)	51	85	136	565
Back volumes of Journals/ Periodicals	-	36	36	1014

Collection Development

The library collection focuses on gathering source material related to women's studies in the form of: mimeo papers, articles, books, annotated bibliographies, statistics, theses, dissertations, research papers, conference documents, reports, newspaper clippings, policy documents, audio-visuals and other electronic information resources. These are obtained

either through purchase or on a complimentary basis. Special attention is paid to collect unpublished material through institutional channels in India and abroad. During 2016-17 the thrust areas included: dalits and dalit women, women's health, feminism, women's employment, migration, women's status, women's literature, women's biographies, early and child marriage, gender and disability, law and violence against women. A special effort was made to acquire resources in Hindi.

Information Services

The Library continues to provide a number of services on a regular basis to facilitate access to and dissemination of its resources. The highlights of these are:

Electronic Services	Others Services
OPAC: Online Public Access; Catalogue	Current Awareness Bulletin (Monthly)
Reference and Referral	Database Search including full text
BOL - An Electronic Discussion List on Gender	Web-Bibliographies
Issues in South Asia	Inter-Library Loan
Reading Room Services	
Photocopying and Printouts	

Databases

- In house Database: Currently the database has over 1,22,000 records including 28,000 full-text articles from journals and newspapers. During 2016-17 over 7,200 records have been added. The database contains the records of (a) Books, monographs, reports, institutional papers, conference documents with analytics of chapters from edited books and conference papers; and (b) Articles from Journals and Newspapers;
- The Library has been using KOHA software and OPAC is accessible on Intranet.
- Online Databases: Access to the following online databases is provided to users with support from the ICSSR:

JSTOR; IndiaStat; EBSCO - Econlit with Fulltext; Prowess IQ; EPWRF ITS

Digitization of Newspaper Clippings

The CWDS library has developed a digital collection of newspaper clippings on women's issues. These are indexed in the library collection with appropriate link to full-text documents. During 2016-17 over 3,800 news clippings, for the period of 1994-2004, were digitized and integrated with Koha database. Approximately 21,200 clippings have been digitized altogether and these are accessible on Intranet.

Readership Profile

The library caters to the information needs of a wide range of users from India and abroad. These include CWDS Faculty and students who are part of the CWDS-AUD M.Phil and Ph.D Programme. During this period, 989 researchers - of which 200 were new users — consulted the library. Our analysis shows that out of the 200 new users 22 were male and 178 were female scholars. New users included 189 Indian and 11 from other countries (Switzerland-1, France-2, Japan-1, Germany-2, USA-3 and UK-2).

Reading Room Statistics

A total of 6,365 documents were consulted by the library users. These consisted of 3553 books, 304 reference documents, 515 mimeo papers, 259 Conference documents, 123 clippings files, 1053 periodicals and 552 issue returns by CWDS's faculty and CWDS-AUD's M.phil/Ph.D students.

Photocopying Facilities

The library offers photocopying service to all its members. Only single copy of journal articles and book chapters are provided, for private study and research purpose. During 2016-17, a total of 27,722 pages were photocopied.

Seminars/Workshops/ Conferences/ Dialogues

In metropolitan Delhi our days are packed with seminar and conference linked activities, often on overlapping themes. We need to reach out to women and students in and from non-metropolitan backgrounds in a more sustained manner. This outreach effort to newer sections on select themes focusing on our objectives may need to explore other linguistic options.

Remembering Vina Mazumdar - Celebration of Vinadi's 90 birthday, by CWDS at Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, New Delhi, 28th March, 2017

On March 28, on the occasion of Vina Mazumdar's (VM's) 90th birthday, CWDS organised a remembrance with a difference at Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan. At a cosy, well-attended function, Kumud Sharma started the proceedings by reading a poem by Tagore whose translated version VM had included in her memoir. Malavika Karlekar then introduced the special number of the IJGS which carried a section *In Memoriam* that was out in time for the celebration and commemorated VM. Apart from contributions from participants at the CWDS-Sage-Department of Sociology, DU seminar of 2013 that commemorated VM together with LD, LS and ND, there were a couple of contributions from others as well. The evening continued with a charming recital of Rabindra Sangeet by Reba Som and *thumri, ghazals* and a composition by Kabir sung by Vidya Rao. Both reminisced briefly on their academic association with VM. A touching video clip prepared by Ranjani Mazumdar and CWDS ended the formal part of the evening that was followed by a sumptuous tea.

Women's Rights, Workers, Migrants and the Law, NBS, Jhilimili, Bankura, 18th - 19th March 2017

A two-day workshop on 'Women's Rights, Workers, Migrants and the Law' was held at the Jhilimili Office of the Nari Bikash Sangha in Bankura, West Bengal on 18th -19th March 2017. The workshop was marked by formally structured field level discussions with peasant and agricultural workers who had a history of seasonal agricultural migration. Participants in the workshop included 42 women drawn from Bankura (Jhilimili, Baroghutu, Bhurkura etc.) Purulia (Surigora, Tentla,) and West Medinipur (Mahulbani, Amlatora, Ashakanthi etc), many of whom were from the Santhal and Bhumij tribes. Lawyers attached to the Human Rights Law Network, (HRLN) West Bengal chapter and CWDS faculty participated as resource persons, facilitating interaction on issues related to law.

Bhaswati Thakurta coordinated with the CWDS field team and HRLN.

This workshop was supported and funded by Oak Foundation.

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Workshop on “Gender, Nation and Community: Representations and Contestations” organized by CWDS-VMMF, held at Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, 9-10 March, 2017

The two- day workshop for young research scholars was organized under the Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund activities. The theme of the workshop –Gender, Nation and Community: Representations and Contestations –focused on a subject that has been a point of intense debate in recent months. Is nationhood a constitutional, political, social, economic, cultural, historical or geographical formation? Is it an ‘imagined’ community of modern times or a primordial, eternal, pre-ordained and given community? How do religious, caste, or linguistic diversities and identities mark nation and nationhood? What of vast economic disparities - old or new? Is nationhood an ideological position or a political stance in a struggle contesting global inequalities? These questions, going back to our colonial history, have once again emerged as a significant site of contestations around citizenship, rights and identity with a new urgency in the contemporary context. On the one hand, there is the rhetoric of modernity and economic growth and on the other, there are growing economic inequalities. The aspirations for a better life co-exist with hierarchies based on caste, religion, region and culture and incidents marked by intolerance. There is a need to examine how these are affecting women from diverse backgrounds. The papers invited addressed negotiations around gender rights in and from different historical locations. These focused on representations and contestations of community and nation in various locales from a range of approaches to generate a stimulating debate.

In response to the call for papers, 29 abstracts were received of which 13 were selected for presentation. Seven were by outstation participants and six from Delhi, Jamia Millia Islamia and JNU in Delhi. At the start of the workshop, Kumud Sharma, Chairperson, CWDS, introduced the students to the life and work of Vina Mazumdar (VM). Drawing upon her Memoirs, she recited some of her favourite verses from Tagore.

Fourth Prof. Lotika Sarkar Memorial Lecture, 4th March, 2017

The fourth Prof. Lotika Sarkar Memorial Lecture on Women’s Unequal Status in Family Laws in India Today was delivered by Ms. Kirti Singh, Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Former Member (Part-time), Law Commission of India. The lecture was organised by the Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi, Delhi in collaboration with CWDS on 4th March, 2017. The programme included Remembrances by eminent jurists, CWDS Chairperson and other academicians.

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J.P. Naik Memorial Lecture delivered by Geraldine Forbes, 1st March, 2017

The 25th J.P. Naik Memorial Lecture organised by CWDS was delivered by Geraldine Forbes, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita, Department of History, State University of New York, Oswego, entitled “Equal if not Superior: American Missionaries among the Nagas”. It was held on 1st March, 2017, at IIC, New Delhi.

“Integrated Tribal Development through Tasar Culture”, An Inception workshop for a project jointly organized by CWDS and DOTs at conference hall of the SDO, Khatra, 23 December 2016

CWDS will be implementing the TSP project in Raipur, Khatra & Hirbandh blocks of Bankura district, West Bengal, targeting 295 beneficiaries including Basic Seed producers, Tasar Rearers Private graineurs, Reelers, Spinners and Community Resource Persons. Project committed 30% women beneficiaries. This Workshop was organized to facilitate successful implementation of the Project and to share experiences, exchange ideas and concepts among the Project personnel and beneficiaries. 209 participants (Male-124 and Female-85), including farmers and officials, took part in the one-day workshop. These included the SDO and BDO from Khatra, Sabhapati from Khatra Panchayat Samiti and Saha sabhapati from Ranibandh Panchayat Samiti. Officers from the Department of Sericulture and Scientists from Central Silk Board (CSB) were among the participants alongwith prospective farmers from 5 Gram Panchayats from different blocks of Bankura district. After the welcome address by the Director of CWDS, representatives of the Directorate of Textiles highlighted the Project details. The Scientists from CSB described recent developments with regard to technology, while other district level officials highlighted the importance of the partnership focussed on livelihood activities.

The field team in Khatra organised the workshop.

Book discussion on Ravinder Kaur (ed.) “Too many Men, Too Few Women” jointly organized by CWDS and BVSSS, 22nd November, 2016

A discussion was held at Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, New Delhi. The Panelists were Dr. Navsharan Singh, IDRC and Sh. Subodh Varma, TOI. Dr. Kumud Sharma chaired the session. After the panelists had spoken there was a brief discussion to which the author/ editor responded.

❖ **Action Research:**

A Training programme on Animal Husbandry was organised for Bagicha Women's Groups.

- ❖ One Private Graineur training for 7 days was organised at Dhabani samiti for self-dependency in DFLs production and entrepreneurship development, in collaboration with Central Silk Board, between 18th - 24th February, 2017.
 - One Tasar Field Day and Cashless Programme was organised at Baroghutu Samiti in collaboration with Central Silk Board on 22nd March 2017.
 - National Workshop on "Campaign for Child Care for Informal Workers," jointly organised by CWDS-FORCES-SEWA and WIEGO, IIC, New Delhi, 29 - 30 June, 2016.

The FORCES members have finalised six key demands for the national campaign. These are as follows:

- quality child care —a right for all;
- Full day, free, quality, holistic and integrated early childhood care for all. *Integrated includes health services, nutrition, water and sanitation, education and safe spaces for children up to six-years old; minimum wages, basic benefits such as pension and insurance, appropriate and adequate skill training for mother.*
- Increased and adequate investment by government - central and state - for quality child care, indexed for inflation.
- Child care undertaken in a child care centre must be recognized as decent work and those involved in care work must receive appropriate skill training.
- Maternity entitlements for all women.
- Developing appropriate and participatory mechanisms for implementation, monitoring and evaluation, including grievance redressal systems.

The members identified the government bodies, civil society organisations and multilateral organisations that could support the realisation of these demands. For each campaign point and demand specific influencing strategies were discussed while recognising that policy change at the state level could be just as effective as at the national level. FORCES members committed to sharing the outcomes of the meeting with their respective state chapters and allies to build a common platform. FORCES will seek funds to support state and national level advocacy, while undertaking research to assess the costs and best practices for quality provision. WIEGO

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will collaborate with FORCES to develop a proposal to raise funds for the campaign and to support FORCES engagement in the global campaign.

Savitri Ray coordinated the Workshop.

An Interactive Workshop on ‘Creating Bridges between Visually Challenged Young Women and the Women’s Movement’, was jointly Organised by Centre for Women’s Development Studies (CWDS), New Delhi in Collaboration with All India Confederation of the Blind (AICB), Rohini, Delhi at Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, New Delhi, 25 June, 2016

The main aim of the workshop was to create a bridge between women with visual disabilities from different parts of India and women’s organisations working on empowerment of women located in Delhi. The workshop prioritized the need to create a platform for exchange of views and perspectives between individuals and groups who hardly interact due to the absence of structured engagement between the women’s and disability movements with a particular focus on the issues pertaining to women with visual disabilities. One of the goals of this exchange was to create greater awareness of the problems being faced by women which are both distinct to them as a group and which overlap with concerns applicable to all women. With an explicit focus on the problems and issues being faced by women with visual disabilities, it is hoped that the workshop opened up channels of communication for joint advocacy and action in the ongoing struggles of women for a more inclusive gender just society.

While the format of the workshop was largely interactive and discussion-based, there were two categories of speakers. One set comprised women with visual impairment coming from diverse sectors such as academia, corporate, corporate and NGO sectors, in addition to a large number of college students from different parts of India. Another set comprised representatives of women’s organisations who are also mainstreaming gender and disability issues in their work. The workshop ended with an open house discussion on ‘Main concerns in the Lives of Young women with Visual Disability: Health, Education, Employment, Accessibility, Marriage and Family Life’ led by student participants.

Renu Addlakha was the coordinator of the Workshop.

J.P. Naik Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. Krishna Kumar, 22nd April, 2016

The 24th J.P. Naik Memorial Lecture on “Education and Girlhood” by Prof. Krishna Kumar, Professor, Central Institute of Education, Delhi University, organised by CWDS,

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was held on 22nd April 2016 at the Seminar Hall, Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, New Delhi-110001.

FORCES National Workshop on “Setting an agenda for Advocacy organised by National FORCES Secretariat, YMCA, New Delhi, 18-19 April, 2016

The National FORCES secretariat organized a two -day workshop (April 18-19, 2016) with the twin objectives of (i) discussing and updating information on current policy and programmes related to young child and (ii) to strategize on the advocacy agenda for future action. In the recent past, there have been some positive developments in the area of child rights, such as the announcement of the National Policy for Children and Policy on Early Childhood Care and Education, including an announcement on the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)-cum-creches under Restructured ICDS. Government of India is also inviting suggestions on the National Plan of Action for Children. These are some of the government initiatives where there is a scope for a network like FORCES and child rights organizations to intervene and interact with various stakeholders from policy makers to programme implementation agencies, including members of the community for whom the programme/ schemes are designed. Keeping this in mind, discussions were held under the following themes: Locating Young Child in ICDS & Day Care Programme: Experiences, Opportunities and Challenges b) Policies, Programmes & Plans Impacting Young Child: Recent Debates and Challenges etc. The FORCES members were updated on policy issues and also discussed the National Plan of Action for Children, Maternity Entitlements, Budget allocation for young children including challenges of ICDS. A longitudinal study on ECCE by CECED- AUD was also done, flagging issues for ECCE. FORCES members reported on state level activities as part of the state action plan. It was felt that continuous advocacy had successfully brought in issues around the Right to Education, Right to Food and Right to Work to the fore. Presently the challenge is to ensure implementation of these to benefit the people. Most of the state members felt that the move towards building partnerships with corporates and such others also poses challenges that require advocacy and awareness generation for practical implementation of policies.

Savitri Ray coordinated the Workshop.

CWDS Seminar Series:

- ❖ ‘Fluid Identities: Nationalism, Race, Religion and Gender in Lakshmibai Dravid’s treatise titled ‘Desh Seva Nibandhmala’ by Padma Anagol, Senior Lecturer in History at Cardiff School of History, Religion and Archaeology, Cardiff University, 31st March, 2017.

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- ❖ ‘Mind the Gap - An Entangled History of Equal Remuneration, 1951-2010’ by Silke Neunsinger, Associate Professor in Economic History and Director of Research at the Labour Movement Archives and Library in Stockholm, Sweden, 2nd March, 2017.
- ❖ ‘Aspirational Families and the Professional Imaginary’ by Alice W. Clark, Historian and scholar of Gender and Society in India, 9th February, 2017.
- ❖ ‘Governance Feminism and its Others: An Assessment of the 2013 Rape Law Reforms’ by Prabha Kotiswaran, Reader in Law and Social Justice at King’s College, London, 15th December, 2016.
- ❖ ‘Gender Strategies by Rock Musicians and Fans of Visual-kei in Japan’ by Takako Inoue, Faculty of International Relations, Daito Bunka University, Tokyo, 2nd September 2016.
- ❖ ‘Prenatal Diagnosis, Selective Abortions and the Cross-cutting Gender Issues in Germany and India’ by Sheela Saravanan, Research Associate, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany, 3rd August 2016.
- ❖ ‘*The Making of Feminist Theatres in India*’ by A. Mangai, Visiting Faculty, CSLG, JNU, Delhi on 8th April, 2016.

N. Neetha Co-ordinates the series.

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Publications



Publications and Faculty Participation

Indian Journal of Gender Studies

In the year 2016-2017 the Indian Journal of Gender Studies published several articles and research notes from different disciplines and areas along with the special section gleaned from CWDS' very successful August 2014 workshop *In Memoriam* commemorating Leela Dube, Lotika Sarkar, Neera Desai and Vina Mazumdar. In addition to this, each issue carried a couple of book reviews and information on new resources as part of the overall format of IJGS.

In June 2016 the issue (23:2) incorporated articles on the lives of *tawaifs*, *bajjis* or courtesans; status of *Khwaja Sara*, *hijras* and eunuchs in Pakistan; theories of globalisation, readings regarding rape post-Mathura; and A Critical Rereading of Alka Saraogi's Kalikatha. Research notes included one on the involvement of women in natural resource collection in rural Jharkhand and another on women living with HIV/AIDs in Manipur.

The October 2016 issue (23:3) included papers relating to fiction and history in Maharaja Kumari Binodini Devi's *Boro Sahib Ongbi Sanatombi*; shelter for victims of domestic violence in Korea; the 'Kudumbashree Woman' in Kerala, Emile Rousseau's ideas of education, as well as gender in the Indian scientific research institutes. There was a research note on women in the disaster management systems of Iran.

The February 2017 (24:1) issue has three main papers: 'A Case Study from South India,' where Elizabeth Finnis analyses experiences of self-help groups with collective action in two agricultural communities in Tamil Nadu; 'The Experience of Married Women in India,' where Shewli Shabnam explores the links between spousal violence and the prevalence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among women; 'Feminist Storytelling and Women's Studies' where Sharmila Sreekumar interrogates the standpoint of the early pioneers in women's studies to sketch a cartography of impasses confronting contemporary work in this area. This issue also carried an extract from *Purdah to Piccadilly*, the memoirs of Zarina Bhatti.

Apart from the above, this issue carries a special section titled *In Memoriam* consisting of four articles that bring to life the work and legacy of Vina Mazumdar. Contributors include speakers at the August 2014 IJGS workshop and a few others. Devaki Jain takes readers back to the eventful decades of the 1970s and 1980s. Kumud Sharma's article discusses the role that the founding text *Towards Equality* played in Vina Mazumdar's own intellectual and political formation. Nirmala Banerjee's article offers another kind of commentary through her friendship with Vina Mazumdar, going back to the 1970s. The final piece by Mary E. John

focuses on Vina Mazumdar’s contribution to the edited volume *Symbols of Power* published in 1979. Mary E. John was the Editor of this section.

The issue was launched on 28th March 2017 on Vina Mazumdar’s 90th birthday at a special function held by CWDS at Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan.

CWDS Calendar

Since 2001, CWDS has been printing calendars based on archival photographs mainly from the exhibition, *Re-presenting Indian Women - A Visual Documentary 1875-1947*. However, for 2017, photographs for *Costumes of an Age* that showcased models from officially-sanctioned costume shows/pageants were from a private collection. The shows were staged several times in the 1950s and 1960s for visiting dignitaries like Chinese premier Chou en-Lai and Queen Elizabeth II and others. It was a part of newly independent India’s showcasing of the country - and in this case, women’s costumes through the ages, for an elite foreign audience, curious to know more.

At an informal release function of the calendar held on December 9, 2016 at Dastkari Haat Studio, Meher Chand Market, New Delhi, three of the models who had participated in the pageant - renowned artist Anjolie Ela Menon (whose photograph is the cover image), Jalabala Vaidya and Jaya Jaitly (the model for April and June) were also present. Jalabala Vaidya said, “I don’t remember the people [who participated], so much as the clothes. The clothes, each and every one of them, of such absolute beauty - they were amazing. And to think that women had been wearing these beautiful clothes for centuries despite everything - despite regimes and times changing - and it made an impression on me.”

As the theme was somewhat different from earlier years, the calendar team was a little apprehensive of what response it would receive. However, their doubts were belied as the calendar has been extremely popular at home and abroad.

Summary of Publications and Seminar Participation by Faculty Members

	Books/ Reports/ Edited Volumes	Articles in Journals/ News- papers/ e- publications	Chapters in Books/ Reports	Book Reviews	Paper Presentation in Conferences/ Seminars/ Lectures
Total	8	16	11	4	95

Books/Reports/Edited Volumes:

- ❖ Mary E. John, Guest Editor of Journal: *Special Section: Remembering Vina Mazumdar*, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, vol. 24, nos. 1-2. 2017.
- ❖ Indu Agnihotri and Meera Velayudhan (eds.) *IAWS@ 35 years*, IAWS, Chennai, 2017.
- ❖ FORCES: Workshop Report on Campaign for Child Care for Informal Workers (*English/Hindi*), 2017.
- ❖ Indrani Mazumdar, 'Situational Analysis of Women Homebased Workers in India' - Monograph (mimeo) for ILO, jointly with Archana Prasad, 2017.
- ❖ Savitri Ray, *FORCES: Twenty-Five Years of Advocacy in Action*, 2016.
- ❖ Mary E. John, 'The Journey from Victim to Survivor: Challenges for Justice', Workshop Report with Partners for Law in Development, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi, 2016.
- ❖ JEEVA Study Report - 'Establishing the Scope and Pattern of Care by Dais During and After Childbirth in Four Cultural and Geographic Settings in India', by Sadgopal, M., Qadeer, I., Chawla, J., Caleb, L.V., Gautam, S., Singh, A., and Roy, B., CWDS, New Delhi, 2016.

Occasional Papers Series:

- ❖ Nigam, Shalu, 'Is Domestic Violence a Lesser Crime? Countering Backlash Against Section 498A', Occasional Paper No. 61, CWDS, New Delhi, 2017.

Articles in Journals/ Newspapers/e-publications

Bijoya Roy

- ❖ 'Why Public-Private Collaboration is Bad News for Healthcare in India'. *The Wire*, 20 March 2017.

Dimple Tresa Abraham

- ❖ "Microfinance Institutions, Responsibility and Strategic Direction", *Strategic Change: Briefings in Entrepreneurial Finance*, by Dimple Tresa Abraham and Shrikant S Kalamkar, Vol.25, No.5, September 2016, Wiley Publishing, ISSN 1086-1718.
- ❖ "Farmers in Producer Companies and Value Chains: Income and Employment Impacts", *KMA Business Review and Research Journal*, Vol.2, No.1, ISSN 2454-177X, January-June 2016.

Mary E. John

- ❖ Foreword, “Sexuality at Work! (Hetero) sexualisation of Work and Workplace, Student Writings”, Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule Centre for Women’s Studies, Pune University, 2017, iii-ix.
- ❖ “Thinking about Politics and State Power with Vina Mazumdar”, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 24, vol. 1, 2017, pp.111-125.
- ❖ “Evolution of a Debate on Sex Ratios”, Thirty Five years of the IAWS, XV National Conference on Women’s Studies, Chennai, 2017, pp.161-177.
- ❖ “Adverse Child Sex Ratios, Mindsets and Government Policy”, Special issue on Women’s Empowerment, *Yojana*, vol. 60, September 2016: pp. 22-25.

Neetha N.

- ❖ “Maternity Benefit Bill: What Did Indian Women Gain in 2016”? WION, online publication available at <http://www.wionews.com/south-asia/maternity-benefit-bill-what-did-indian-women-gain-in-2016-5010>.
- ❖ “Employees’ State Insurance Scheme for Domestic Workers : Yet Another Mockery”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 52, Issue No. 11, 18 Mar, 2017
- ❖ “Women’s Employment: Hoping Against Hope”, *Yojana*, Special issue on Labour Welfare, April, 2017.

Renu Addlakha

- ❖ “Women with Visual Disabilities and the Women’s Movement”, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LII (5): 12-15, 2017.
- ❖ “Reframing Perspectives on Disability, Sexuality and Reproductive Rights” (with Janet Price and Shirin Heidari) in *Reproductive Health Matters*, Volume 25 Number 49, 2017. DOI of paper is: 10.1080/09688080.2017.1336375.
- ❖ “Dilemma of Arranged Marriages in People with Epilepsy”, An expert group appraisal (with Gagandeep Singh et.al. 2017.

Savitri Ray

- ❖ FORCES Journey: ‘Caring for a Better Tomorrow’- Publication brought out on the occasion of Silver Jubilee Celebration of TN-FORCES, Trichirapalli, December 10, 2016.

Shalu Nigam

- ❖ Battered Women Syndrome: Applying this Legal Doctrine in the Indian Context, *Countercurrents*, August 6, 2016. <http://www.countercurrents.org/2016/08/06/battered-women-syndrome - applying-this-legal-doctrine-in-the-indian-context>.

Vijay Kumar Jha

- ❖ Bhartiya Narivad aur Bhinnata ka Sawal: Jati, Varg aur Gender ka Antarsambandh - *Pratiman*, Volume - 8, July-December 2016, CSDS and Vani Prakashan, New-Delhi.

Chapters in Books/Reports

Akhlaq Ahmed

- ❖ “Digitization of Newspaper Clippings on Women: CWDS Library Experience”, in *Rajive Kumar Pateria and Seema Parmar, (Eds.) Managing Libraries in Electronic Era*, Rohtak: Intellectual Foundation, 2016. pp.22-32.

Bhaswati Thakurta

- ❖ “Gender Perspective of Participatory Forest Management in India” In C.Palit & P Guha Roy (Eds.), *Popular Culture: Plumbing People’s History* (pp 2-14). Calcutta: Rupali Publications. ISBN 978-93-81669-95-2.

Dimple Tresa Abraham

- ❖ “Self-Employment, Waged or Unpaid Work: Influences on the Choices of Poor Women”, in Bina Fernandez, Meena Gopal, Orlanda Ruthven (Eds.), *Land, Labour and Livelihoods - Indian Women’s Perspectives*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016, pp.285-30. ISBN: 978-3-319-40864-4.
- ❖ “Strategic Corporate Social Responsibility for Inclusive Business”, in B. Chatterjee, S. Das, B.S. Sahay, G. Subramaniam and R. Venkata Rao (Eds.), *CSR: Social Sustainability and Inclusive Growth*, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2016, pp.233-248. ISBN 978-93-85936-28-9.

Indrani Mazumdar

- ❖ “Gender, Labour and Women’s Work: Issues, Experiences and Debates in India” in Takako Inoue et al (eds.) *Social Transformation and Cultural Change in South Asia: From the Perspectives of the Socio-Economic Periphery*, The Institute of Oriental Studies, Daito Bunka University, Tokyo, 2017.

Indu Agnihotri

- ❖ “Gender, Politics and the Middle Class: Some Questions from India” in Manjeet Bhatia (ed.) *Locating Gender in the New Middle Class in India*, IAS, Shimla, 2017.
- ❖ “Looking Beyond Feminist Frames: Reflections on my Journey with the IAWS” in Indu Agnihotri and Meera Velayudhan (eds.) *IAWS@ 35 years*, Chennai, 2017.

Mary E. John

- ❖ “Sex Ratios and Sex Selection: Challenges of Law and Policy”, in Neerja Ahlawat (ed.) *Gender Discrimination and the Development Paradox*, Rawat Publications, 2016, pp.31-41.

Neetha N.

- ❖ Chapter in an International Report: One of the Lead Authors of the Chapter on Pluralizing Families, Report of the International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP), Rethinking Society for the 21st Century.

Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee

- ❖ “Analysis of Changes in the Products and Services of Online Information Service Providers” (co-authored with Supratim Chatterjee) selected in COLLNET 2016 for the Technical session 17: Information and knowledge services, 12-15 December, 2016, Nancy, France.

Shalu Nigam

- ❖ Re-examining Family Violence: Perceptions of Survivors from India, Research World Volume IV, *Society of Social Scientists*, 2016, Agartala.

Book Reviews/Article Reviews

Dimple Tresa Abraham

- ❖ K.P. Kannan (ed.) “Interrogating Inclusive Growth: Poverty and Inequality in India”. New Delhi: Routledge, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 23 (2) 1-4, 2016.

Bijoya Roy

- ❖ Sarah Hodges and Mohan Rao (eds.) “Public Wealth and Private Wealth: Stem Cells, Surrogates and Other Strategic Bodies”. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, February, Vol.24, No.1, 2016.

Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee

- ❖ Review article of Information Technology and People, ISSN: 0959-3845, Emerald Publishing Limited.

Seema Kazi

- ❖ Review of journal manuscript entitled ‘Political Culture of Post-Eighties Generation in Kashmir: Aspirations, Anxieties and Future Trajectories’ for *South Asia: Journal of South Asia Studies*, Taylor and Francis, January 2017.

Paper Presentations and Lectures

Bijoya Roy

- ❖ ‘Diagnostics and Emerging Market: A Case of West Bengal’, National Seminar on Evidence building on Public Private Partnerships in Healthcare, PHRN, JSA and Oxfam India, IIC, New Delhi, 20th Jan, 2017.
- ❖ “Reforms in Public Sector Hospitals in India: the Retreat of Universal Health Coverage?” at the Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Vancouver, Canada, (Abstract Id: 3187 http://healthsystemsresearch.org/hsr2016/wp-content/uploads/eposters_all.pdf, p 43), 14-18 November, 2016.

Deepa Singhal

- ❖ “Bibliometric Analysis of Book Reviews Published in Contributions to Indian Sociology (1984-2015)” at 12th International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics and Scientometrics and 17th COLLNET Meeting, organized by COLLNET in collaboration with Science and in Technology, in Nancy, France, 12-15 December, 2016.

Dimple Tresa Abraham

- ❖ “Secure and Long-term Land Leasing for Empowerment of Women in Agriculture”, presented at XV National Conference on Women’s Studies, IAWS, held at University of Madras, Chennai, 22-25 January, 2017.
- ❖ “SHGs in Lease Land Farming: Income and Nutrition outcomes case study from Kerala-lessons for lagging states”, speaker at the special session organised by TCI-TARINA and IFPRI on “Engendering Food Systems for Improved Nutrition” at 24th Annual Conference of AERA at IVRI, Izatnagar, 15-17 December, 2016.
- ❖ Presented Findings of CWDS as the National Level Monitor (NLM) for districts of Uttarakhand in the Regular Monitoring for Phase-I 2015-16, to the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD, GOI) during the Interactive Workshop of National Level Monitors (NLM), Delhi, 21-22 April 2016.

Indu Agnihotri

- ❖ Keynote Speaker, Inaugural Session in the National Seminar on “Women’s Studies: Theories and Practice with Special Reference to Jammu Region,” organized by Centre for Women’s Studies, Jammu, Jammu University in collaboration with ICSSR North-Western Regional Centre, Jammu, 20 March, 2017.
- ❖ Chair, session on “Domestic Violence in Law and Child Marriage” in the workshop on Women’s Rights, Workers, Migrants and the Law, NBS, Jhilimili, Bankura, 18-19 March 2017.
- ❖ Speaker, Inaugural session, “The Power of Women’s Collectives and the Women’s Movement”, Women’s Development Centre, Jesus and Mary College, 8 March, 2017.
- ❖ “In search of Cohesion: Addressing Women’s Rights and Inequalities in the context of Globalization” in International Seminar on Cohesive Development: An Alternative Paradigm?” organized by A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna, 24-25 February, 2017.
- ❖ Inaugural lecture on “Understanding Gender: Where is the Problem?” in 7-day ToT on Gender Sensitization at Women’s Studies Research Centre, Univ. of Calcutta held in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development, Kolkata, 21 February, 2017.
- ❖ Panelist, Session on ‘What do we do at work?’ in Building Bridges 2017: The International Tradeswomen’s Conference in India, 18-19 Jan, 2017. A collaborative Initiative by VVGNLI and Labour Resource Centre, Univ. of Massachusetts, Boston.

- ❖ Presentation on Women's Collectives and Livelihood Generation based on CWDS' work in Inception Workshop on Integrated Tasar Development Project in Bankura district, CWDS, Khatra, 23 December, 2016.
- ❖ Speaker, Valedictory session in 2-day Seminar on Women's Empowerment: Retrospect and Prospects, Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, 2 December, 2016.
- ❖ Lecture, "Interdisciplinarity in Social Sciences: A Women's Studies' Perspective" in One-week Orientation Programme organized by ISID, 24 November, 2016.
- ❖ Lecture, "Pitrasatta ka Vidroop or Stree ki Kalam" in Hindi Sahitya ke Srijan Mein Streeyon ki Bhumika" organized by Hindi Academy and Hindi Dept., Jamia Milia Islamia, 17 November, 2016.
- ❖ "Changing Contexts and Contours of the Women's Movement in India", Inaugural Lecture, 1st Interdisciplinary course in Women's Studies, UGC_HRDC, JNU, 7 November, 2016.
- ❖ Keynote, "Documenting Struggles: Women's Movement", Northern Regional Workshop, IAWS, Ranchi, 29-30 September, 2016.
- ❖ Chairperson, session on Women and Movements, in CPRG - School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University workshop on 19 September, 2016, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
- ❖ Keynote Speaker, Inaugural Session, Golden Jubilee Conference on Women, State and Power: Reflections on Democracy, Dept. of Political Science, Indraprastha College, University of Delhi, 15 September, 2016.
- ❖ Chair, Session on 'Creating Gender Friendly Classrooms and School Environment' in Capacity Building Workshop, NCERT, New Delhi, 29 August, 2016.
- ❖ Panelist, "Reflections on National Policy for Women, in Wings to Fly": Campaign and Seminar on Girl Child, AIWC, New Delhi, 24 August, 2016.
- ❖ Resource Person, International Day of Widows, Guild for Service, UNDP, New Delhi, 22 June, 2016.
- ❖ Chairperson, "Africa-India Solidarity Forum: Intercultural Dialogue", Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, 10 June 2016
- ❖ Chair, Panel discussion on books by Ruchira Gupta (ed.) *As If Women Matter : The Essential Gloria Steinem Reader*, 2014; Ruchira Gupta (ed.) *River of Flesh, Speaking tiger*, 2016 and Anne Ostby, Prem Nagar, *Town of Love*, Supernova, 2013. Panelists Prof. Vidhu Verma, Prof. Baran Farooqi, JMI, and Dr. Kusha Tiwari, DU. 24 May 2016, IIC, New Delhi,

- ❖ Presentation titled *Stree Adhyayan: Sambhavnayein aur Sawaal*, Inaugural Session of Women's Studies Centre, L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, 6 May, 2016.
- ❖ Keynote Speaker, *SDGs, Panchayati Raj and the women's movement*, Institute of Social Studies, New Delhi, 24 April, 2016.
- ❖ Lecture, 'Women's Movement in India', Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, 7 April, 2016.

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- ❖ Keynote Address, "Rethinking Marginality, National Workshop cum Orientation Programme" organized by Women's Studies Centre, Department of Human Rights and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, 29-31 March 2017.
- ❖ Lecture, "Frameworks for Understanding Gender Biased Sex Selection", Training Workshop on the Demography of Gender Bias, Centre for the Study of Regional Development with support from CEPED (Paris) and UNFPA, JNU, 20-24 March 2017.
- ❖ Keynote Address, "Femen Festival", Department of Political Science, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, New Delhi, 7th March 2017.
- ❖ Valedictory Address, "Feminist Concepts and the Question of Language", Seminar on Feminist Linguistics, Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala, 1-3 March 2017.
- ❖ Public Lecture, "Changing Feminist Landscapes in Contemporary India: Issues of Violence, Sexuality and Beyond", Calicut University, 2 March 2017.
- ❖ Presentation, "Reframing the discourse", Research Conclave on Early and Child Marriage in India, organized by Partners for Law in Development and American Jewish World Service, venue: Zorba the Buddha, New Delhi, 27 February - 1 March 2017.
- ❖ Keynote Speaker, National Conference on Gender Discrimination in Contemporary India: Issues and Challenges, Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, 11-12 February 2017.
- ❖ Speaker, Panel on the "Uniform Civil Code", YWCA of Delhi, 1 February 2017.
- ❖ Speaker, Plenary Roundtable on Women's Studies, *Women in a Changing World: Restructured Inequalities, Countercurrents and Sites of Resistance*, XV National Conference on Women's Studies, Chennai, 22-25 January 2017.
- ❖ "Transnational Feminisms in Historical Perspective", Valedictory Address to Seminar Course on Transnational Feminism: Issues and Concerns, organized by the Women's

Studies Department of the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, USA in collaboration with Indian Institute of Dalit Studies and Women's Studies and Development Centre, University of Delhi, 16 January 2017.

- ❖ “Evidence and Atrocity in the Era of Castelessness”, paper presented at panel Evidence for/as Atrocity, 4th LASSNET Conference, New Delhi, 10-12 December 2016.
- ❖ “Questioning the Idea of the University”, paper presented at International Conference on Human Sciences and the Future of the University, Hyderabad Central University, Hyderabad, 29-30 November 2016.
- ❖ “Intersectionality: Caste and Gender”, lecture, Research Methodology Course, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi, 22 November 2016.
- ❖ “Does India need a Uniform Civil Code?” lecture and discussion, Apne Aap Worldwide and Oxford Bookstore, New Delhi, 15 November 2016.
- ❖ “Rethinking Violence: What are the issues?” Refresher Course in Women's Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 15 November 2016.
- ❖ “Feminism and Violence: Contemporary Challenges”, Public Lecture, India Week: Women and Femininity, Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris, 7-10 November 2016.
- ❖ “Violence and the Women's Movement”, Public Lecture, Deen Dayal Upadhyay College, New Delhi, 3 November 2016.
- ❖ Keynote Address, “Marginalisation and Concepts of Transformation”, Development Dialogue on Transformation for the Empowerment of Marginalised Women: Rhetoric or Reality?” A. N Sinha Institute of Social Studies and Gender Resource Centre, Government of Bihar, Patna, 24 October 2016.
- ❖ Public Lecture, “Rethinking Violence in the Women's Movement”, Krantijyoti Savitribhai Phule Centre for Women's Studies, University of Pune, 21 October 2016.
- ❖ “Sex Ratio Dynamics: Implications and Possibilities”, Presentation to Vice Chairperson and Members, Niti Aayog, New Delhi, 19 October 2016.
- ❖ “Surrogacy: Contemporary Debates”, Presentation at Workshop on Liberty, Equality and Justice for Women in India, Department of Political Science, Zakir Hussain College, Delhi, 8 October 2016.
- ❖ Keynote Address, “Culture: Burden of History or Site of Contestation?” ICAS-MP International Workshop on Gender and the Invocation of Culture, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi 3-4 October 2016.

- ❖ “Child Marriage, Harmful Practices and Gender Inequalities”, presentation at Expert Group Meeting on Eliminating Child Marriage, UNICEF and UNFPA, Bangkok, 25-28 September 2016.
- ❖ “Culture and the Politics of Representation”, Golden Jubilee National Conference on State, Power and Women, Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi University, 15-16 September 2016.
- ❖ Keynote Address, “Mapping the Changing Feminist Landscape: Present Concerns”, National Conference on Revisiting the Discourse of Women’s Rights: Violations and Contestations, L.C. College and Akshara Resource Centre, Mumbai, 1-2 September 2016.
- ❖ “Nation without Social Justice”, Public Lecture, Birsa Ambedkar Phule Students Association, JNU, 24 August 2016.
- ❖ “Rethinking Feminist Methodologies: the ‘What’ and ‘How’ of our Research Questions” Inaugural Lecture, Fourth Interdisciplinary Workshop on Feminist Research Methodologies, IUCCRE, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 16-20 August 2016.
- ❖ “The Dalit Feminist Standpoint: Reading the work of Sharmila Rege”, Public Lecture, University of Pune, 12 July 2016.
- ❖ “Globalisation, Financialisation and Gendered Rights in India: The Rise of Micro-Credit and the Struggle over a Living Wage”, Conference on Globalisation and Human Rights: Forty Years of the Algiers Declaration, Lelio Basso Foundation and Permanent Peoples Tribunal, Rome, 4-5 July 2016.
- ❖ “Rereading Castes in India”, presentation at 100th Anniversary of B.R. Ambedkar’s Castes in India: their genesis, mechanism and spread”, BAPSA, JNU, 9 May 2016.
- ❖ “B.R. Ambedkar and the Hindu Code Bill”, Phule-Ambedkar Centenary Seminar, United Dalit Students Forum, JNU, 11-13 April 2016.
- ❖ “The Uniform Civil Code, Indian Feminism and the Question of Caste”, public lecture, Ashoka University, Sonapat, 5 April 2016.
- ❖ “Gender, Sexuality and Violence”, Panel discussion, Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi, 4 April 2016.
- ❖ “Feminism, Freedom, and Bharat Mata”, Azaadi lecture Series 7, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2 April 2016.

Madhu Shri Pandeya

- ❖ “Bibliometric Study of Content Analysis of Gender, Technology and Development (1997-2015)” at 12th International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics and Scientometrics & 17th COLLNET Meeting, organized by COLLNET in collaboration with Science and in Technology, in Nancy, France, 12-15 December, 2016.

Neetha N.

- ❖ “Researching Gender Issues in Labour and Employment”, Orientation Programme on Social Science Research Methodology for Research Scholars and Teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi, March 10, 2017.
- ❖ “Decent Work and Economic Growth”, Paper presented at the Symposium on ‘Women and Work: Re-looking Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)’, International Relations Office (IRO) and School of Management and Labour Studies (SMLS), TISS, Mumbai, 08 March 2017.
- ❖ Chair, session on “Gender Discourses in Education” in the Graduate Seminar on ‘Education, Change and Continuity’, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU, New Delhi, 27-28 February 2017.
- ❖ “Changing Contours of Paid and Unpaid Work by Women in 21st Century South Asia”, Plenary Presentation (with Prof. Rajni Palriwala), XV National Conference on Women’s Studies (Women in a Changing World: Restructured Inequalities, Counter Currents, and Sites of Resistance), Indian Association of Women’s Studies, University of Madras, Chennai, 22-25 January, 2017.
- ❖ “Nuances and Overtones of Paid Domestic Work in India”, Paper presented at the FINDAS International Workshop on “Women’s Work in South Asia in the Age of Neo-liberalism”, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 8 January, 2017, Tokyo.
- ❖ “Minimum Wage and Domestic Work”, Paper presented at the workshop ‘Draft Bill on the Regulation of Domestic Work’, National Platform for Domestic Workers, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. 1-2 December 2016.
- ❖ Panelist, session on “Domestic Work: Challenges and Learnings”, IAWS-ISLE Joint Panel Discussion, IIT Guwahati, Assam, 24-26 November 2016.
- ❖ Discussant for the session on “Wages in India: Structure, Trends and Determination”, 58th Annual Conference of The Indian Society of Labour Economics, 24-26 November 2016.

- ❖ “Women’s Work and Migration?” Refresher Course in Women’s Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 11 November 2016.
- ❖ “Regulation of Domestic Workers in India: Issue of Minimum Wage”, Paper presented at the *XXI Gender and Economic Policy Discussion Forum*, ‘Mobilizations of Domestic Workers and the Regulation of Domestic Work in India’, Institute of Social Studies Trust, New Delhi, 6 September 2016.
- ❖ Panelist, Discussion on “Domestic Workers”, Chetanalaya, New Delhi., 16 August 2016.
- ❖ “Tracking Gender Inequality through Statistics: Status and Gaps”, Paper presented at the International Conference on Social Statistics in India, ADRI, Patna, 24-27 June, 2016.
- ❖ “Gender and Work”, paper presented at the Azaad Labon ki Gufatgu: Feminist Conversations Towards Equality, Miranda House College, Delhi University, Delhi, 6-7 April, 2016.
- ❖ “Domestic Work and Domestic Workers: Changing Scenarios in Recent Times”, paper presented at Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on Policy Options for Domestic Work in the context of India’s Care Economy, organized by Institute for Human Development and International Labour Organization, IIC, New Delhi, 4 April, 2016.

Renu Addlakha

- ❖ “Disability Rights and Public Safety” Presentation at Partnerships for Forward-Looking Strategies on Women’s Safety and Rights in Delhi, New Delhi: India International Centre, 24 May 2016.
- ❖ “Disability Rights and Women’s Rights Movements in India: Convergence and Divergence”, one day Interactive Workshop on Building Bridges between the Women’s organisations and women with Visual Disabilities. Centre for Women’s Development Studies, Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan and All India Confederation of the Blind, New Delhi: Bhai Vir Singh Sadan, 25 June 2016.
- ❖ “Multiple Marginalisation of Visually Impaired Women and Emerging Possibilities”, National Conference on Empowering Visually Impaired Women in the 21st Century. All India Confederation of the Blind, Delhi) supported by Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM) Germany, Delhi: AICB Auditorium, 12-13 November, 2016.
- ❖ “Life Skills Manual for Trainers on Comprehensive Sexuality Education for Youth with Disabilities”, National Consultation on Development of Innovative Toolkit for Comprehensive Sexuality Education of Youth with Disabilities, organised by Feminist Approaches to Technology, Delhi: India International Centre, 16 November 2016.

- ❖ “Gender and Disability in India: Conceptual Issues and Empirical Findings”. Interdisciplinary Course in Women’s Studies. New Delhi: Jawaharlal Nehru University, 17 November 2016.
- ❖ “Gender and Disability Issues and concerns for Grassroots Activists”, CREA Workshop for Grassroots activists, Delhi: Zorba Centre, 17 November 2016.
- ❖ “Economic Role of Women and Nation-building”, National Integration Week (Kaumi Ekta Diwas 18-25 November). Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals: Ministry of chemicals and Fertilizers: Government of India, 24 November 2016.
- ❖ “Expanding landscape of Understanding Disability in India”, Law and Social Sciences Network (LASSNET) International Conference ‘Thinking with Evidence: Seeking Certainty, Making Truth. New Delhi: India Habitat Centre, 12 December. 2016.
- ❖ Resource Person, CREA Study on Disability and Abortion. New Delhi: India Habitat Centre, 11 February 2017.
- ❖ Resource Person for the Session on Healthy Sex Life for Visually Impaired Women. Residential Life Skills Course for Visually Impaired Women. Delhi: All India Confederation of the Blind: May 26 -June. 30. 18 June 2016.
- ❖ Resource Person, Closing the Gap, Building Institutional Capacity between Disabled People’s Organisations and Women’s Rights Organisations in addressing Disability and Sexuality. New Delhi: India International Centre, 31 May 2016.
- ❖ Resource Person, Prenatal Testing and Disability Selective Abortion. Consultation organised by CREA. New Delhi: India International Centre, 30 May 2016.
- ❖ Resource Person, Study exploring Mental Health Issues among Young Women including impact of early marriage being conducted by SAMA Resource Group on Women and Health. New Delhi: India Islamic Centre, 17 May 2016.

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- ❖ Press meet on “Status of Children in Delhi Slum”, organised by Delhi FORCES at Press Club of India, New Delhi, 17 March, 2017.
- ❖ Paper presented on “Care within ECD: Reflections from FORCES Network” in ARNEC Conference on *The Transformative Power of Early Childhood Development : The Importance of Holistic Interventions* at Siem Reap, Cambodia , 28 February – 3 March, 2017.

- ❖ 6th Convention on Right to Food: Shrinking Democracy: Shrinking Entitlements, presentation made in the session on NREGA and Beyond, Ranchi, Jharkhand, 23-25 September, 2016.
- ❖ Organised and presented excerpts from FORCES case study in a National Workshop on “*Campaign for Child Care for Informal Workers*” jointly organised by FORCES- WIEGO- SEWA, at IIC, New Delhi, 29-30 June, 2016.
- ❖ Speaker, in a Public Hearing on “Realising Maternity Entitlements and Right to Crèches”, organised by Right to Food and other networks at Constitution club, New Delhi, 3 May, 2016.
- ❖ Organised and presented FORCES agenda in a National Workshop on “Setting an agenda for advocacy”, at YMCA, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi, April 18-19, 2016.

Seema Kazi

- ❖ Panelist at Panel Discussion at the launch of Garrisoned Minds: Women and Armed Conflict in South Asia, India International Centre, New Delhi, 3 September 2016.
- ❖ ‘Borders Conflict Belonging: Kashmir and Manipur’ at Area Studies’ Futures: The 5th International Crossroads Asia Conference”, University of Bonn, Bonn, 22-23 September 2016,.
- ❖ ‘Her story’ on violence and protests. Echoes and Resonances Critical Challenges for Youth and Peace Building in Kashmir, WISCOMP and South Asian University, New Delhi, 23 March 2017.
- ❖ ‘*Gender and Protest: An Analysis of the Kashmiri Unrest of Summer 2016*’ at *International Feminist Journal of Politics (IFJP) Conference, India International Centre, 10 April 2017.*

Membership of Committees/Task Force & Other Advisory Functions

Indu Agnihotri

- ❖ Member, Executive Committee, IAWS, 2014-2017.
- ❖ Member, Governing Committee, AILH, and Joint Action Committee of Integrated Labour History Research Programme, VVGNLI-AILH
- ❖ Member, Executive Committee, Institute of Economic Growth
- ❖ Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Women’s Studies, MDU, Rohtak.

- ❖ Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Committee, Women's Studies Research Centre, Calcutta University, Kolkata.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Committee. Women's Studies Centre, Mizoram University, Aizawl.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Board, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, SSS, JNU.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Board, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.
- ❖ Member, Editorial Board, Indian Journal of Gender Studies.
- ❖ Member, Governing Board, Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan.

Indrani Mazumdar

- ❖ General Secretary, Indian Association for Women's Studies, 2014-2017.

Mary E. John

- ❖ Member, Advisory Board, Missing No More: Addressing Adverse Child Sex Ratios in Nagaland and Meghalaya, Public Health Foundation of India, Gurgaon, 2017-2018.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Board, An Exploratory Study of Discrimination based on Non-Normative Genders and Sexualities, Tata Institute of Social Sciences with support from the Ford Foundation, 2016-18.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Council, India International Centre, New Delhi, 2016-19.
- ❖ Member, International Advisory Board, International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities, "Metamorphosis of the Political: Comparative Perspectives on India's Long Twentieth Century", 2016-.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Social Theory, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, 2014 -present.
- ❖ Member, Executive Committee, Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education (CPRHE), NUEPA, 2014 -present.
- ❖ Member, Governing Council, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, 2012-16.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Group, Review of Women's Studies, Economic and Political Weekly, 2011-present.

- ❖ Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Contributions to Indian Sociology, 2012-present.
- ❖ Member, Editorial Board, Indian Journal of Gender Studies, 2011-present.
- ❖ Member, Editorial Board, Asian Journal of Women's Studies, 2009-present.

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- ❖ Technical Advisory Member - Needs Assessment to Understand the Development Priorities of Minority Women in Select Minority Concentration Districts in India', UN Women, New Delhi.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Board, Multi country project Dom EQUAL: A Global Approach to Paid Domestic Work and Social Inequalities, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy, funded by ERC.
- ❖ Member, Working Group on Gender and Development, State Planning Board, Kerala.
- ❖ Member, Board of Studies in Economics, S.B. College, Changanassery, Kerala.
- ❖ Member, Committee of Studies, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Committee, "Multiplier Effect of Increasing Female Employment: Assessing impacts in Urban Centres", Institute for Human Development, Delhi.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Committee, "Poverty, Migration and Development in Rural Bihar", Institute for Human Development, Delhi.

Renu Addlakha

- ❖ School Board member, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies. New Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Open University (2016-2019).
- ❖ Member, Internal Complaints Committee, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals: Ministry of chemicals and Fertilizers: Government of India.
- ❖ Doctoral Committee Member, School of Gender and Development, Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Open University, 25 May 2016.
- ❖ Member, Editorial Board, Frontiers in Sociology.
- ❖ Member, Editorial Board, Cultural Anthropology.
- ❖ Executive Member (Founders' Appointee) All India Confederation of the Blind, Delhi.
- ❖ Member, General Body, Jagori, New Delhi.

- ❖ Advisory Member, CREA, New Delhi.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Group, Inherited blood disorders, globalisation and the promise of genomics: An Indian case-study. Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESRC) Sept. 2016- Dec. 2019. University Of York and University of Sussex (UK).

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- ❖ Member, Technical Advisory Group (TAG) formed by Women & Child Development Department, Govt. of Haryana.



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