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## From the Director's Desk

*The Annual Report for the Centre for Women's Development Studies for the year 2017- 18 is before you. It provides a record of how, in its own modest way, the CWDS team has engaged in research to comprehend development and change in contemporary India. As social scientists, we are acutely aware of the complexity of these processes as well as the routes that women in India take in their search for equality from their differential locations. Our effort is to uncover and highlight the challenge that our social fabric poses to make development processes more equal and inclusive, especially for women. More than seventy years after independence, social progress and change can by no means be conceived in uni-linear terms, nor can commonality and difference be interpreted in a singular fashion. Nor is the relationship of the researcher and those who appear to be the subjects of research, be interpreted in isolation. These are all contested fields, as is the classroom today. However, it is important to remember that in all these locations, there are at the back the state and the market, which are continuously reconstituting the field. From our institutional location we too are interlocked into these different grids of power, and the interaction between the different constituents. As an institution involved in research and teaching we occupy a position which offers a vantage point to develop critical perspectives to analyse these on-going processes. At the same time the challenge is to hone our skills and develop research tools and frameworks to understand the volatility on the ground as much as the aspiration for change. The challenge for Women's studies is to remain and be seen as being relevant to developing an understanding of these.*

*The Centre is presently passing through a transitional phase, many among the staff and faculty are new entrants. We look to them to bring in the energy of youth as well as a fresh approach to the application of perspectives on Women and Development. There is a need to do this even as we value the experience of those who have guided the Centre in the past to explore new uncharted areas.*

**Indu Agnihotri**  
Director

# Introduction

Women's Studies in India has expanded exponentially over the last three decades. From our location of being a premier research institute with a focus on women and development in India, we are witness to critical interventions which effect change in the lives of women. That the Indian Council of Social Science Research supports such an endeavour is a significant pointer to the commitment to develop more engendered perspectives in social science in India. It is important to remind ourselves of this fact at a time when the institutions of Higher Education are undergoing change in India. On our part there is a need to rebuild linkages with the Women's Studies Centres set up earlier as well as the diverse locations for Women's Studies. These may be embedded in newer forms of institutions whose status may not be the same with regard to education and state funding. Presently these relationships are fraught with tension with the market playing the intermediary. In this changing context, we need to reflect on our location and our linkages with the wider field of education and of Women's Studies within this. In this journey, the CWDS team shall look for a more critical engagement with a wider community of scholars and public intellectuals.

During 2017-18 the Centre continued its work in the sphere of Research, Teaching and Action-oriented interventions.

The broad thematic areas of our research focus on:

- ❖ **Women's Work and the Economy** remain a significant area of study, especially due to the changing contexts of labour and gender in different locations;
- ❖ **The Child and the Missing Girl Child** remain areas of concern for social science and public policy in India. Adverse child sex ratios now pose a different set of challenges; childcare is emerging as a key concern; while early/child marriage pose more difficult questions;
- ❖ **Gender and Violence** require more rigorous methodological tools even as the focus of the debate in the public arena shifts to social media as a new site for such violence;
- ❖ **Women and Health** has emerged as a critical area of research as social, health and economic policies bear an impact on women's health across the life span
- ❖ **Gender and Governance** remains an area which requires more attention to meet the governance challenges in contested sites in India's federal polity;

- ❖ **Gender and Disability** offers new insights in Women's Studies, even as Disability studies emerges as a new area of study;

**The Centre is engaged in Teaching Women's Studies** and supervision of research at several levels:

- ❖ As part of the **M.Phil/Ph.D Programme in Women's and Gender Studies jointly run by the Ambedkar University Delhi and CWDS.**
- ❖ Supervision of Awardees of **ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships.**
- ❖ Short term **Orientation and Research Methodology Courses/ workshops.**

The Centre continues its involvement with **Action Research with a special focus on issues of Women and Development**

- ❖ CWDS' long term partnership with peasant and tribal women in parts of West Bengal continues to open up new areas of intervention together with the Nari Bikas Sangha in Bankura and Purulia and the Barsole Mahila Sarbik Bikash Sangha in Jhargram;

**Developing Library and Information Sources** including access to digital resources;

**Engagement with Policy to focus on women's rights and status** continues to guide the Centre's initiatives in the form of:

**Advocacy and Networking** to highlight critical concerns from Women's diverse locations;

**Monitoring and Evaluation** of ongoing schemes and policies;

**Institutional support to Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS)** to promote Women's Studies within the policy and academic establishment.

# Organisational Structure

*The Centre for Women's Development Studies is institutionally steered by members drawn from a wide community of professionals and academics. These members regularly oversee the functioning of the organisation through well laid down principles of governance and platforms for academic exchange and interaction. At the end of March 2018, CWDS had 95 life members, of which 78 are women and 17 are men. There are four Institutional members. The last Annual General Body Meeting of the Centre was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017.*

The Centre receives financial support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research, (ICSSR) which functions as a statutory body under the supervision of the MHRD. The financial support and conditions for the same are constantly monitored and reviewed at different levels and are subject to change within the framework of the broad policy environment. The CWDS continues to face pressures in its efforts to grow on account of financial and infrastructural issues. There is a need to develop a more solid pool of resources to sustain its position as a premier research institute. In recent years efforts have been made to augment resources through project grants. But institutional needs cannot be met by these alone. There is a need for innovative interventions to meet the objectives and for this a more sustained discussion on these aspects is required at all levels.

## Planning and Monitoring

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Centre, comprising members drawn from academics and professionals, continued to provide guidance on administrative and policy matters. Four meetings of the EC and three meetings of the Finance Committee (FC) were held during 2017-18. Elections to the Thirteenth Executive Committee were conducted in the latter half of 2017 as per the CWDS' bye-laws. All eight members whose nominations were received were elected unopposed.

In addition to the guidance provided by the EC, discussions in faculty meetings are aimed at a periodic review and monitoring of regular activities and receiving feedback on the same. Five Meetings of the Faculty Committee were held during 2017-18, apart from several meetings of the faculty members directly involved in the collaborative teaching programme with AUD. In addition to this regular joint meetings of faculty and various committees from both institutions (AUD and

CWDS) were regularly held as per the MoU and Agreement. Discussions were aimed at improved co-ordination and building on strengths of the teaching programme. The AUD-CWDS students are now involved on a more regular basis in the Centre's activities. During 2017-18 the Centre entered into several new partnerships to focus on some key areas of research. Our research activities continued to move us towards forging new partnerships with university-based Centres as well as other organisations.

At present, the composition of the EC and its elected office-bearers is as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Dr. Kumud Sharma	Chairperson
Prof. Vasanthi Raman	Vice-Chairperson
Dr. Mala Khullar	Treasurer
Prof. Renu Addlakha	Member
Prof. Jayati Ghosh	- Do -
Prof. Rajni Palriwala	- Do -
Prof. Mohan Rao	- Do -
Dr. Satish Agnihotri (Retd. IAS)	- Do -
Prof. Amita Singh	ICSSR nominee
Prof. Indu Agnihotri	Member-Secretary
Prof. Neetha N.	Dy. Director – Invitee

## **Human Resources**

Several changes are under way in the Centre as older/ senior members leave the Centre and newer, younger staff join us. The CWDS is committed to affirmative action and has proceeded with appointments against reserved posts in recent years. The Committees set up by the EC were reconstituted in 2017 and several of these have already met. However, the Service Rules, revised by the EC in 2014 still await notification. There is also a need to revisit the profile of sanctioned posts and designations since the profile of staff and responsibilities has vastly changed in the last two decades and more.

## **Financial Position**

While the ICSSR provides core grants for salaries and maintenance, personnel as well as infrastructural needs require the raising of additional resources. Project grants were received from

the South Asia Women's Fund, UNWomen, UNFPA, Ford Foundation, NIRPDR, LSHTM, ILO, WIEGO, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and the Directorate of Textiles, (Dept. of Sericulture) during 2017-18. These were raised to support research activities by the faculty which made a special effort to augment resources. Contributions were also received for the Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund (VMMF). The VMMF and Lotika Sarkar Endowment Fund (LSEF) are held by the Centre, as part of a pool of Corpus funds. The Employees' Provident Fund and Gratuity Fund are also in place.

## Research activities

Our research activities point to the need for multiple focal areas to track life cycle changes with regard to women's status. Early and child marriage have emerged as key areas of concern along with childcare issues. At the same time women's work and migration, within the broad field of emerging issues in labour, are critical areas. Health remains an issue across different ages and social groups. Gender and Disability has emerged as another area determining access and opportunity. The interlinkages between diverse forms of social and economic disabilities need to be factored in while studying these and many more determinants of women's status.

## **Violence Against Women and Girls with Physical Disabilities in India: Understanding the Issues and Promoting Legal Empowerment – supported by South Asia Women’s Fund (SAWF)**

■■■■ Project Coordinator: Renu Addlakha

A proposal submitted in response to the SAWF Call was accepted under the category “Leading from the South: Amplifying the Voices”. A two-year grant was awarded to CWDS (June 2017-May 2019). The majority of girls and women with disabilities in India suffer multiple discrimination on account of being female, being disabled and being poor. Neither reliable statistics nor systematic research exist to capture the level of neglect, isolation, stigma and violence that characterise their lives. Due to mobility and communication barriers, girls and women with disabilities lack awareness about the laws and other redressal mechanisms available to them. Earlier work with visually impaired women from different parts of India has highlighted the urgent need for both, understanding the complex forms of violence which get routinized in their lives and the need to raise their consciousness about the remedies available to them for redressal. This project seeks to develop a comprehensive understanding of the nature, types and extent of violence experienced by this vulnerable group which can provide the wherewithal to develop effective strategies to address the problem. The project involves the development of:

- ❖ Systematic documentary database on violence against girls and women with disabilities in India culled from different domains like law, policy, media and the social sciences (particularly women and gender studies).
- ❖ Empirical data on the different experiences of violence of women with disabilities through FDGs and in-depth interviews in institutions and the community.
- ❖ Development of a Legal Literacy Manual in consultation with disability, women rights activists and lawyers, to enable girls and women with disabilities to become aware of their legal rights and confidently access justice when they feel the need to do so.
- ❖ During the current year, several activities have been completed keeping to the time line of the project. These include an online needs assessment survey, a brainstorming consultation, literature review, development of research tools, training of project team and near completion of fieldwork. So far 48 in-depth interviews and 75 focus group discussions in Delhi, Orissa, Gujarat and Rajasthan have been completed.

- ❖ Publications in the form of academic papers, newspaper articles, blog posts on the process and findings of the project are proposed.

Assisted by: Sunakshi Bajpai (Project Research Associate), Seema Baquer (Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant), with support from Anshu Singh, Nayantara Singh, and Bhaswati Thakurta.

## **Comparative Study of Community Health Workers' (CHWs) Programmes in South Asia, Funded by PSI**

■■■■ Researcher – Bijoya Roy

This study focused on women CHWs as part of health care services available at the household and community level in the South Asian context. The effort was to map the configurations of CHWs that emerge from the different CHW models existing in five South Asian countries: India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The specificities of the nature of CHWs' work was explored in each of the settings. The study examined CHWs' work using the three frameworks i.e. CHWs as gendered workforce, formal voluntarism, and shifting nature of tasks within CHWs' programmes in South Asia.

The objective was to develop an overview alongside a regional understanding of CHW programmes in South Asia. This included an analysis of trends in Programme designs and implementation plans from the workers' perspective, in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The effort was: to explore the impact of the use of an unpaid workforce, of task-based incentives, and of irregular employment on the quality of health-care services and decent work; and to develop a case for the recognition of CHWs as permanent government employees.

## **Maternity Care Provision, Medical Dominance and Healthcare Market in India, Funded by ICSSR**

■■■■ Researcher – Bijoya Roy

The uniqueness of pregnancy and maternity care is that whereas it relates to a natural physiological process and not to treatment for any kind of illness, the fact is that it has been increasingly brought under regimented medicalised supervision. In India, by the late twentieth century and in the early phase of this century, the woman's body has been taken over by medicine for facilities to deal with the following: childbirth, anti-conception and Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ARTs). The most common medical interventions during pregnancy and childbirth are screening tests of the foetus for abnormal conditions, obstetric ultrasound, Caesarean section, forceps delivery, induction of labour, oxytocin injection before birth, use of epidural and episiotomy. The XI five-year plan

marked a departure from the erstwhile plan recommendations and emphasised skilled birth attendants and emergency obstetric care. The present maternity care policy in India favours hospitalisation of pregnant women with the assumption that there can be emergencies and complications at any stage of pregnancy and during childbirth.

This is a two-year study and the fieldwork is ongoing. The objectives are : to map the growth and nature of maternity care market emerging in India and its various dimensions; to understand how privatisation and changes in organisational structure of medical care provisioning impact the obstetric care and medicalisation process of childbirth; and to explore how women's experience of pregnancy and childbirth is shaped by biomedical and risk culture.

Assisted by: Sneha B Makkad (Research Associate)

### **Engendering Change: Exploring the interlinkages between Marriage, Disability, Sexuality and Knowledge Building in India from a Women's Studies perspective**

This is a new project initiated in December, 2017 with support from Ford Foundation. This has four segments which involve research and activities mentioned in the sections below:

#### **(a) Analysing Early and Child Marriage in India: The Interlocking Markets of Education, Marriage and Work**

A new study with the title “Analysing Early and Child Marriage in India: The Interlocking Markets of Education, Marriage and Work” was proposed as part of a larger Ford Foundation grant to the CWDS and is due to begin in March 2018. This study will build on the desk review being completed with support from UNFPA, since the kind of study to be undertaken will be shaped by what already exists and where the major gaps lie. It is particularly concerned with exploring the meanings of childhood, adolescence and adulthood in the contemporary Indian context, since these have either not been examined or else taken for granted in existing work on early marriage. The study will focus on an analysis of secondary data, building on existing studies. This will include both district level data of the Census and especially the latest round of the National Family Health Survey 4 (2015-16). The study will involve primary analysis in three states – West Bengal, Rajasthan and Telangana, where both rural and urban locations will be identified for in-depth study. Here the focus will include both early marriages and those that take place above the age of 18 or 21 years in order to gain a better perspective on where the problems with early marriage are to be found. The study will be intergenerational, and will explore the range of factors such as those of class, caste, religion, education, sexuality and their interplay in order to identify special points of vulnerability. The larger framework is to see how the interlocking aspects of education, work and

marriage are shaping “when” marriages take place in a context where marriage continues to be a compulsory institution.

Mary E. John is leading this part of the research.

## **(b) Intersectional Analysis on Disability and Sexuality**

This is a part of a larger Ford Foundation supported Project. This particular component seeks to build the field of ethnography of sexuality and disability from bottom-up to provide authentic experiential data. Secondly, the project seeks to build bridges with the health care system in order to make it more sensitive to the needs, concerns and aspirations of persons with disabilities (PWDs). The project shall address the intersections of disability and sexuality in the Indian context to understand and explore the process of development of a sexual identity among PWDs; the general and specific concerns of PWDs around sexuality; the available marital pathways for PWDs especially women with disabilities (WWDs); the sexual and reproductive choices available to WWDs; the mode/method through which PWDs acquire information about sexuality; the perceptions of the public health system towards disability and sexuality.

The study sites are Delhi and Maharashtra, as they are leading centres of both research and activism on disability in India. During the first phase a literature review of the issue of disability and sexuality with a particular focus on India has been completed and a CWDS occasional paper produced.

Research for this segment is being co-ordinated by Renu Addlakha.

## **(c) Knowledge Gateway on Women’s Studies in South Asia and Creating a Digital Archive of Grey Literature on Women’s Studies**

A new project has been initiated in November 2017 to develop a virtual knowledge centre in the field of Women’s Studies to make resources from the South Asian Region (SAR) available across the world. The basic objectives are: i) to share resources, opportunities and a global integrated technology platform for all Women’s Studies’ organisations in the SAR; ii) to facilitate networking, learning and sharing of experiences among Women’s Studies communities in the SAR; iii) to develop a nodal access point for information on and in Women’s Studies in the SAR; iv) to build an advanced digital archive, including of grey literature; v) to make the library resources accessible to scholars who are visually challenged.

The Library team led by Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee is undertaking this segment of the project.

## **(d) Building Capacities of Women's Studies Centres in Regional Contexts**

This part of the project envisages networking to document activities and resources generated by Women's Studies Centres in different regional contexts. The aim is to develop the capacities of local research teams and collate experiences gathered over the last two decades and more. Work on this segment will begin in the second half of 2018. It is planned to hold two workshops within this year.

This is co-ordinated by Indu Agnihotri and Indrani Mazumdar

### **Early and Child Marriage – A Desk Review**

■■■■ Researcher: Mary E. John

The issue of early and child marriage has in very recent years become a matter of concern in the Indian context, given the very large numbers of those who marry early. The present study is in the nature of an overview of the existing literature on the subject. While the review is specially focused on India it also explores relevant scholarship on marriage, childhood and adolescence globally. During the year material was collected from various sources. While availing a Fellowship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) at the University of Wuerzburg in Germany during June 2017, it was possible to use the library services of the University to considerably expand the search for relevant material. The study included visits to a select number of organisations in Delhi, Rajasthan, Bihar, West Bengal, Telangana, Maharashtra and Karnataka to get a sense of the significance of issues relating to early and child marriage in their own work. A scoping exercise of existing macro data sets (Census, NSS, DLHS, NFHS) was undertaken by Neetha N. to explore some of the challenges in measuring the incidence and prevalence of early marriage in the Indian context and what secondary data can offer.

Writing of the report is underway and the draft is planned to be shared at a dissemination workshop in August 2018. The study has been supported by the UNFPA.

Nidhi Varma has been the Research Assistant for this project. Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee and Madhu Shri Pandeya from CWDS library provided valuable assistance.

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

■■■■ Researcher: Mary E. John

This project begun in October 2015 was concluded in February 2018 when a final draft of the report was prepared. During the year in-depth interviews (20 per field site, a total of 80 each for Haryana and Maharashtra) were analysed; and also secondary literature on the regions explored. The draft report was shared at a Consultative Workshop in Delhi in December 2017. Feedback from this enabled the finalisation of the report. The report consists of four chapters, along with an executive summary and references. Chapter one is the introduction which provides the context, methodology and the characteristics of the field sites; chapter two, on the Female Respondents, uses both survey and interview data to provide information on the mothers covered by the study; chapter three on Fertility and the Girl only Family highlights the main argument of the study regarding the significance of girl only families in the era of sex selection, using quantitative and qualitative data; chapter four, “Planning Children’s Futures” focusses on issues of gender in the specific planning that parents undertake for their children’s education, marriage and employment prospects; and chapter five “The Elusive Links between Families and Development”, draws out the larger implications of the study in the contexts of the development of the towns and regions upon which the study is based. The final report is being prepared for publication with assistance from UNFPA.

The study received financial support from UNFPA and UNWomen. The field work was coordinated in Haryana by Neerja Ahlawat from MD University, Rohtak and in Maharashtra by Sneha Gole and Deepa Tak from the Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women’s Studies Centre in Pune University, each with a team of 8 field investigators. Steady research assistance was provided by Ankit Sharma, Abha Tadwalkar, Daksha Parmar and Neelu.

Data inputting was supervised by Prof. Balwant Mehta of IHD. 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 provided assistance in organizing and analyzing the interviews.

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

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

This is an ongoing research study in collaboration with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). The duration of the project is forty months, concluding in September 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 potential of the DFID/ILO supported intervention directed at facilitating safe migration by women. The research is carried out in 20 villages in two blocks of Ganjam district, Odisha, as a source region for migration.

## **Field work**

While the field work for the questionnaire-based survey was completed earlier, in the present reporting period, the third round of qualitative interviews with the cohort of migrant women workers were conducted from December 2017 to February, 2018. 47 of the cohort were located, and 44 were interviewed. Transcription/translation of the interviews are in process. The experience of conducting the interviews has highlighted the limitations of conducting them only in source areas. After a discussion with our partners in LSHTM, it was decided that some of the interviewees are to be interviewed at destination sites. Plans for that are in process. Field visits were also made to the Anti-trafficking unit in Ganjam to follow up on reports that emerged from the qualitative field work.

## **Data analysis**

The data from the questionnaire-based survey has undergone rigorous cleaning in this period. A preliminary set of observations drawing on some aspects of the survey data and of the first round of interviews was presented at a workshop organized by LSHTM in June, 2017. A more developed analysis on the basis of the cleaned data has been prepared for presentation to DFID and ILO.

## **Policy Workshop**

Developing on the engagement of the research with policy, a perspective note highlighting the need for moving towards a unified labour and gender perspective with reference to women migrant workers in labour policy, anti-trafficking practice, skill development and livelihood strategies was discussed with the Labour Commissioner, and a representative of the Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. Of Odisha, and then with the Chairperson of the Odisha State Women's Commission. A concept note and session plan for a collaborative workshop with the State Women's Commission were finalized in consultation with the state labour department.

## **Other activities**

A paper, 'Making Sense of the Wilderness: Policy Flux, Misdirection and the Unfreedoms of Women Migrant Workers in 21<sup>st</sup> Century India' has been prepared and sent for publication to an international journal, fulfilling a commitment in the contract between CWDS and LSHTM. The

paper is co-authored by Indrani Mazumdar and Neetha N. at CWDS and Samantha Watson who was earlier representing LSHTM in the project.

There have been some changes in the project personnel at LSHTM and some reworking of the CWDS' deadlines of the project, which will now conclude with a dissemination workshop in November, 2018.

Assisted by: Gayatri Panda, Baishali Lahiri and Prashant Upadhyay.

## **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 was an evaluation of Category B assets created under MGNREGA to specifically analyze the impact of livelihood assets on the beneficiary household in terms of enhancement in income and other non-monetary benefits. In addition, it also examined the involvement of PRIs, Community Based Organisations (CBOs) like active village level self-help groups (SHGs) and/or Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) on beneficiary selection of category B works. The study selected three states, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh (MP) and West Bengal, which accounted for 35.15% of all category B works in the country, and were also among the five states that have together accounted for more than three-fifths of all completed category B works in the country. The data collection instruments included a detailed beneficiary/household schedule, the gram panchayat information schedule and a focus group discussion (FGD) guide. Key Informant interviews were carried out with MGNREGA officials at all levels (GP, Block, District and State) and various panchayat functionaries. The final report, after incorporating all the comments received during a presentation of the draft report, was submitted to NIRPDR in March 2018.

The study supported by NIRDPR, Hyderabad was initiated in January 2017.

## **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 female employment in select cities and towns. The sectors studied are paid domestic work, manufacturing, construction, education, retail, and other commercial and personal services across five states in the country. These are: 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 project, supported by ICSSR, was extended due to the multiplicity of sites and sectors with separate survey schedules for each sector. The data analysis has also been challenging due to the need to factor in locational and sectoral interlinkages and diversities. The writing of the research report is in process.

Nayantara Singh is the Research Associate attached to this project.

## **Study on Fair Recruitment Practices of Domestic Workers: Lessons from Co-operative/Collective Initiatives**

■■■■ Researcher: Neetha N.

Domestic workers are recruited in a variety of ways. Within the larger set of recruitment practices, a cooperative model - where workers are members of the organisation that recruits and places domestic workers - has emerged. A close understanding of the recruitment practices of these varied initiatives and their interface with fair recruitment practices and decent employment conditions is required for documenting the challenges in terms of sustainability and replicability. It is in this context that the study was taken up. The initiatives taken up for analysis are SEWA Kerala, Nirmala Niketan, Delhi, SEWA Delhi, SEWA Bihar and NDWF, Jharkhand. The study documented the working of these various initiatives from the perspective of fair recruitment practices. The study was supported by ILO and a draft report of the study was submitted to ILO in April 2018.

## **Labour Law and the Migrant Worker**

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

The project on ‘Study on Labour Law and Migrant Workers’ supported by OAK Foundation had three levels of activities, including 1) Organisation of a national seminar on Labour Law and the Migrant Worker, which was held in March 2016, 2) Field work and interactions with workers in Jharkhand, West Bengal, and NCR Delhi, had to further evolve in this period, and 3) Preparation of a manual of labour law for migrant workers.

The project had to be restructured and was given a no-cost extension till March, 2018 because its context has been changing. Earlier changes in labour laws had been mentioned in the last report. 2017-18 has however, seen an accelerated process of fundamental change and flux on the labour law front. Amalgamation of 44 labour laws into 4 Labour Codes, executive changes in rules of existing labour laws, and several labour welfare cesses have been repealed in the name of GST. Such a situation meant that the framework that had been worked out for the manual became infructuous. Similarly the proposal for publication of a book based on the papers presented at the

seminar had to be kept on hold to retain relevance, although papers are being re-commissioned to incorporate the changes taking place.

This year also saw the conclusion of field studies in Jharkhand, West Bengal, and the National Capital Region and preparation of a study report, which now includes a perspective chapter on the changing landscape of labour law in place of the manual.

Case studies in Jharkhand were conducted with the assistance of Anjor Bhaskar who also analysed the data so generated. Research assistance in North Bengal was provided by Sneha Pandey.

## **Action Research on Women's Labour Migration in India**

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

Supported by the ILO/DFID 'Work in Freedom Project', CWDS has initiated a project on Action Research on Women's Labour Migration in India. The proposal was drawn up based on our experience that contemporary debates, discussions, and interventions related to mobility and bondage, women's work, forced labour and migration, and trafficking, protection, and rehabilitation, etc. have developed along separate and divergent tracks that are disengaged from each other. With concepts, frameworks, principles, and perspectives also having developed along these separate tracks, conflicting impulses are reflected in policy, in law, legislation and administrative practices.

In such a context, CWDS proposed a project across two stages towards developing a more integrated and interlinked perspective and understanding, and a more informed and comprehensive view of the interconnectedness of the issues at stake.

The first stage, focused on literature review, has been initiated and received support from the ILO (20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2018).<sup>1</sup> It involves review of studies and reports along each of the above mentioned tracks from an integrated labour and gender perspective. An advisory team including scholars, journalists, and law specialists has been constituted. The documentation and review is focusing on compiling information and identifying key issues and research gaps in the literature on:

- a) the political economy of modes of women's migration/mobility (singly, with social group, with family etc.), within the larger context of falling employment rates among women, agrarian crisis, precipitate decline in artisanal forms of labour, and lack of adequate compensatory growth of opportunities in other sectors as factors propelling the coercive conditions of work in which many women migrants are located;

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<sup>1</sup>[now extended to 15th July 2018]

- b) policy level discussions, and documentation of recent measures and proposals by central and state governments in the field of labour policy/administration as well as approaches to trafficking;
- c) discussions and debates regarding consolidation of labour laws through a set of labour codes on the one hand and the growing demand for new legislation addressing specific categories of workers such as domestic work or home-based work on the other, how taxation and finance are impacting labour laws and its implications, and discussions regarding amendments to the Inter-state Migrant Workmen's Act and changes made to penal provisions related to trafficking;
- d) corridors of women's migration from tribal/advansi and dalit communities that have a history of being specifically mobilised for the harshest and most exploitative forms of manual labour and how contemporary practices and mechanisms replicate elements of colonial practices of labour mobilisation and reinforce traditional hierarchies and inequalities.

Assisted by: Dimple Tresa Abraham, Khundongbam Gyanabati Devi, with research assistance from Chaitanya Khandelwal.

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

### **Rationale**

■■■■ Project Coordinator: Renu Addlakha

After much difficulty causing inordinate delay, interviews with 20 convicted inmates of Tihar Jail incarcerated for crimes against women were conducted. The draft report of this project has been completed and sent to NHRC for their comments before finalizing it. To recapitulate, this study aimed to gain insight into the perceptions of male perpetrators - both adults and juveniles - 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. NHRC proposes to hold a formal presentation of this report before the Commission for discussion.

Assisted by: Vijay Kumar Jha and Anshu Singh.

## **Springer Handbook of Critical Disability Studies**

**This work is to be edited by Renu Addlakha (Professor CWDS) and Marcia Rioux Distinguished Research Professor, School of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Health, York University Toronto, Ontario**

Springer Nature approached the two editors for a scholarly reference work on Disability. Springer is a scholarly publisher especially renowned for its prestigious Major Reference Works (MRWs) programme. Both editors agreed to this long-term partnership, given the need for such a work in a rapidly expanding dynamic field of enquiry. A detailed joint book proposal has been accepted by Springer and a contract signed. Springer will publish the Handbook of Critical Disability Studies on a new and updateable “Live” platform that enables peer reviewing for scientific accuracy and quality, in addition to print and e-book editions.

This reference work will map the terrain of disability globally to provide an overview of issues, concerns and developments in the domains of medicine, law, policy, education, economics, employment, science, technology, culture and society. Each Chapter will be published online first, much ahead of the print edition. As the Editors-in-Chief Marcia Rioux and Renu Addlakha will oversee the entire project while Section Editors (who comprise the Editorial Board) break down sections into topics and review the submissions. The actual writing will be done by the authors. Each Section will have between six to eight chapters of about 6000 to 8000 words prepared by experts in the special subfields.

At the moment the Editors are in the process of identifying and confirming section editors for this volume.

## **Partnership with ARAB, Swedish Archives for Labour History to explore cross continental/regional trends and perspectives around the Changing Contours of Women’s Work.**

The MoU between CWDS and ARAB was signed in August 2017 as a collaboration for five years. A number of activities, including research, publication and holding of workshops, conferences and training programmes are envisaged. The objectives of this collaboration will explore commonalities, differences and converging trajectories to co-produce knowledge on cross-continental trends in women’s work in Scandinavia and the South Asia regions. The collaboration will focus on (a) critical perspectives on the study of women and/in labour history, including the role of feminist pioneers in this area; (b) developing conceptual, analytical as well as methodological frameworks to study comparative histories of women and work; (c) researching long term histories and perspectives on women’s work and labour in: (i) agriculture and allied activities (including fishing); (ii) industry with a focus on home-based industry and home-based work; (iii) services

with a focus on paid care and domestic work; (iv) organisations of workers (trade unions) and regulatory regimes (labour law); (v) labour force participation; informal labour regimes and migration; (vi) experiences of working mothers; child care systems; and (d) Facilitating digitization of archival material and acquiring resource material for the study of women, work and labour.

During this year a Training workshop in Digital archiving was conducted for the CWDS library team. An international workshop on Long-term Perspectives on Home-based work in Stockholm in collaboration with ARAB and WIEGO was planned for May 2018. Indrani Mazumdar was part of the planning team.

The co-ordinating team for the CWDS-ARAB collaboration is Indu Agnihotri, Indrani Mazumdar and Neetha N.

### **Institutional Digital Repository (IDR)**

■■■■■ Project Coordinator - Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee;  
Technical Development: Akhlaq Ahmed

This project is in collaboration with IIT-Kharagpur under National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). This is an ongoing activity. IDR has been created in 2016-17 with the objective of having an institutional repository to provide open access to institutional research output. CWDS has joined NDL as a member and is integrated with several national and international digital libraries through one single web-portal.

Currently the IDR has over 300 documents under different collections.

### **Resource Guide on Violence against Women (with annotation): an update 1996-2015 (In-house Project)**

■■■■■ Project Team: Madhu Shri Pandeya, Akhlaq Ahmed and Deepa Singhal

This is an in-house activity which seeks to extend an earlier work, titled “Voices of Resistance Silence of Pain: A Resource Guide on Violence against Women” 1996. The basic objectives are: i) to update the earlier bibliography with annotation as a resource guide; ii) to highlight and enlist various issues related to violence against women. This annotated bibliographical resource guide will include entries of books, reports, institutional papers, conference documents and analytical entries of edited books and conference proceedings and articles from periodicals. This will have author, keywords, and geographical area indexes in the last section for easy access.

## हिंदी में स्त्री अध्ययन सामग्री तैयार करने संबंधी परियोजना

सेंटर के वर्क प्लान में जिन गतिविधियों का जिक्र किया गया था उन के तहत इस साल में हुई प्रगति का संक्षिप्त ब्योरा इस प्रकार है:

- (क) हिंदी की पुरानी पत्रिकाओं से जेंडर-विषयक सामग्री संकलन का काम आगे बढ़ा है। संकलित सामग्री के आधार पर संपादित संकलन के प्रकाशन की योजना बनाई गयी है।
- (ख) संवाद व्याख्यान शृंखला को शुरू किया गया और उसे जारी रखा जाएगा।
- (ग) पुस्तकालय में हिंदी पाठ्य सामग्री के संकलन और परिवर्धन का काम जारी है। इस परियोजना से जुड़े सीडबल्यूडीएस के सभी साथी इसमें सहयोग दे रहे हैं।
- (घ) दलित महिलाओं से संबन्धित दस्तावेज का संग्रहण आरंभ किया गया है। इन दस्तावेजों में दलित महिलाओं के अनुभवों से संबन्धित पत्रिकाएँ, समाचारपत्र तथा दलित लेखक-लेखिकाओं के लेख आदि को एकत्रित किया जा रहा है। लगभग ४०० पृष्ठों के इन दस्तावेजों को स्कैन कर के PDF में परिवर्तित किया गया है। इन दस्तावेजों को अधिक से अधिक पाठकों तक पहुंचाने के लिए सी . डब्लू. डी. एस. पुस्तकालय द्वारा विषयानुसार इनका वर्गीकरण कर के पुस्तकालय के मुख्य कलेक्शन में संग्रहित करने का कार्य किया जा रहा है। भविष्य में इन दस्तावेजों को पुस्तकालय के (डिजिटल आर्काइव) में लेने की योजना है। यह काम रजनी तिलक के सहयोग से शुरू किया गया।
- (ङ) पुस्तकालय द्वारा संकलित करेंट अवेरनेस बुलेटिन में भी हिन्दी में प्रकाशित सामग्री को सम्मिलित किया जा रहा है। इस काम में इन्दु अग्निहोत्री, विजय कुमार झा, नयनतारा सिंह और मधुश्री पाण्डेय संलग्न हैं।

## Action Research

The context and policy environment in which the Action Research Programme is being pursued have vastly changed in these three and a half decades. The CWDS needs to hold wide-ranging discussions to review this work with our partners to plan and allow for fresh initiatives in this area. There is tremendous scope for research from this location and this needs more attention in the coming year.

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## BANKURA ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT



Brushing of Tasar DFLs



Cocoon garland making for grainage



Babui & Arjun plantation



Hanging of nylon net before tasar rearing



Broiler farming



Shaping of Elephant foot yam before sowing

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## BANKURA ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT



Demonstration of Buniyad Tasar Reeling machine



Exposure visits by TSP project beneficiaries



CSB Scientist with samiti members



Inauguration of Tasar grainage house by DOS & Bank official



Annual sports event for creche children



Annual sports' Prize distribution of Creche children

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

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

This year CWDS' partnership with Peasant women (and men) completed 37 years in Bankura and Purulia. The present network of CWDS/NBS consists of 34 Gramin Mahila Sramik Unnayan Samitis, 9 Producer groups under TSP Project, 49 women SHGs and 261 TSP Project families.

## **CWDS and Integrated Tribal Development Project through Tasar Culture under TSP**

Since late 2016, CWDS has undertaken a two-year long project for Integrated Tribal Development through Tasar culture, in Bankura district, West Bengal in partnership with Nari Bikash Sangha (NBS). The Project is supported by the Central Silk Board (CSB) and the State Department of Sericulture (DoS).

During the year, 268 beneficiaries( viz. 10-Nucleus Seed Rearers, 24-Basic Seed Rearers, 07-Private Graineurs, 150-Commercial Rearers, 50-Reelers, 20-Spinners and 7 Community Resource Persons) have been identified from three project blocks viz. Raipur, Khatra and Hirbandh of Bankura district, of whom, 77% Women and 23% Men. Identified beneficiaries belong to the following social categories: in ST-86%, OBC-11% and Others-3%. Out of total beneficiaries, 119 are from NBS Samiti members.

The project involved Training, Provision of Inputs, Equipments, Consumables and Infrastructural support. These were provided to the beneficiaries as per the project plan.

**Tasar Culture:** This year, Tasar rearers and Graineurs groups under TSP Project and other Tasar Samiti members of NBS conducted Tasar culture under supervision of CWDS, NBS and District Sericulture Department. This required field preparation, host plant management, larval management and Grainage operation completed in time with modern technologies. Silk worm rearing is done on both natural forest plantation and economic plantation. Forest plantation is generally used for commercial rearing whereas the economic plantation is used both for Seed crop and commercial rearing. **Tasar Cocoon Production: (a) During Seed crop rearing (viz. TV-1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Crop) -** Ten Samiti / committee/groups brushed 13200 Disease Free Laying(DFLs) and have produced 637204 Seed cocoons. Entire produce was sold to the BSM and TC Patelnagar and Private Graineurs groups. During Seed crop rearing 8997 person days of employment were generated. **(b) During Commercial crop rearing (TV-3<sup>rd</sup> crop):** Thirty two Samitis/Committee/

Groups brushed 43700 DFLs, received from 10 Private Grainages, and have produced 1303121 Commercial cocoons. During rearing 28900 persons days of employment were generated. The entire produce was sold to the Khadi society, Weavers Co-operatives and Private traders by the Rearers. *Commercial crop rearing was hampered due to bad weather that is - Rain/thundershower during brushing and spinning.* (c) **Nucleus Seed Rearing:** This year, for the first time two samitis (Harangara and Baroghutu) brushed 2000 Nucleus seeds, received from BSM and TC, Patelnagar and have produced 131000 Seed cocoons. Out of which, Harangara Samiti preserved 20000 cocoons within its own existing infrastructure for production of Basic Seeds in the next year. The rest were sold to the Khadi Society. During rearing 1500 persons days of employment were generated. (d) **Tasar Seed (DFLs) Production through Private Grainage:** During 3<sup>rd</sup> grainage, that is commercial DFLs production, Ten graineurs groups ( of which 5 under TSP Project) were produced 68700 DFLs through using 318800 Seed cocoons at their own grainage buildings. During grainage operation 1594 persons days of employment were generated. Out of total production, 30000 DFLs sold to the Commercial rearers under TSP Project and rest were sold to the non-TSP Project rearers within and outside the project blocks and neighbouring districts i.e. Purulia, Jhargram and Paschim Medinipore. (e) **Raising new Tasar plantation:** Banshinala Gramin Mahila Sramik Unnayan Samiti in Raipur block, have raised 14 acres of tasar host plantation (Viz. Arjun) through convergence with CDP Scheme under DOS.

### **Income Generating and Other Activities:**

- ❖ Seventy Seven members (Women-67 and Men-8 ) from 8 groups under TSP Project have undertaken different types of income generating activities viz. Purchase of Seed Cocoons for Grainage, Tasar Seeds, Vegetable cultivation, Goat, Bullock, Pig, Duck and Poultry bird rearing, Purchase of Fishing Net, Tailoring activities, Ready - made garment business etc. through project assistance.
- ❖ Six samitis produced 175 quintal Babui grass. Samiti members use a part of this for rope making and rest was sold to the Private traders and other Samiti members.
- ❖ *Broiler Farming:* Two samitis and Six SHGs reared 113660 birds in their own farms. During rearing, 6389 person days of employment were generated.
- ❖ *Credit Programme:* During Kharif season, NBS provided fertilizer to 12 samiti members on credit and Cash loan to two samitis for Small business and Family consumption purpose.

**Child care Centre (Crèches) and Village Libraries:** Nine crèches are being run in collaboration with NBS. This year 245 children (Male-120, Female-125) were enrolled in nine crèches and 33 children (M-18 and F-15) admitted to Primary school from the Crèches. As usual annual sports events were organised for the Crèches children. **Six Village libraries** are being run in six villages with financial support from the NBS. On demand, daily newspaper and employment news are provided to the villagers through libraries.

## Training for mobilizing Techniques:

S.No.	Name of Training	Number of Trainees	Training duration	Place of Training	Name of Trainer
1	Basic and Nucleus Seed Rearing	34	5 days (11-15/09/2017)	Indoor and On field	CSB Scientist from CTR and TI, Ranchi.
2	Private grainage operation	14 (One group leader and one Assistant)	10 Days (12-21/08/2017)	Baroghutu grainage	One CSB official and one trained women from PRADAN acted as trainer.
3	CRP's Training	07	7 days (11-18/07/2017)	On field	Project Consultant and Extension Officer TSC, Khatra
4	Commercial Rearing Training	150	1 Month (during Rearing period)	On field	CRPs and Project Consultant and Extension Officer TSC, Khatra.
5	Demonstration of BUNIYAAD Reeling Machine	50	1 day (23/02/2018)	Cocoon Market , Khatra	Scientist-D,SCTH, Malda
6	Exposure visit cum Training for BSR	24	1 day (07/07/2017)	Do	Progressive Farmers, Project Consultant and Extension Officer TSC, Khatra

**Infrastructure Development:** Ten grainage houses were constructed in 10 villages by the 10 Graineurs groups with financial assistance under TSP project, Directorate of Textiles (Seri.) and Groups' own contribution. For this construction, the required lands were donated by the villagers to the groups. **Observation of Farmers' Day:** Two Farmers' Day events were organised under TSP Project, one at Cocoon Market, Khatra and another at Sonagara GP, Raipur. Tasar Farmers, Officials from DOS and CSB, Local Panchayats and Forest Department personnel participated in the Programmes.

**Meetings/Visits:** One Annual General Body Meeting and Four EC Meetings of NBS, AGM and Election in 23 Samitis, 96 Samiti meetings and 48 Producer Groups meeting were held during this year. CSB and DOS Officials visited selected Tasar fields and Grainage buildings in three project blocks.

## **CWDS Staff attended the following Meetings and Conventions etc.**

- ❖ Awareness Programme on Central Seed Act, organised by Regional Office, Central Silk Board (CSB), Kolkata on 07/03/2018 at Gurusaday Mancha, Khatra, Bankura.
- ❖ Training on Tasar Farmers on “Pruning of Tasar Host plants and its intercultural Operations “under ATMA, organised by Extension Officer, Sericulture, Technical Service Centre, Khatra on 20/02/2018 at Tasar Cocoon Market, Khatra, Bankura.
- ❖ Tasar Farmers’ Convention, organised by Jungle Mahal Mahila Tasar Chasir Dal Committee Trust on 20/02/2018 at Bhulabheda, Jhargram District.
- ❖ Samiti convention organised by Siramghutu, Kadambera and Peripather Samitis with other adjoining samitis.
- ❖ The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee (PIMC) was held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at New Secretariat Building, Kolkata.

## **Research and Documentation:**

- ❖ Updating of Farmers’ Pass Books under TSP Project was completed.
- ❖ Collection of basic information of the participants’ households under TSP Project was completed.
- ❖ Preparations of Samiti/Committee /Group profiles under TSP Project was completed.
- ❖ Since inception of the TSP Project, development activities are being covered by Audio-visual documentation.

## **CWDS’ engagement with Barsole Mahila Sarbik Bikash Sangha (BMSBS) in Parts of Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur district, West Bengal**

■■■■ Team: Meghnad Desmukh and Shanti Pal

CWDS in collaboration with Barsole Mahila Sarbik Bikash Sangha (an apex body of 12 Gramin Mahila Sramik Unnayan Samiti) undertook various economic and social activities, emphasizing new activities.

**Tasar Culture: Raising new plantation and maintenance of existing plantation -** Four samitis raised 12 acres plantation of Tasar host plants (11500 plants) through their own nursery. Required pruning/pollarding and application of plant protection was completed in 6 samitis (viz. Mahulbani, Bhalukkhulia, Uttar Barsole, Dakshin Barsole, Jaypur and Ashakanthi). **Tasar Rearing -** In Tri-Voltine 2nd Crop rearing, 3 Samitis (viz. Ashikanthi, Amlatora and Joypur)

brushed 2000 Disease Free Layings (DFLs) were received from NBS grainage, Bankura and have produced 71100 Cocoons worth Rs.142200.00. Entire cocoons were sold to NBS grainage, Jhilimili. 1360 person days of employment generated during rearing. In TV - 3rd Crop (Commercial) rearing 7 Samitis (viz.Mahulbani, Jaypur, Amlatora, Uttar Barsole, Mahulbani, Dakshin Barsole and Bhalukkhulia) brushed 3400 Disease Free Layings (DFLs) received from NBS grainage and have produced 53720 Cocoons worth Rs.76900.00. The cocoons were sold to private traders. 2411 person days of employment was generated during rearing. **Babui and Bamboo plantation** - Jaypur Kalindipara Samiti earned Rs. 250.00 from their new babui plantation. The entire amount of first income was deposited in the Samiti account. **Vermicompost Production** - One new vermicompost shed with production capacity of 10 quintal per batch was constructed in Joypur Samiti. As of today, 50 members from 6 samitis are engaged in Vermicompost production. This year 6 samitis produced 67 quintal compost. Out of which 30 quintal sold to the Forest Department @ Rs.1300/- per quintal and have earned Rs.39000.00, 12 quintals were used by Samiti members for their own vegetable cultivation and the present stock is 25 quintals. **Construction Works** - One Tasar rearing shed was constructed in Amlatora Samiti with financial support from CWDS. The **Loan Programme** has become a regular activity of the samitis. A separate bank account titled 'Reen Tahabil Account' has been opened for this purpose. This year an amount of Rs.71600.00 was received back from seven samitis as loan return. On the other hand Members from 10 samitis received an amount of Rs.149000.00 as loan. With this kind of loan, Samiti members have engaged in various type of income-generating activities like vegetable cultivation, pig and goat rearing etc. A few members have received family consumption loans for house repairing/new construction etc. **Vegetable cultivation** - On demand, high yield variety seasonal vegetable seeds viz. mustard seeds, pumpkin, gourd, bitter gourd, lady's finger, chilli, brinjal, tomato, cauliflower, cabbage etc. supplied to 260 members of 11 samitis. Besides family consumption samiti members sold their produce in the weekly market (Hutt). **Goat/Sheep rearing** - For goat and sheep rearing 13 goats and 7 sheepes were supplied to 20 members of two samitis. **Health Awareness Programme** - CWDS, in collaboration with BMSBS organised one Health Awareness Camp at Joypur Samiti with the presence of a Doctor of Medicine and a pathology team. More than one hundred persons from both Samiti and non-Samiti households attended the Camp. **Samiti Formation** - This year one new Samiti was formed at Keshoripur village with 32 members in the presence of CWDS and BMSBS representatives. **Other Activities** - Four BMSBS meetings including one Annual General Body Meeting, fifty five Samiti meetings and two Reen Committee meetings were held during this year. New Bank accounts were has opened for BMSBS at UBI Jhargram branch. BMSBS' account audited for the year 2017-18. Collection of membership subscription from sister samitis, updating of Samiti accounts, renewal of FDs for the year were completed. **Convergence with local Administration** - To perform the above cited activities liaison was established with local Panchayats, the Forest Department, the Department of Sericulture, BCKV Jhargram, Khadi Society, Block Land and Land Revenue Offices and private traders.

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## MEDINIPUR ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT



Cleaning of harvested cocoons



Field preparation before tasar rearing



Arjun nursery



Vegetable cultivation



Filling of Polythene tubes with rooting media for Arjun nursery



Polythene lining Sal plate making

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## MEDINIPUR ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT



Goat rearing



Spraying of plant protection



Health awareness programme



Awareness programme on tasar host plant management



Seed supply for vegetable cultivation



Tasar culture operation payment in progress

## Teaching Women's Studies

*Interest in the field of Women's Studies has grown in recent years. However, within the location of the university system Women's Studies is facing serious challenges. CWDS needs to reflect on its relationship with Women's Studies Centres to also redefine its own role. At the same time new initiatives are required to garner fresh ideas and perspectives from the youth.*

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

Upon completion of the initial five year teaching collaboration between Ambedkar University, Delhi and CWDS that ended in 2017, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between both institutions was renewed in 2017 for a further period of three years (2017-2020). The end of the initial five-year collaborative period was followed by a process of review and reflection over the experience of teaching at the research level as well as the decision to renew the MoU. 2017-2018 is the first year of the renewed three year collaboration period. A corresponding Memorandum of Agreement between Ambedkar University and Centre for Women's Development Studies incorporating all the proposed revisions in the course structure, credits and other details has been finalized.

### **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 continues to provide stipends to 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.

Due to the introduction of new UGC guidelines regarding the M.Phil and Ph.D academic programmes across universities and institutions, AUD revised its own guidelines with regard to admissions for its M.Phil and Ph.D programmes for the 2017-2018 academic year. In a series of consultative meetings with faculty and students, the structure of the M.Phil course, credit system, etc. were reviewed. The revisions aim to provide the necessary grounding for M.Phil students who must complete both the course work and the thesis within the two year period stipulated by the new guidelines. It also caters to Ph.D students from outside AUD who may not have the requisite background in the field of Women and Gender Studies, and who can avail of the courses being offered in the first year of the five year period available for completing the Ph.D. Also, a new tighter course structure was proposed for the 2017-18 academic year with a smaller number of core courses and a basket of electives so as to permit greater flexibility and choice.

### **Ph.D Programme**

10 M.Phil students were selected, and 10 joined the course.

There was no intake of Ph.D students for the 2017-2018 academic year.

For 2018-19, Ph.D admissions shall be undertaken simultaneously with M.Phil admissions in July 2018.

## M.Phil programme 2017-2018

Semester 1 Course name and credits assigned		Semester 2 Course name and credits assigned
1.	Feminist Theories (4 credits) Core compulsory	Guided Study (2 Credits) compulsory
2.	Research Methods with Exemplary Works (4 credits) – Core compulsory	Elective (4 credits) Open Elective
3.	WGS Elective (2 credits)	
Semester 3 and 4 – Dissertation/Thesis – 16 credits		

In semester one 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. Research Methodologies through Exemplary Works was taught in the first semester, and as before 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, Neetha N. and Renu Adlakha, with some inputs by Bijoya Roy. The course of guided study was the only core course in the second semester, 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. Students chose electives both from within the Gender Studies Programme and from across the university on themes that connected to their research questions, and this was a positive experience.

### List of M.Phil completions during 2017-18 (1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018)

1. Chaitanya Khandelwal. Home Based Women Workers in Nandnagri: Invisibilities, Insecurities and Everyday Struggle. Supervisor: Prof. Neetha N.
2. Gurpreet Kaur. Gendering Narratives of Empowerment: An exploration through Desire, Psychoanalysis and Politics. Supervisor: Prof. Anup Dhar.
3. Meenakshi Bhagat. State Subject Laws in Jammu and Kashmir: A Study of the Gender Dimension and other Complexities Surrounding these Laws. Supervisor: Prof. Krishna Menon, Co-supervisor: Prof. Mary E. John.
4. Preeti. Women Sex Workers and their Health Issues in India. Supervisor: Prof. Rachana Johri.

5. Riya Singh. From Case Rapes to Marital Rape: An analysis of Rape with a lens of Caste and Voices of Dalit Women. Supervisor: Prof. Rachana Johri.
6. Sneha Baldeo Makkad. Nursing, Public Sector Hospitals and Changing Working Conditions: An Exploratory Study of a Medical College and Hospital, Punjab. Supervisor: Dr. Bijoya Roy.
7. Vandana Chaudhry. Understanding 'Honour' and 'Crime': A Case Study of the Gujjar Community in Select Locations. Supervisor: Prof. Indu Agnihotri
8. Ziana Razianreilliu Panmei. Women and Marriage in the Rongmei Community in Imphal, Manipur. Supervisor: Prof. Mary E. John

A new elective course on Gender and Conflict has been drawn up for the Programme. The objective of the elective course is to utilize a gender lens that captures and analyzes the overarching social, political and legal conditions that perpetuate gender discrimination in situations of armed conflict. The course has been developed by Seema Kazi.

The co-ordinators for the CWDS-AUD M.Phil/Ph.D Programme from CWDS are Seema Kazi and Bijoya Roy.

### **ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships in Women's Studies (2017-18)**

During 2017-2018 CWDS continued processing the award of the ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships in Women's Studies that it began in 2013. 13 Fellowships were disbursed during the period comprising selected candidates in the first, second and third year of the Fellowship Programme. Out of this 9 Fellows were from the CWDS-AUD Collaborative Research Programme in Women's and Gender Studies and 4 Fellows were from other universities. All the Scholars submitted bi-annual reports that were evaluated by an Evaluation Committee on the basis of which recommendations were made to the ICSSR for continuation of the Fellowship for those candidates whose work was found to be satisfactory. The effort is to ensure contact between the ICSSR Fellows and their CWDS Co-Supervisors.

An advertisement for award of for ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships was put on the CWDS web site. 15 Applications were received out of which 11 candidates were called for interview on 16 October 2017.

Six candidates were selected for award of Fellowships allocated to CWDS by the ICSSR. 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 2017-18:

- ❖ **Prerona Saikia Sonowal, Bidisha Mahanta, and Nandini Das**, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University. All three worked on the project titled “Gender Dimensions of the Urban Labour Market: Investigating the Terms of Women’s Inclusion and Exclusion”.
- ❖ **Partha Garkoti**, School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi, worked on the NHRC project titled “Perpetrators of Violence against Women in India”.

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

- ❖ Nima Lamu Yolmo, Graduate Student, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Irvine, for research project titled “**For Those Who Wait: Money, Time and Inclusion in the North-East Region of India**” from January to December, 2018.
- ❖ 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 February, 2017 to February 2018.

## Policy Perspectives' / Advocacy and Networking

*The canvas of government policies shows a diverse picture across states, sectors and sites. There is a need to track these at different levels from our research location. More consistent and rigorous analysis of these is required to build networks to monitor these. This will also pave the way for providing focus for meaningful interventions on specific aspects.*

## **National Level Monitor work for the Ministry of Rural Development**

CWDS was 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 for an additional three year term in January 2017. As part of the work, the Centre has undertaken regular monitoring and evaluation (M&E) exercises assigned by MoRD, in many districts across different states.

### **Common Review Mission**

The Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) was constituted on 2 January 2013, and was mandated to recommend measures needed to augment the resources and capacities of panchayats and municipalities. Two committees were constituted, one each under the ministries of Panchayati Raj and Urban Development to provide guidelines and support to state governments. The FFC recommended assured transfer of funds to the local bodies for planning and delivery of basic services. The states were asked to prepare state specific time bound plans including Gaon Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP).

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj constituted a Common Review Mission to visit eight states. Kumud Sharma, Chairperson, CWDS was a member of the Review team which visited the state of Assam. The mission undertook to review state level preparation for planning and preparation of GPDP, awareness about guidelines of FFC, participatory planning and capacity building of GPs, release and utilisation of funds to GPs, convergence of schemes and funds at local level and resource mobilisation by GPs.

### **CWDS- FORCES Network**

■■■■ National Coordinator - Savitri Ray

### **National Campaign on Child care**

For the last two years, the network is focusing on the issue of Childcare where discussions started in collaboration with WIEGO and SEWA. In June 2017 workshop, key demands for childcare and strategies were discussed for a national campaign which will link to a global campaign calling for child care to be considered as a component of social security as it allows working parents to engage in income generating activities and guarantees their income security.

As a follow up to the discussion which started in 2016, two national level meeting-cum-workshop took place in 2017. The first brought together informal workers' organizations across several sectors (including street vendors, waste pickers, domestic workers, construction workers, and home-based workers), SEWA, FORCES partners from different states, and NGOs working in childcare to share experiences of advocating for child care services.

- ❖ **Workshop on Quality Public Child Care for All Workers: Collaborating for Action**, September 12, 2017 at IIC, New Delhi with the objective of providing the space to hear and **reflect on the childcare needs of different informal workers** in Delhi; share and discuss **experiences to promote childcare services** that could be adopted in Delhi based on examples from FORCES, SEWA, and other child care advocates and researchers; **Raising awareness of the national and global childcare campaigns** among informal workers' organisations based in Delhi to garner greater support for organisations and networks advocating for childcare.

Representatives from member based organizations and NGOs were grouped according to sector (home-based workers, domestic workers, street vendors, construction workers and waste pickers) in order to identify overarching needs and challenges connected to childcare. Since WIEGO Focal city members joined the meeting for the first time; therefore, their members were also briefed on the journey of National FORCES and its work in the area of Childcare.

The following were identified as key issues by informal workers and their organizations -

S. No.	Issue	Challenges
1	Accessibility	1. Low affordability linked to low incomes for women in the informal sector. 2. Lack of documentation, for example Aadhar cards, proof of residence for migrants.
2	Quality	3. Provision of varying quality of services (with respect to nutrition, education, and healthcare).
3	Location	4. Mothers require locations either close to their work place or their homes depending on what is most convenient.
4	Working hours	5. Lack of flexible working hours, to account for different working hours of mothers (e.g., wastepickers start working at 4 am, while vendors often return from work at 11 pm).
5	Child protection	6. Care of young children (below 3 years of age) 7. Child labour – older children are often used to supplement the mother's work.
6	Visibility of workers	8. Advocacy is needed to highlight the rights of informal workers/legal recognition (especially home-based workers, domestic workers).
7	Labour rights	9. Making the case for childcare as a right for all workers. 10. Making the case of childcare as an essential component of floor level social security (government and workers/trade unions). 11. Lack of accountability/delay in implementing policies even once they are formulated. 12. Poor working conditions impacting the time and resources.
8	Maternity	13. Nursing breaks for mothers of infants and maternity benefits.

## **A National Meeting of Core Group members for the National Campaign on Childcare, was held 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017, IIC, New Delhi**

The meeting was hosted by FORCES, SEWA, and WIEGO; in 2016, FORCES partners agreed to launch a National campaign on child care. In this meeting, it was decided to develop concrete plans and actions among a core group of organizations who will be giving strategic direction to the national campaign. The meeting discussed and agreed on key strategies to adopt for advancing the childcare campaign in India; and a plan and set of activities to roll out the child care campaign between 2017–2019.

It was decided to set up a national steering committee for the campaign and working groups to define and implement specific aspects of the campaign along with a list of follow-up activities. **Deepika Shrivastava, Senior Consultant** for NITI Aayog also attended the meeting and gave suggestions where members could collaborate with the government initiatives / programmes and also with local institutions.

### **Steering Committee Meeting**

The Steering Committee consists of members from SEWA, National FORCES, Alliance for ECD, Save the Children and Tamil Nadu FORCES. Representation from Trade Unions will be decided at a later stage. Three meetings have been held to plan regional consultations. In the first meeting held over Skype on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, it was decided to hold four Regional Consultations with support from the Save the Children. Out of these four, the National FORCES agreed to conduct three in collaboration with its state chapters. In the second meeting held in CWDS in December 2017, it was decided to hold the first regional consultation in South with the support of TN FORCES in March 2018. In the third meeting, held in CWDS in March 2018, a draft of the Southern consultation was shared by FORCES. It was also decided to bring unions and other labour organisations in these consultations. It was also decided to hold a national workshop after completing all regional consultations and efforts are to be made to raise funds for the national meeting and prepare campaign material etc. with support from the WIEGO team.

Kumud Sharma, Vasanthi Raman and Savitri Ray are members of the co-ordinating team for FORCES.

### **CWDS' Programme for support to Marginalized Groups**

(under Charitable Activity)

■■■■ CWDS Team: Savitri Ray/Indrani Mazumdar/ Neetha N.

CWDS regularly collaborates with other organisations to support marginalized groups. This work does not always involve research and broadly falls under the head of charity. In the past the

Centre has collaborated with Action for Autism and the All India Confederation of the Blind. This year CWDS conducted a small programme on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 with Society for Participatory Integrated Development (SPID), a Delhi based organization. SPID is working with marginalized communities in different parts of Delhi to focus on issues related to women and children. The activity was conducted at SPID- SMS Centre which is located at G. B. Road in Delhi and caters to children of sex workers with day and night care facilities. The shelter home has children from surrounding areas in ages ranging from one to eighteen years. The aim is to provide care, protection and educational facilities to the children. For children under six, pre-school activity is provided by anganwadis/balwadi with support from the Delhi Government. There are teachers to conduct classes in the afternoon/evenings and support staff to run the centre 24X7 with arrangements for food.

The CWDS team which visited the Centre on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 and spent around 3 hours with the children carried play material meant for indoor activities and drawing material along with story books for children in the different age groups, procured from Children's Book Trust. These were distributed among the children present ( 3-6 age group — 25 ; 7-10 age group- 30; 11-14 age -12; 15 and above 1). Lunch was arranged for the occasion which was shared by the children, the staff and the CWDS team. The children presented a cultural programme choreographed by the older children from the Centre.

### **Other initiatives/interventions - CWDS members participated in**

Conference of Partner NGOs: Implementation of Policies, Schemes, Programmes for Women and children : Challenges and Way forward, October 9, 2017 at the Ashok Hotel, New Delhi organized by MWCD, New Delhi (suggestions were given in Session on - National Policy for Women: Interventions for Gender Parity)

A Meeting on “Remedial Measures for Women Safety” organized by the Joint Commissioner of Police Operation: Delhi on 8<sup>th</sup> august 2017 at Police Headquarter, IP Estate, New Delhi – presented and submitted suggestions in the prescribed format.

A meeting organized by NCW on 498A on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 at NCW, Jasola, New Delhi.

Inputs/Suggestions were given to DCW on Issues concerning disputes in NRI marriages, by CWDS, New Delhi.

## **Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS)**

The secretariat of IAWS was housed in CWDS till December, 2017, from when it has moved to the Women's Studies Centre at Savitribai Phule Pune University where the present General Secretary is located.

The financial office of IAWS continues to be housed in CWDS.

In 2017-18, CWDS staff provided support to IAWS for:

- 1) Organising the National Convention on Women's Studies Centres on 23 August at Delhi to highlight the role and development of WSCs and to bring collective pressure to bear on the demand for continued UGC support for the WSCs.
- 2) Assisting the Returning Officer to conduct the election of the new Executive Committee of IAWS and communications for such purposes through the IAWS website.
- 3) Organising a special meeting of the XV National Conference Sub-theme coordinators at Ranchi on 15 September, 2017.
- 4) Preparations for a two day seminar on '*The Changing Worlds of Tribal Women*' organized by IAWS in collaboration with Vinoba Bhave University (VBU) at the VBU campus in Hazaribagh on 19-20 November, 2017.

Apart from these events, CWDS staff continued to support the functioning of the IAWS Secretariat till December, 2017 and the holding of three meetings of the IAWS EC. As the outgoing General Secretary, Indrani Mazumdar from CWDS remains an ex-officio member of the IAWS EC (2017-20).

## **Library and Information Services**

*The field of library and information services has undergone sweeping changes in the digital era, which poses very specific challenges. Apart from financial resources required for technological upgradation, there is at present an urgent need to resolve the problem of space to house the expanding resources on a regular basis. In the meantime we look forward to a constructive partnership in our new location in the Delhi YWCA.*

## **Introduction**

The Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library (VMML) is an integral and effective part of CWDS and has a rich collection of research materials related to gender and women's studies. It is now located in the YWCA, Delhi building on Ashoka Road. The library provides excellent services to meet the needs of women's studies scholars, especially through innovative technological means.

## **New Initiative**

Alongside development of CWDS's Institutional Digital Repository, the library is in the process of creating a digital archive of its select library collection. Over 5,000 documents in the category of grey literature in the form of conference papers/proceedings, reports, monographs, memorandums, press release, audio-visuals etc. are available in the CWDS Library. Apart from these, the library has also been collecting posters from various women's organisations within and outside India. The digital archive will restore and preserve these valuable resources for a longer period and enhance access to these resources to a much larger audience.

## **Institutional Digital Repository**

IDR has been created in 2016-17 in collaboration with IIT-Kharagpur under National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT) of the MHRD. Currently the IDR has over 300 documents under the following collection:

Annual Reports; Books and Reports; Journals; Lectures; Monographs; Occasional Papers; Research Papers/ Case Studies/ Others; Vina Mazumdar's Collection.

During 2017-2018, the main focus was to digitise Vina Mazumdar's collection. This includes over 100 documents hosted on DSpace.

## **Digital Archive**

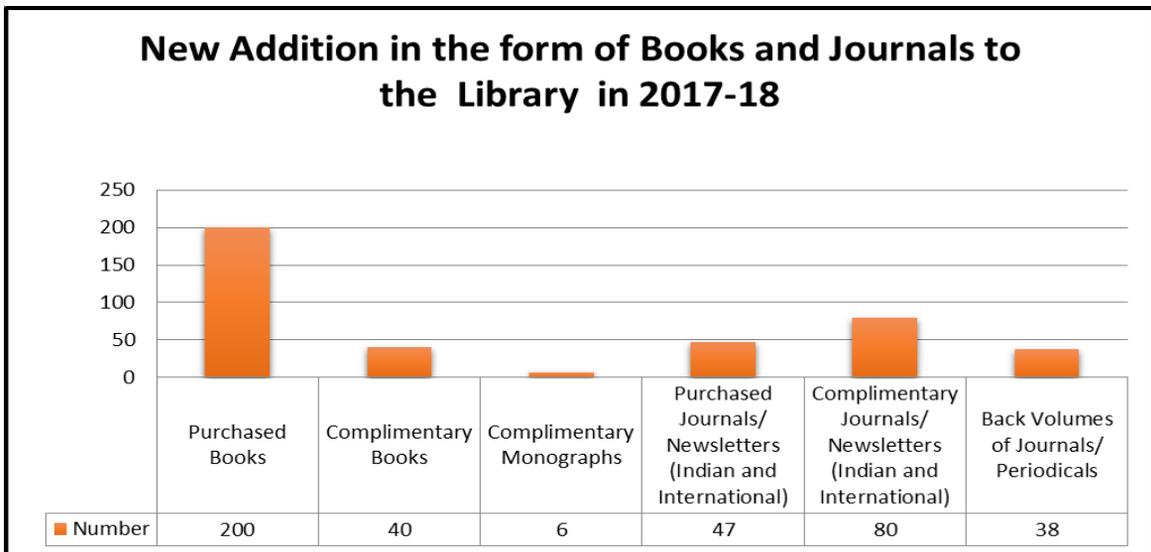
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## Collection Development

CWDS' Library Collection development has constantly focused on collections related to women's studies in the form of mimeo papers, articles, books, annotated bibliographies, statistics, theses, dissertations, occasional papers, conference documents, reports, newspaper clippings, policy documents, audio-visuals and other electronic information resources either by purchase or on a complimentary basis. Special attention is paid to collecting unpublished material through institutional channels in India and abroad. The thrust areas of the collection during 2017-18 have been Early and Child Marriage, Sexuality – Disability, and Violence against Women, Dalit women, Women's Health, Feminism, Women's Employment, Migration, Women's Status, Women-Literature, Women-Biographies, Women and Law, Violence against Women. A special effort has been made to acquire resources in Hindi etc.

### New Additions

Collections that have been added to the Library in 2017-18 are:

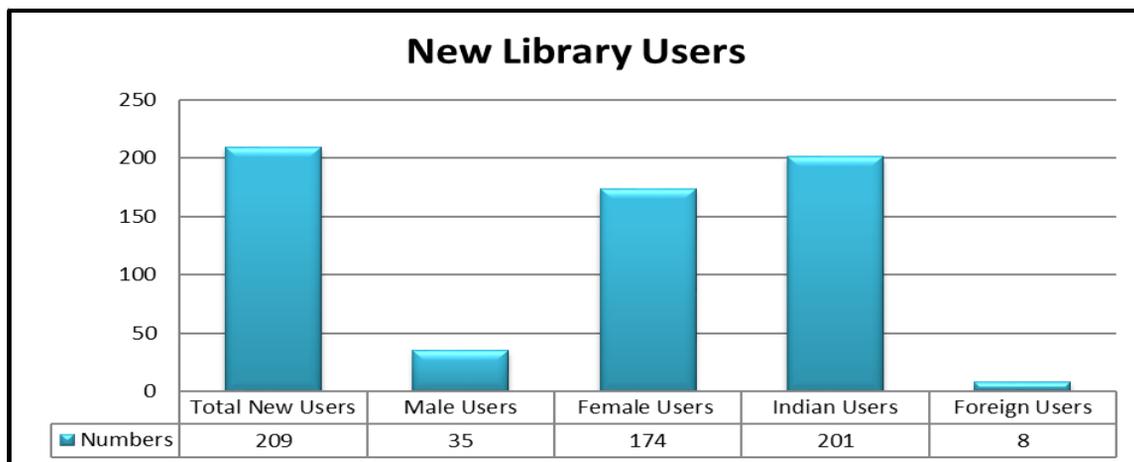


The total library Collection is as follows:

Collections	Total Collection
<b>Books</b>	10,212
<b>Monographs/ Institutional Papers</b>	7,290
<b>Conference Documents</b>	1,334
<b>Journals/ Newsletters (Indian and International)</b>	692
<b>Back volumes of Journals/ Periodicals</b>	1074

## Readership Profile

The Library caters to the information requirements of a wide range of users, both from India and abroad including CWDS Faculty and CWDS-AUD M.Phil and Ph.D students. During this period, 990 researchers, of which 209 were new users, consulted the Library. Further analysis of 209 new users is given below:



## Information Services

The library has been providing a number of information services on a regular basis to facilitate the dissemination of its resources. Some of the highlights of our information services are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OPAC – Online Public Access Catalogue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Awareness Bulletin (Bi- monthly)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference and Referral</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Database Search including full-text</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOL – An Electronic Discussion List on Gender Issues in South Asia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web-Bibliographies</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Room Services</li> <li>• Photocopying and Printouts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-Library Loan</li> </ul>

## Records in Koha Database

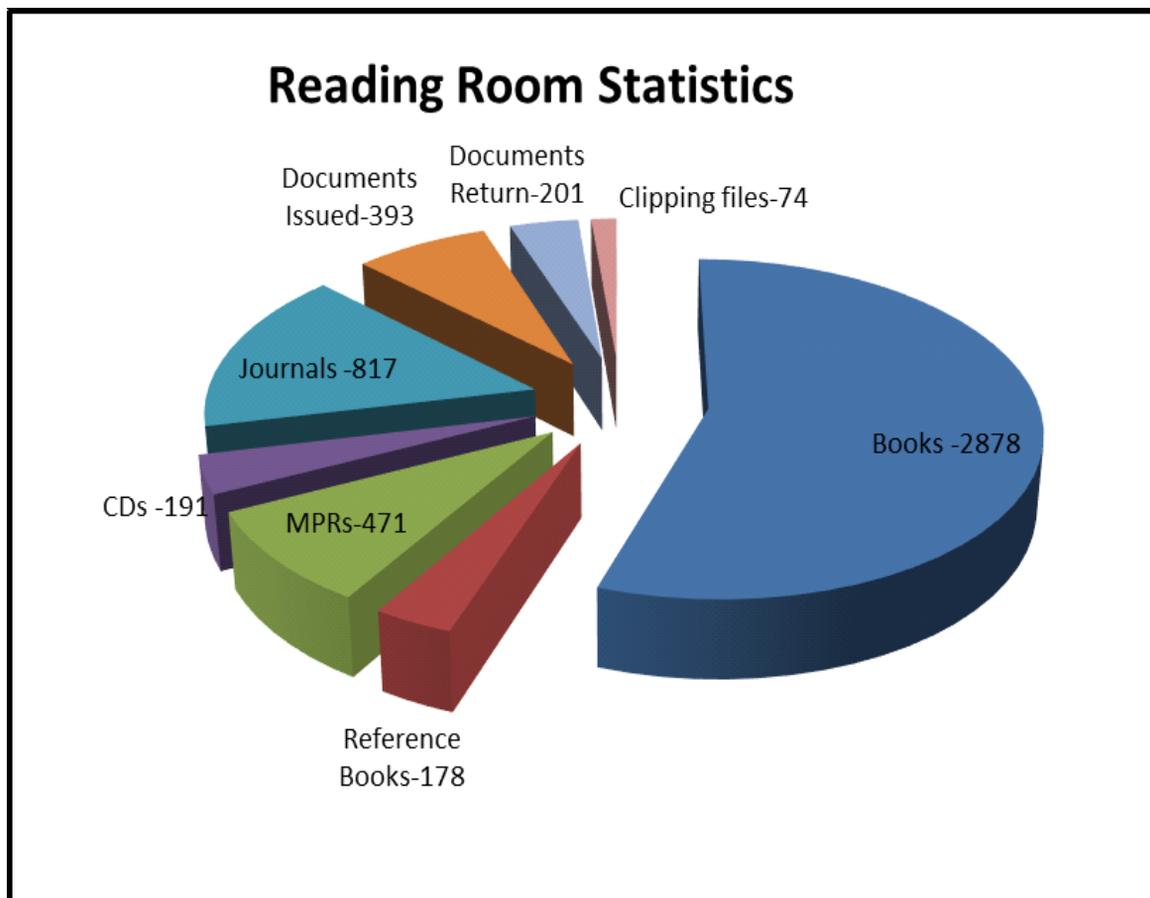
During 2017-2018, a total of 2,360+ records have been added to the Koha catalogue of which

- ❖ 1900+ records are articles from journals and newspapers of which 1170 records are full text newspaper clippings.
- ❖ 460+ records of books, monographs, reports, conference documents have also been added.

Currently the database (Koha) has over 1,25,000 records including records of books, monographs, reports, institutional papers, conference documents with analytics of chapters from edited books, conference papers and also articles from journals and newspapers.

### Reading Room Statistics

A total of 5479 documents have been consulted by the library users. The documents consist of:



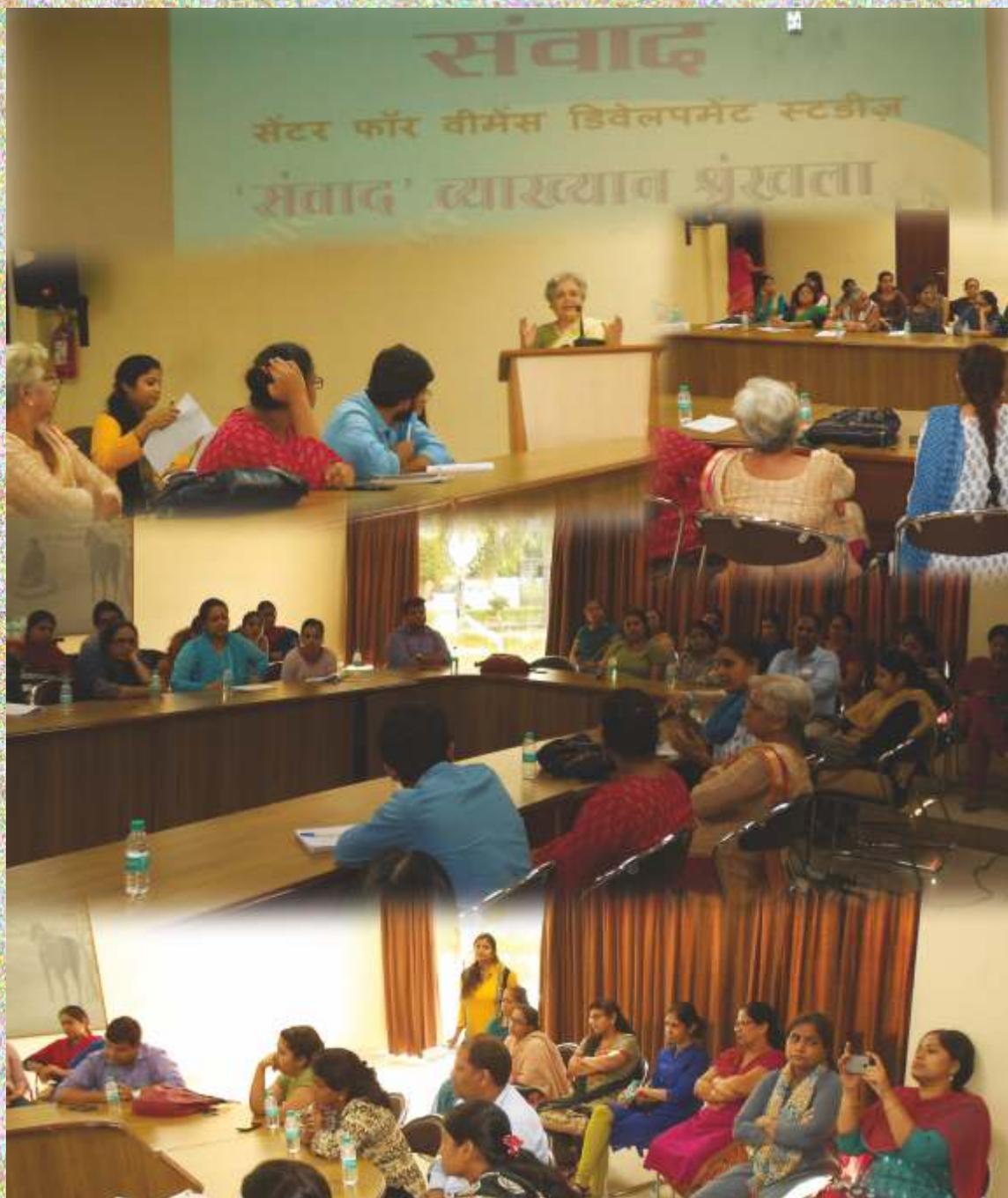
### Photocopying and Printout Facilities

The library offers photocopying service to all its members. Single copies of journal articles and book chapters are provided for personal study and research purpose. During 2016-17, a total of 22,490 pages have been photocopied.

## **Seminars/Workshops/Conferences**

*New and emerging areas of concern are reflected in the academic events that the Centre organises. The participation of students is a regular feature of our public activities. The initiative taken to reach out to scholars working in the Hindi medium needs to be sustained if we are to connect more organically with people in the region where we are located.*

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## ❖ 'संवाद' व्याख्यान श्रंखला –

**पहला व्याख्यान-** शीर्षक "भारत की अदृश्य महिला खेतिहर", जिसकी वक्ता मृणाल पांडे थीं, भाई वीर सिंह साहित्य सदन, नई दिल्ली में २६ जुलाई, २०१७ को आयोजित किया गया।

**दूसरा व्याख्यान-** शीर्षक "स्त्री अधिकार, कानून और सामाजिक चेतना: झकीसर्वाी सदी के विशेष संदर्भ में" जिसके वक्ता सुधीर चंद्र थे, नई दिल्ली में ७ सितम्बर, २०१७ को आयोजित किया गया।

- ❖ **Brainstorming Consultation Workshop for the project 'Violence against Women and Girls with Physical Disabilities in India: Understanding the Issues and Promoting Legal Empowerment'** supported by South Asia Women's Fund held at Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, New Delhi, 14 September, 2017.

One of the initial activities of the South Asia Women's Fund (SAWF) Project Violence against Women and Girls with Physical Disabilities in India: Understanding the Issues and Promoting Legal Empowerment was a brainstorming workshop held on 14 September 2017. The main objectives of the Workshop were:

- a) To present a Need Assessment Survey and Literature Survey findings of this project.
- b) To bring together luminaries working in the various cross-cutting fields of disability, gender, education, law and accessibility.
- c) To highlight the existing realities of the lives of disabled people, field experiences and related work done in this area.
- d) To garner feedback and suggestions on the way ahead for the project.

The workshop participants included persons with disabilities, disability professionals, women's rights professionals, research scholars, and academicians working in the field of disability, project advisors and representatives of SAWF. The presenters hailed from different parts of the country with a majority of them being from New Delhi. There were around 50 participants including the presenters and CWDS staff.

The workshop comprised four main sessions viz., Project Overview and Preliminary Findings of Needs Assessment Survey followed by Disability and Gender-based Violence: Desk Review. The third session was Disability, Gender-based Violence and Experience and the concluding session was Disability Gender-based Violence and the Law. Each session had a Chairperson, 3-4 presentations followed by a lively discussion.

The purpose of the workshop was not only to present the findings of the needs assessment survey and the ongoing literature review but also to set the stage for commencement of fieldwork

by creating a network of committed and critical stakeholders who could become allies in the subsequent unfolding of the project during the project period.

A detailed Report was prepared after the workshop.

❖ **Panel discussion on “Section 498- A: Issues and Experiences”** 22 September, 2017.

A panel discussion was held at IIC, New Delhi. The Panelists were Kirti Singh, Lawyer and Convenor, Legal Committee, AIDWA; Chaitali, Project Officer, Jagori; and Shalu Nigam, Lawyer/Law Researcher. Dr. Kumud Sharma chaired the session. After the panelists had spoken there was a brief discussion on the topic.

❖ **Five day Orientation Course on “Region, Resources and Gender Development”** supported by ICSSR. This was under the Special Component Plan for scholars from the reserved categories – drawn from the SC and ST, held from 27 November - 1 December 2017.

The Centre for Women’s Development Studies (CWDS) conducted an Orientation Course on “Region, Resources and Gender Development between November 27 and December 1, 2017. More than 45 applications were received from research scholars across the country. Around 23 applications were selected for the course but finally 21 students joined the course. The participants were drawn from the Universities of Bhartidasan- Trichurapalli, Ravenshaw-Odisha, Ranchi, Hyderabad, Sikkim, Central University of Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh- Shimla, Allahabad, University of North Bengal- Darjeeling, JNU and Delhi University. The participants were research scholars. Only one was a teacher, from Govt. College, East Garo Hills.

CWDS has been conducting these short courses with the help of their own faculty but external faculty members are also invited, keeping the broad themes in mind. This time faculty from Delhi University, JNU and Ambedkar University, Delhi were invited to take select sessions, along with a faculty member from the Indian Institute of Dalit Studies. The session on media was conducted by a senior journalist.

A total of 15 sessions were held on the following topics:

- ◆ Narratives and Knowledge: some Aspects of Gender, Caste and Kinship in Early India
- ◆ Coming to Terms: Disadvantage, Discrimination, Exclusion, Exploitation
- ◆ Government Policies/programmes: Recent Debates and Challenges
- ◆ Web-based Gender Atlas

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- ◆ Introduction to Employment Data with practical component
- ◆ Information Sources for Research on Women and Utilization of Library Resources/ CWDS Library visit
- ◆ Family and Marriage: Adverse Child Sex Ratio
- ◆ Gender, Health and Public Policy
- ◆ Disability: An Illustration of Intersectional Exclusion in India
- ◆ Adivasi Women and Labour Markets: Do Regions and Communities Matter?
- ◆ Food Systems and Malnutrition
- ◆ History, Gender and Conflict: South Asia's Borderlands
- ◆ Caste-Gender Intersectionality and Atrocities in India
- ◆ Interpreting Data and Sources: A Media Perspective

The participants were also asked to give their feedback on the overall programme. The Course Director was Indu Agnihotri and the Course Coordinator was Savitri Ray.

- ❖ Panel Discussion on **“Women at the Midnight Hour” and Release of Centre for Women's Development Studies' Calendar 2018**" held at IIC, New Delhi, 7 December, 2017.

Under the project 'Samvaad' Women in the Contemporary: Contexts and Possibilities, supported by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) different activities were planned. This included a panel discussion on Women at the Midnight Hour, a two-day workshop with participants drawn from the Hindi region and a special lecture. The activities were held between 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

The panel discussion titled *Women at the Midnight Hour* held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 focused on women's role in the freedom struggle as well as perspectives from women who were active in that period to mark seventy years of India's independence. The plan was to get first person accounts from people who were present in the Legislative Hall on Independence Day, as well as presentations by members of the families of women in the Constituent Assembly (CA). Malavika Karlekar, curator of CWDS' calendar for 2018, reminded the audience of the 15 women members in the CA which drafted the Constitution for independent India. Based on rare archival photographs, the calendar focusses on two women members of the Constituent Assembly, Dakshayani Velayudhan and Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit. Dakshayani Velayudhan was the only Dalit member of the Constituent Assembly. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit was an Indian diplomat and politician and the sister of Jawaharlal Nehru. The donors of the photographs, Meera Velayudhan and Manjari

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Mehta- released the calendar that evening. Aparna Basu and Sharada Nayak, briefly spoke of their recollections of the night of August 14-15, 1947, and Subhashini Ali, granddaughter of Ammu Swaminathan, another member of the Constituent Assembly, reiterated the importance of women in the national movement.

Meera Velayudhan and Manjari Mehta spoke about their distinguished forbears. Speaking of the women in the CA, Velayudhan observed that ‘what is striking about the women are their diverse histories , which point to the rich history and trajectories of women’s leadership and activities in pre- independence era, in the freedom struggle in particular. .... Overall, the interventions by women in the Constituent Assembly were about varied freedoms, non-discrimination, liberty - core principles underlying the Constitution- and about citizenship in a new nation.’ Manjari Mehta recalled how she ‘grew up with the stories of the family’s involvement in the nationalist struggle and the events that led to the independence of India. Of course, as is all too common amongst the very young I didn’t listen carefully enough because it was so much a part of the texture of family life. ....Aparna Basu and Sharada Nayak evoked historic moments in 1947, transporting the audience back in time and space. Describing the events, Basu recalled how Nehru, calling upon members of the CA to pledge themselves to serve India and her people said, “We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again.” And then went on to his historic speech. .... “Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny...’ followed by Sucheta Kripalani singing Iqbal’s *Sare Jahan se achha Hindustan Hamara* and the first verse of Rabindranath Tagore’s *Jana Gana Mana*.

Sharada Nayak reminisced about those times and meeting Ammu Swaminathan, the Subbarayans and the Bengal brothers and H.V.Kamath. Recalling her meetings with these remarkable women, including during her years of study at the Lady Irwin College, run by the AIWC, she noted that ‘observing their dedication, commitment to the country and selfless work has inspired my generation. Knowing how they overcame so many obstacles and social hurdles makes me believe in what we can achieve today when we women have so many opportunities for participation in national activities.’

Another perspective came from Subhashini Ali, who noted that ‘Independence Day evoked a different reaction from my parents than it did for most others. They could only think of the partition of India that was taking place. For them, partition was a negation of what they had lived and fought for. So, they spent the evening at home, far away from all the celebrations that were being organized on the eve of Independence and on the day itself. .... Of course, in faraway Noakhali, Gandhi did the same.’ She noted that the women members of the CA had much about them that was inspirational and that they in many ways represent the diversity of Indian society, its diverse regions, castes and communities. Many had suffered discrimination, untouchability and inequality, but they had all participated in the freedom movement and in various movements and ‘were not proxies.’ Reading their speeches leaves one ‘with a sense of the tremendous elation combined with a sense of great responsibility that they experienced – elation at the new world

unfolding before their very eyes, a new world that not only brought them new freedoms and equalities but also the opportunity of enacting freedom and equality for millions of others.’ Concluding her impassioned presentation Subhashini reminded the audience that ‘when we remember the 15 women who occupied their places in the Constituent Assembly with so much hope and determination we must do all that we can to safeguard the imperfect but precious document that they bequeathed us’.

Malavika Karlekar co-ordinated the discussion. Indrani Mazumdar and Indu Agnihotri co-ordinated the RLS project.

❖ **दो-दिवसीय कार्यशाला – शीर्षक “समकालीन भारत में स्त्री: संदर्भ और संभावनाएँ ”** का आयोजन , इंडिया इंटरनेशनल सेंटर, नई दिल्ली, 8 और 9 दिसंबर, 2018 को किया गया।

हिंदी में विचार-विमर्श और शोध को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से सेंटर ने विगत कुछ सालों से कई गतिविधियाँ शुरू की है। इस कार्यशाला की परिकल्पना और आयोजन, उक्त उद्देश्य को ध्यान में रखते हुए किया गया। मौजूदा परिस्थिति में स्त्रियों की जिंदगी से जुड़े सवालों पर दो दिनों तक हुए विचार विमर्श में दिल्ली समेत देश के अन्य विश्वविद्यालयों से विद्वानों और शोधर्थियों की अच्छी-खासी भागीदारी रही। इसमें कार्यकर्ताओं ने भी हिस्सा लिया।

कुल 8 सत्रों में संपन्न हुई इस कार्यशाला के पहले सत्र की शुरुआत सेंटर की निदेशक **इंदु अग्निहोत्री** ने भाग लेते हुए कहा कि हमारा ध्येय विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों के शोधर्थियों को संपर्क में लाना और संवाद के लिए मंच तैयार करना है। इस सत्र की अध्यक्षता **प्रो. कुमुद शर्मा** ने की। कार्यशाला की सहयोगी संस्था रोजा लक्जेम्बर्ग स्टीफ्टिंग के प्रोजेक्ट मैनेजर **तौकीर अली साबरी** ने अपनी संस्था और उसकी गतिविधियों से सबको अवगत कराया। **चारु गुप्ता** ने कार्यशाला को हिंदी में हो रहे ज्ञान निर्माण में महत्वपूर्ण हस्तक्षेप बताया और इस तरह के प्रयास के आगे भी जारी रहने की आशा व्यक्त की। उन्होंने कहा कि औपनिवेशिक उत्तर भारत में स्त्रियों की ऐतिहासिक पहचान खोजने के लिए भाषाई स्रोत और लोकप्रिय हिंदी साहित्य महत्वपूर्ण हैं। ज्ञानेंद्र **पांडे** ने प्रेमचंद और राहुल सांकृत्यायन की रचनाओं में दर्ज हुई घर की बातों को उनकी पत्नियों के घर संबंधी लेखन के साथ रखकर विश्लेषण किया। बाद में हुई चर्चा में सत्र की अध्यक्ष कुमुद शर्मा ने कहा जो अपना इतिहास नहीं लिख रहे , उनका इतिहास कौन लिख रहा है, किस भाषा में लिख रहा है और जिनके बारे में लिखा जा रहा है, वे उसे पढ़ रहे हैं या नहीं- ये महत्वपूर्ण सवाल हैं।

दूसरे सत्र में स्मिता जस्सल ने कृषि क्षेत्र में महिलाओं के श्रम और लोकगीतों पर रोशनी डाली। आशा सिंह ने कहा कि भोजपुरी समाज की औरतों को लोकगीतों के अजायबघर से बाहर करके भी देखने की जरूरत है। धनंजय सिंह ने लोक संस्कृति में स्त्री के प्रवसन से जुड़े मसलों पर अपने विचार रखे।

तीसरे सत्र की अध्यक्षता **इंद्राणी मजूमदार** ने की। **चित्रा जोशी** ने अपने व्याख्यान की शुरुआत इस उक्ति से की कि इतिहास-लेखन में महिलाओं और महिला श्रम के प्रति उदासीनता का आलम रहा है। उसके बाद उन्होंने महिला श्रम पर हुए अध्ययनों का एक संक्षिप्त अवलोकन प्रस्तुत किया। **वासंती स्मन** ने 1990 के उत्तरार्द्ध में बनारस में हथकरघा उद्योग की गिरावट और उसके संग-संग महिलाओं की बदलती स्थिति पर अपने विचार रखे। लंबे समय से मजदूर महिला आंदोलन से जुड़ी **श्यामकली** ने अपने अनुभव साझा किए।

चौथा सत्र स्त्री विमर्श पर केंद्रित था। इसमें **सुधा सिंह**, **मैत्रेयी पुष्पा** और **रोहिणी अग्रवाल** ने हिंदी जगत में स्त्री विमर्श की स्थिति पर अपने विचार सामने रखे। मैत्रेयी पुष्पा ने अपनी आत्मकथा से जुड़े कई रोचक राज खोले जिनका सिरा स्त्री लेखन और सेंसर से जुड़ी बहस से संबंधित था। इस सत्र की अध्यक्षता सुधा सिंह ने की।

दूसरे दिन के पहले सत्र की अध्यक्षता लता सिंह ने की। **अंशु मल्होत्रा** ने पंजाब के विशेष संदर्भ में आर्य समाज आंदोलन में जाति और जेंडर से जुड़े सवालों पर बात की। **वासंती रम्म** की अध्यक्षता में दूसरे सत्र में **रवि श्रीवास्तव** ने विशेष व्याख्यान दिया। उन्होंने अपने व्याख्यान में इन सवालों को संबोधित करने की कोशिश की कि क्या समाज में मौजूद लिंग भेद के कारण महिलाएं पुरुषों से ज्यादा गरीब हैं? इसके कारक तत्व क्या हैं? तीसरे सत्र में पत्रकार **जयदीप हार्दिकर** ने किसान अत्महत्या और कृषि संकट की पृष्ठभूमि में महिलाओं की समस्याओं पर एक पत्रकार के नजरिए से जमीनी हकीकत से रूबरू कराया। पत्रकार **भाषा सिंह** ने जेंडर और जाति के परिप्रेक्ष्य से मैला प्रथा पर अपने शोधपरक विचार प्रस्तुत किए। शोधार्थी **रोहिणी रमन** ने भारत में इज्जत के नाम पर होने वाले अपराधों के बदलते स्वरूप की तरफ ध्यान दिलाया।

अगला सत्र समसामयिक मुद्दों पर आधारित था। **अन्नपूर्णा नौटियाल** का व्याख्यान प्राकृतिक आपदा के महिलाओं के जीवन पर पड़ने वाले प्रभाव पर केंद्रित था। **मधु कुशवाहा** ने बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के हवाले से शिक्षा और जेंडर से जुड़े सवालों पर अपने विचार व्यक्त किए।

आखिरी सत्र परिचर्चा के रूप में रखा गया। इसका विषय स्त्री और सामाजिक आंदोलन था। इसमें शिक्षाशास्त्री विमला रामचंद्रन ने महिला समाख्या के अपने अनुभव साझा किए। बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय की छात्रा **इप्सिता अग्रवाल** ने विश्वविद्यालय में आए दिन छात्राओं के साथ होने वाली छेड़खानी और उसके प्रति विश्वविद्यालय प्रशासन की उदासीनता के कारण हुए आंदोलन से जुड़े तथ्य सामने रखे। कार्यकर्ता **विता** ने जंगल की हकदारी के लिए महिलाओं द्वारा किए जा रहे प्रतिरोध और संघर्ष से अवगत कराया। **स्मिता पाटिल** का वक्तव्य दलित महिला आंदोलन पर केंद्रित रहा। राजस्थान के सीकर से आई कार्यकर्ता **तारा धयाल** ने वहाँ के किसान आंदोलन पर अपने विचार रखे।

कार्यशाला में आए शोधर्थियों ने बड़ी गंभीरता से सभी वक्ताओं को सुना और उनसे सवाल पूछे। उन्होंने आगे इस तरह के और भी आयोजनों की ज़रूरत और उम्मीद जतलाई।

इन्दु अग्निहोत्री, विजय कुमार झा और नयनतारा सिंह ने कार्यशाला का संयोजन किया।

❖ **Consultative Meeting : Feedback on the Draft Report on “Social Economy of Sex Selection: Exploring Family Development Linkages”** held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, organised by Centre for Women’s Development Studies, 12 December, 2017.

A one-day workshop was held on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 as part of the project on the Political Economy of Sex Selection. Its purpose was consultative in order to gain feedback from experts on the issue of gender biased sex selection for the finalisation of the draft report of the field based study conducted by Mary E John with support from UNFPA and UNWomen. The programme began with a welcome by the Director of CWDS Indu Agnihotri followed by remarks by Ena Singh of UNFPA and Anju Pandey of UNWomen. Mary John made a presentation of the main findings of the study which was followed by comments from the research teams from Haryana and Maharashtra led by Dr Neerja Ahlawat from MD University, Rohtak and Sneha Gole and Deepa

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Tak from the Women's Studies Centre of Pune University. Scholars and activists who have been engaging with sex selection Prof P.M. Kulkarni, Prof Saraswati Raju, Dr. Deepita Chakravarty, Dr Ravi Verma, Dr Padma Deosthali, Dr Sabu George, Dr. Jagmati Sangwan and Kiran Moghe provided valuable feedback in the form of a round table discussion. The section of the report on recommendations and policy implications was chaired by Anamika Singh, Deputy Secretary (Nutrition) at the Niti Aayog, who emphasized the usefulness of this study for future policy. (Neeru Mehta, K. Lalitha, Sundaresh, R. and R.S. Bisht assisted in the preparations for the workshop.)

- ❖ Workshop on **“Cross-regional Marriages in North-West India: Exploring the Context, Issues and Methodology for a Proposed Study”** held at IIC, New Delhi, organised by Centre for Women's Development Studies, in collaboration with the Council for Social Development, and Anthropological Survey of India, 15 December 2017.

CWDS collaborated with the Council for Social Development for organising a one-day workshop on **“Cross-regional Marriages in North-West India: Exploring the Context, Issues and Methodology for a Proposed Study”**. Welcoming the participants, Neetha N., Deputy Director, CWDS, pointed out that the phenomenon of cross-regional marriages is largely a cultural and socio-economic issue. The first session of the seminar consisted of presentations by Ashok Pankaj, Director, CSD and Mary John, CWDS. The first presentation was on statistics related to the issue of adverse child sex ratios and missing girls in the context of Haryana. The rising number of unmarried youth was linked to these trends which provided the backdrop to cross-regional marriages. Mary John highlighted the fact that the shortage of brides was quiet widespread in the northern-north western region and the marriage market was highly segmented. It was important to understand this phenomenon in tandem with emerging trends and decision making with regard to the birth of children and, more specifically, the birth of daughters. Concluding the session, Indu Agnihotri observed that it was the ground level connect of the women's movement in Haryana which enabled women's organisations to raise the issue and put it on the agenda. She also stated that the study needed to be done at both ends, i.e. the receiving region as well as from where the journey of the cross-regional brides began, the sending regions.

The post tea presentations focused more directly on the context of Punjab and Haryana. Jagmati Sangwan, activist, spoke of her experience of engaging with this issue and cited many instances of the concerns emerging with regard to the condition of cross-regional brides in Haryana. She also referred to the thinking behind the change in the terminology— from ‘bought wives’ to cross-regional marriages. She elaborated on the role and existence of the middleman in such marriages, with brides coming from Jharkhand, Kerala, Assam, Bihar, and West Bengal. It was difficult for women in such marriages to adjust to the food, language and also the grind of daily labour on the farm. Children from such marriages are also treated differently in the family, and there are instances of sexual abuse by other members of the family. K.B Saxena referred to the complex

socio-economic conditions prevalent in Punjab, which was in many ways different from present day Haryana. He referred to the concept of ‘Married Widows,’ i.e. women who are waiting for their husbands who have migrated overseas and also men married to women who are foreign citizens and are waiting for their residence permits to join their partners.

In the last session Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Director, Anthropological Survey of India, raised issues of methodology and the need to identify sites for further study. He emphasised the need for incorporating the techniques drawing upon ethnography and anthropological research training, for an inter-disciplinary social research approach. The need to adopt the participant observant method while studying the conditions of the brides was also highlighted in their marital location. The discussions also pointed to the need to integrate the analysis with emerging economic trends and developments in the diverse regions to see why some regions emerge as sending regions.

The workshop ended with Ashok Pankaj highlighting the need to link research with emerging social trends and developments.

- ❖ Inauguration of **Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library (CWDS)** now located in the YWCA of Delhi at YWCA Administration Block, New Delhi, 19 March, 2018.

CWDS inaugurated the Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library in a new campus located at YWCA, 1 Ashoka Road, New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Director along with the academic staff of CWDS were present on this occasion. Women Studies scholars, YWCA Representatives, AUD Librarian and AUD M.Phil-Ph.D students also participated in the programme. The importance of making information sources available to scholars and professionals was emphasised. Kumud Sharma, Chairperson, CWDS, highlighted the special efforts made by the late Prof. Vina Mazumdar in this direction.

- ❖ **J.P. Naik Memorial Lecture delivered by Nancy Fraser, 22 March, 2018**

The 26<sup>th</sup> J.P. Naik Memorial Lecture organized by CWDS in collaboration with Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung (South Asia) was delivered by **Nancy Fraser**, Loeb Professor, Departments of Philosophy and Politics, New School for Social Research, New York, entitled “Beyond “Lean In”: Toward a Feminism for the 99%”. It was held on 22 March, 2018 at IIC.

- ❖ Workshop on **“Digital Archiving”**, organised by CWDS and Swedish Labour Movement’s Archives and Library (ARAB), held at Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library, CWDS, YWCA Admin Block, 24 March, 2018.

Centre for Women’s Development Studies (CWDS) and Swedish Labour Movement’s Archives and Library (ARAB) organised a one-day workshop on Digital Archiving at the Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. This activity was organised under the MOU signed by

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CWDS with ARAB, the Swedish Archives of Labour History. Sara Lagergren and Silke Neunsinger were the resource persons from Sweden. The objective was to initiate work in archiving using qualitative metadata and applications of different techniques of digitization and digital archiving. There were two sessions focusing on: (i) Technical Issues and (ii) Policy and copyright issues related to archival collections, usage and citation. Detailed discussions were held on identifying suitable hardware, proper software platforms, scanner usage specificity, digital camera specificity, on metadata protocols, image process standards, safeguarding copyright issues and appropriate environment requirements.

❖ **CWDS Seminar Series :**

- ◆ ‘Performing Representation? Women MPs and the Indian Parliament’, by Carole Spary, *Assistant Professor, School of Politics and International Relations and Deputy Director, Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies, University of Nottingham, UK, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.*
- ◆ ‘Gender and Governance in South Asian Conflict Zones: A Comparative Study’, by Seema Kazi, Senior Fellow, CWDS, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- ◆ ‘Transnational Activism and Equal Remuneration in India 1958-2000’ by Silke Neunsinger, Associate Professor in Economic History and Director of Research at the Swedish Labour Movement Archives and Library in Stockholm, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.
- ◆ Gender Affirmative Action and the German ‘Post-Migration Society’, by Dr. Urs Lindner, Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Max-Weber-Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies of the University of Erfurt, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

Neetha N. Co-ordinates the series.

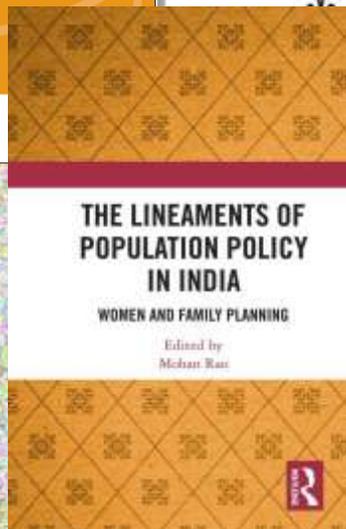
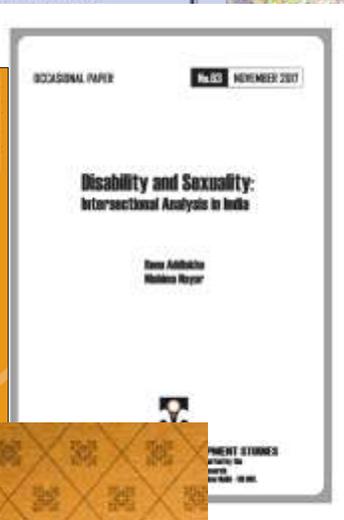
# Publications



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## Publications and Faculty Participation

### Indian Journal of Gender Studies:

The issue of June 2017 (24:2) included a **Special Section on Gender and the Graphic** put together by Guest Editor Pramod K. Nayar from the University of Hyderabad. The three essays in this special section looked at a range of texts, from a set of autopathographics from the anthology, *Drawing the Line*, to Vishwajyoti Ghosh's Emergency story, *Delhi Calm*. The authors - **Neeraja Sundaram**, Rajesh V Nair and Sakshi Wason – by keeping 'gender and the graphic' as a guiding principle, explored the many 'versions' of the graphic (print and web comics), its manifestations both locally and globally, and contributed to a widening critical discourse. Other papers looked at travel as a rite of passage, 'Embodied Desires', the semiotics of parenthood in India and the early 20<sup>th</sup> century reform movement in Kerala and Namboodiri women.

As the October 2017 issue (24:3) was the second of our commemorative issues, its *In Memoriam* section honoured eminent anthropologist and gender studies scholar, Leela Dube. The contributors to this issue – each a well-known scholar – dealt with select aspects of Leela Dube's extensive corpus of work that opened up new areas in the study of society, gender and culture. Other general articles included a discussion on the representation of gay men and lesbians in contemporary China, impact of working long hours on the family life of women professionals and managers in Sri Lanka and an analysis of the unequal sharing of domestic work through a time use study of farm work.

The February 2018 issue (25:1) looks at the woman's body through the shifting discourses around rape and the human rights of sex workers. The importance of gender in pedagogy as well as in sustainable development are analysed in some detail as well. In keeping with the increasing focus on visualisation, a Photo Essay was introduced, curated by well-known historian Aparna Basu looked at rare photographs of women's role in the Gandhian movement.

Along with full length articles, book reviews and information on new resources continue as the regular features of each issue of IJGS.

## CWDS Calendar

For the 2018 calendar, *Women at the Midnight Hour* focused on two women members of the Constituent Assembly, Dakshayani Velayudhan and Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit. Our calendar highlights various aspects of these two women's lives, drawing attention to the fact that it was the courage and enthusiasm displayed by them and others in the freedom struggle that provided women a political space in post-independence India.

On December 7, 2017, the calendar was released by Meera Velayudhan, daughter of Dakshayani Velayudhan and Manjari Mehta, granddaughter of Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit. This was at the IIC Annexe, Lecture Room II.

CWDS will continue with the calendar project, and is working on getting images for next year's (2019) calendar.

### Summary of Publications and Seminar Participation by Faculty Members

Books/ Reports/ Edited Vols./ Occasional Papers	Articles in Journals/ Newspapers/ e- publications	Chapters in Books/ Reports	Book Reviews	Paper Presentation in Conferences/ Seminars/ Lectures
6	12	9	4	95

### Books/Reports/Edited Volumes:

- ❖ Mary E. John, “**The Political and Social Economy of Sex Selection: Exploring Family-Development Linkages**”, UNFPA and UN Women, 2018.
- ❖ Neetha N., **Fair Recruitment Practices of Domestic Workers: Lessons from Co-operative/Collective Initiatives** - Monograph (mimeo) for ILO, 2017.
- ❖ Neetha N., **MGNREGA, Asset Creation and Rural Development: An Evaluation of Category B Assets in Selected States** - Monograph (mimeo) for NIRD jointly with Dimple Abraham, 2017.

### Forthcoming/In Press:

- ❖ Mary E. John, “**Women in the Worlds of Labour – Interdisciplinary and Intersectional Perspectives**”. The manuscript has been submitted to Orient Black Swan for publication.

- ❖ Neetha N., “**Migration, Gender and Care Economy**”, Routledge, London (co-editor with S. Irudaya Rajan), (In Press, 2018).
- ❖ Neetha N., “**Working at Others’ Homes**”, edited book, Tulika Books, New Delhi (In Press, 2018).
- ❖ Neetha N., “**Pluralization of Families**” (one of the Lead Authors in the book *Rethinking Society for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* edited by International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP), Cambridge University Press, (in Press)
- ❖ Seema Kazi, “**Gender and Governance: Studies from South Asia**”, New Delhi: Zubaan (Forthcoming, October 2018)

### **Occasional Papers Series:**

- ❖ Women in Politics and the Subject of Reservations, Mary E. John, Occasional Paper No. 62, 2017.
- ❖ Disability and Sexuality: Intersectional Analysis in India, Renu Addlakha and Mahima Nayar, CWDS, Occasional Paper No. 63.
- ❖ Homebased Work in 21<sup>st</sup> Century India, Indrani Mazumdar, Occasional Paper No. 64, 2018

### **Articles in Journals/ Newspapers/e-publications**

#### **Bijoya Roy**

- ❖ Chakravarthi, I., Roy, B., Mukhopadhyay, I., and Barria, S., **Investing in Health – Healthcare Industry in India**, *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. LII, No. 45, 2017.
- ❖ Aspiring for Universal Health Coverage through Private Care, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 52, Issue No. 16, 22 April, 2017.
- ❖ “Growing Informalisation of Workforce and Public sector Hospitals in India”, *Medico Friend Circle Bulletin*, 377-378, February, 2018. <http://www.mfcindia.org/curissue.pdf>

#### **Indrani Mazumdar**

- ❖ ‘Making Sense of the Wilderness: Policy Flux, Misdirection and the Unfreedoms of Women Migrant Workers in 21st Century India’ Indrani Mazumdar, N, Neetha, Samantha Watson, submitted to *Third World Quarterly*, Routledge.

## Mary E. John

- ❖ “The Woman Question: Reflections on Feminism and Marxism”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol 52, no 50, 16 December 2017, pp 71-79.
- ❖ Foreword, “Sexuality at Work! (Hetero)sexualisation of Work and Workplace, Student Writings, Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule Centre for Women’s Studies, Pune University, 2017, pp iii-ix.

## Nayantara Singh

- ❖ “Neoliberal Economy, Micro- finance and question of marginalized women: A Case study of semi Urban Area of Delhi”, in *International Journal of Applied Social Science*, Vol. 4(9-10) September-October 2017, ISSN: 2394-1405.

## Neetha N.

- ❖ “National Policy for Women 2016”, (Special issue on Empowering Women), *Kurukshetra*, Volume 66, No.3, January 2018.

## Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee

- ❖ “Study of different factors leading to the choice of Developers and Users to participate in major Open Source Library Software (OSLS) with special emphasis on gender differences”, Chatterjee, Supratim and Kanjilal, Uma. *International Journal of Research in Library Science*. 3.1 (2017): 150-161.
- ❖ “Study of participation of Developers in the project Development Processes of Open Source Library Software from Gender Perspective: An Evaluative Study”, Chatterjee, Supratim and Kanjilal, Uma. *International Journal of Library Information Network and Knowledge*. 2.2 (2017): 1-15.
- ❖ “Analyzing Different Motivational factors for Developers to participate in the Project Development Processes of Open Source Library Software (OSLS) with special emphasis to Gender Differences”, Chatterjee, Supratim and Kanjilal, Uma. *IASLIC Bulletin*, 62.2 (June, 2017): 75-84

## Seema Kazi

- ❖ ‘Gender as a Site of Protest’ in Conversations on Kashmir’ in *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. (Forthcoming, September 2018).

## **Chapters in Books/Reports**

### **Bijoya Roy**

- ❖ “The Role of Public Private Partnerships in Ensuring Universal Health Coverage for India” as in Qadeer I., Saxena K. B., and Arathi PM (Ed.) *Universalising Health Service in India: A Journey through Time from Care to Coverage*, Aakar Books, New Delhi, (Accepted and Forthcoming 2018).

### **Neetha N.**

- ❖ “Exploring Paid and Unpaid Work Dichotomy in a Labour-Care Perspective” in “Labouring Women: Issues and Challenges in Contemporary India, Orient Black Swan, 2018 (In Press)
- ❖ “Tracking Gender Inequality through Statistics: Status and Gaps in Social Statistics in India”, Primus Books, 2018 (In Press)
- ❖ “Nuances and Overtones of Paid Domestic Work in India”, in “Women’s Work in South Asia in the Age of Neo-liberalism” edited by Toshie Awaya and Maya Suzuki, FINDAS International Conference Series 1, Centre for South Asian Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, 2017.
- ❖ “Family Policy in India: Contradictions, Continuities and Change”, with Rajni Palriwala in Guðný Björk Eydal and Tine Rostgaard (Ed.) *Handbook on Child and Family Policy*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018.

### **Renu Addlakha**

- ❖ “Health, Disability and Equity: Conversations among Bodies, Discourse and Law” In Purendra Prasad and Amar Jesani (Eds.) *Equity and Access: Health Care Studies in India*, pp. 221-244. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2018.

### **Savitri Ray**

- ❖ Conference paper on “Childcare for Women in Informal Economy” in Santosh Tikoo (ed.) *Sustainable Development of Women* (Forthcoming 2018).

### **Seema Kazi**

- ❖ ‘Law, Gender and Governance in Kashmir’ in Chitrelekha Zutshi (ed.), *Kashmir: History, Politics, and Representation*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

- ❖ ‘Sexual Crimes and the Struggle for Justice in Kashmir, in Haley Duschinski, Mona Bhan, Ather Zia and Cynthia Mahmood (eds.) Resisting Occupation in Kashmir, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018

## **Book Reviews/Article Reviews**

### **Anshu Singh**

- ❖ Clark, Alice W. 2016. Valued Daughters: First – Generation Career Women. SAGE: Delhi. *Asian Women*. 34 (2), 2018. ISBN: 978-93-515-0888-5 (HB).

### **Dimple Tresa Abraham**

- ❖ ‘Road to Rights: Women, Social Security and Protection in India’ by Priti Darooka (Ed) in *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 25 (I) 1-4, 2017.

### **Renu Addlakha**

- ❖ M Shridevi Rao and Maya Kalyanpur. 2015. South Asia and Disability Studies: Redefining Boundaries and Extending Horizons. (Disability Series in Education (General Editors Susan L. Gabel and Scot Danforth) Volume 15. In *Asia Pacific Journal of Education*. ARTICE DOI: 10.1080/02188791.2017.1355883.

### **Seema Kazi**

- ❖ Brannlund, Emma, Telling in/security: Gender and activism in Kashmir. Oxfordshire: Routledge, 2018.

## **Paper Presentations and Lectures**

### **Anshu Singh**

- ❖ ‘Presented a paper titled ‘A day of Ramzaan in a Muslim University: The performance of time in the everyday’ in ICSSR-JSPS Joint Seminar Programme named Aspects of Religion and Everyday Life with special reference to India and Japan, held at Department of Sociology, Delhi University from 21-23 March, 2018.
- ❖ Presented paper titled ‘Being Muslim in a Muslim University- Contestation and Claims of identity’ in Identities and Education held at Department of Sociology, Delhi University from 15-16 February, 2018.

- ❖ ‘Value of a Name in the Economic and Social Capital: The linguistic Landscape of a Market’ in International Conference on Linguistic Landscaping, held at NEHU, Shillong, from 21-23 June 2017.
- ❖ Presented Joint paper with Tariq Khan titled ‘A tale of two Universities through Socio-linguistic Landscape on wall posters’ in International Conference on Linguistic Landscaping, held at NEHU, Shillong, from 21-23 June 2017.

### **Bijoya Roy**

- ❖ Resource Person, *Community Health Workers in South Asia: Gender, Work and Compensation*, South Asia Regional Panel: Challenges facing FCHVs: Learning from South Asia, Public Services International, Kathmandu, 12 January, 2018.
- ❖ Resource Person, Invited for the Public Forum on Unaffordable Healthcare in Lok Sabha Television Channel, 29 November, 2017. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOhYl458xog&t=497s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOhYl458xog&t=497s).
- ❖ Resource Person, *Public Private Partnerships: For Public Interest or For Profit*, World Health Day, 2017: People over Profit, organised by Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, Public Health Resources Network and Public Services International, New Delhi, 7th April, 2017.

### **Dimple Tresa Abraham**

- ❖ Presented paper titled Expanding Women’s Land Rights: Issues of Policy and Governance under the sub-theme Land Rights and Women’s Land Rights at the *National Workshop on Land Governance: Policy Reforms and Regional Initiatives* held at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, 5-6 March, 2018.
- ❖ Presented paper titled “Differentiated Dairy Value Chains for Enhancing Rural Incomes”, presented at the *International Conference on Agri-business in Emerging Economies* at the TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi, 3-4 January 2018.
- ❖ Presented findings of the project “MGNREGA, Asset Creation and Rural Development: An Evaluation of Category B Assets in Selected States”, at the *National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj*, Hyderabad at the Study Outcome Presentation organised by NIRD and PR at Hyderabad, 8 December 2017.

### **Indu Agnihotri**

- ❖ Chair Session on Migration and Questions of Technology, in *The Future of Work in the Mirror of the Past*, International conference on Labour History, AILH, VVGNLI, 26-28 March, 2018

- ❖ Speaker, Workshop on “Digital Archiving”, organised by CWDS and Swedish Labour Movement’s Archives and Library (ARAB), held at Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library, CWDS, YWCAAdmin Block, 24 March, 2018.
- ❖ Chair, Panel Discussion on “Women in the Midnight Hour”, organized by CWDS, 7 March, 2017.
- ❖ Resource Person, CSD-CWDS Workshop on Cross regional Marriages in North West India: Exploring Contexts, Issues and Methodology, New Delhi, 15 December, 2017.
- ❖ Chair, session on “परिचर्चा : स्त्री और सामाजिक आंदोलन” in a two-days Workshop on “Women in Contemporary India: Contexts and Possibilities”, held at IIC, New Delhi, organised by Centre for Women’s Development Studies, 8-9 December, 2017.
- ❖ Panelist, Changing Contexts and Emerging Issues: A conversation in Session on “Experiences and Activism” in a seminar on Writing Women’s History: Locating Visibility, Voices and Agency, organised by Department of History, Gargi College, 25 October, 2017.
- ❖ Chair, Session on Disability, Gender Based Violence and Experience, Brainstorming Workshop on Violence Against Women and Girls with Physical Disabilities in India: Understanding the Issues and Promoting Legal Empowerment, CWDS, 14 September, 2017.
- ❖ Lecture on Women, Work and History in Course on Methods in Historical Research on Labour, 11-15 September, 2017, VVGnLI, 12 September, 2017.
- ❖ Chair, session on “Contribution and Experiences of Women’s Studies Centres,” National Convention on Women’s Studies Centres, IAWS, New Delhi, 23 August, 2017.
- ❖ Lecture, Women in India’s Freedom struggle, in Refresher course in Women’s Studies, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, 20 August, 2017.
- ❖ Panelist, Discussion on “The Baby Market: Gendered Implications of Assisted Reproductive Technologies and the Surrogacy Industry in India”, ISST, IHC, New Delhi, 3 August, 2017.
- ❖ Discussion on Brainstorming Session on the Role of the Commission organized by Guild of Service in partnership with UN Women, IIC, New Delhi, 21 June, 2017.

### **Mary E. John**

- ❖ “India since 1990: the Gender Perspective”, Public Talk, Krithi Literature and Book Festival, Ernakulam, 6-10 March, 2018.
- ❖ “Historicising Research on Child Marriage: Some Preliminary Observations”, Love, Law and Labour, Seminar on Child Marriage, Jadavpur University, 27-28 February 2018.

- ❖ “Don’t Call Me a Feminist! History and the Present” panel discussion, Colloqui, Annual Fest of History Department, Hindu College, New Delhi, 23 February 2018.
- ❖ “Insight and Blindness: Sexual Violence and Contemporary Feminism”, Public Lecture, School of Social Sciences, Hyderabad Central University, Hyderabad, 19 February 2018.
- ❖ “The Son will betray you and the daughter will steady you’: The Political and Social Economy of Sex Selection”, Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, 9 February 2018.
- ❖ “The Strange Gender Parity in Higher Education”, presentation, Inclusive Universities Conference, organized by University of Massachusetts at Amherst, University of Pune, USIEF, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 12 February 2018.
- ❖ “The Political and Social Economy of Gender Biased Sex Selection”, presentation to BHP Billiton Foundation and UN Women, Taj Santa Cruz, Mumbai 17 January 2018.
- ❖ Panel Discussion on Etienne Balibar and Immanuel Wallerstein *Nation, Race, Class: Ambiguous Identities*, Rabindra Bharati University Kolkata, 11 January 2018.
- ❖ “The New Family: Revisiting Globalisation, Sexuality and the Visual Field in the Twenty-First Century”, Framing Another Politics: Non-Normative Sexuality and the South Asian Rhetoric, South Asian Conference on Gender and Sexuality, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 8-9 January 2018.
- ❖ “Family and Marriage”, presentation at Workshop on Cross-Regional Marriages and Migration: Contexts, Issues and Methodologies”, Centre for Social Development, India International Centre, 15 December 2017.
- ❖ “The Social Economy of Sex Selection: Exploring Family-Development Linkages”, presentation of Draft Report at Consultative Workshop Meeting, Centre for Women’s Development Studies, India Habitat Centre, 12 December 2017.
- ❖ “The Use and Abuse of History for Feminism”, Erudite Lecture, Kerala History Congress Third Annual Session, Farook College, Calicut, 9-11 December 2017.
- ❖ Roundtable on Teaching Feminisms and Classroom Pedagogy, Feminist Taleem Project between Ambedkar University Delhi and the University of Edinburgh, India International Centre, New Delhi, 5 December 2017.
- ❖ “Family and the Sex Ratio: Historical and Regional Perspectives”, Methodology Workshop, Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi, 27-30 November 2017.
- ❖ “Cultural Production, Labour and the Writing of Women’s Autobiographies”, South Asian International Conference, Women’s Education and Research Centre, Colombo, 23-26 November 2017.

- ❖ “Breaking the Silence: Sexual Harassment in Academia”, Feminist Collective, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 15 November 2017.
- ❖ “Quotas and the Debate on Women’s Reservations in India”, Conference on Which Theory? Which Praxis? Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action in Comparative Perspective, University of Erfurt, Germany, 6-10 November 2017.
- ❖ “Insight and Blindness: Sexual Violence and Contemporary Feminism in India”, public lecture, South Asia Institute and Centre for Transcultural Studies, University of Heidelberg, Germany, 2 November 2017.
- ❖ “Compulsory Marriage and Criminal Laws for Women”, Workshop on Revisiting the Criminal Amendment Act 2013: Going Beyond the Law, Partners for Law in Development, India Habitat Centre, 7-8 October 2017.
- ❖ “Feminist Methodology and Research Questions”, Methodology Workshop for Research Students, Ambedkar University Delhi, 6 October 2017.
- ❖ “Rethinking Sexual Violence in Contemporary Feminist Politics”, Lecture, Refresher Course on Women and the Social Sciences, University of Mumbai, 28 September 2017.
- ❖ “Feminist Concepts” and “Women’s Studies in India”, double inaugural lecture, Refresher Course on Women and the Social Sciences, University of Mumbai, 27 September 2017.
- ❖ “The Social Economy of Sex Selection: Frameworks for Research”, Feminist Methodology Workshop, Department of Political Science, Delhi University, 20 September 2017.
- ❖ “Blindness and Insight: Violence, Education and Work in the Contemporary Women’s Movement”, Public Lecture, School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 31 August 2017.
- ❖ “Feminist Concepts” and “Rethinking Sexual Violence”, double lecture, Women’s Studies Refresher Course, Aligarh Muslim University, 25 August 2017.
- ❖ “Women’s Politics and the Subject of Reservations”, National Seminar on Democracy and Rights Discourse in India. Department of Political Science, Delhi University, 28-29 July 2017.
- ❖ “Religion based Family Laws and Gender Equality: Some Aspects of the Indian Story” Public Lecture, Gender Forum, University of Wuerzburg, Germany, 13 June 2017.
- ❖ “Uniform Civil Code and the Question of Secularism” Lecture, Department of Indology, University of Wuerzburg, Germany, 13 June 2017.

- ❖ Keynote, Insight and Blindness: Sexual Violence in Contemporary Feminist Politics, Workshop on Inter-cultural Approaches to Sexual Violence: Germany and India, Centre for the Study of Modern India and ICAS-MP, University of Wuerzburg, Germany, 8-9 June 2017
- ❖ “Political Economy of Sex Selection: Preliminary Observations”, Lecture, Feminist Economists Discussion Group (FESDIG), ILO Office, New Delhi, 20 May 2017.
- ❖ “Personal Law Reform and the Women’s Movement”, Gender Justice and Our Society, Public Meeting, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Rajendra Bhavan, ITO, New Delhi, 3 May 2017.
- ❖ Public Lecture, Sexuality and Work, Release of student publication Sexuality at Work: the (Hetero)sexualisation of Work and the Workplace, Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women’s Studies Centre, Pune University, 13 April 2017.

### **Nayantara Singh**

- ❖ Presented a paper titled “Financial Development Micro- Credit and Marginalized Women: A Case Study of Semi Urban Area of Delhi” at the National Conference on Changing Dimensions of Business Management and Corporate Social Responsibility in Globalised Era, organized by Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, 26 September 2017.

### **Neetha N.**

- ❖ Resource Person, Quantitative Research Methods, Orientation Programme for Young scholars, Indian Association of Women Studies, Ranchi University, Ranchi. 6-8 April 2018.
- ❖ Resource Person, Domestic Workers: Migration and Employment Question, School of Human Studies, Gender Studies Department, Ambedkar University, Delhi, 28 March 2018.
- ❖ “Caught in a Trap? Employment Crisis and Deepening Vulnerabilities of Women Workers in Kerala” paper presented in the Golden Jubilee National Seminar on Revisiting the Kerala Model: A Gender Perspective, University of Calicut, Kerala, 27-28 February 2018.
- ❖ Resource Person, Women and Labour, 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, ISID campus, New Delhi, 19-24 February 2018.
- ❖ Resource Person, Political Economy of Care, Extension Lecture Series, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women’s Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi, 13 February 2018.
- ❖ Resource Person, Introduction to Data on Employment, Orientation Course on Region, Resources and Gender Development, CWDS, November 27 - December 1, 2017.

- ❖ Resource person, Gender and Agriculture, Brainstorming workshop on Re-orienting the Research Priorities and Programmes of Central Institute for Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar, ICAR, Pusa, New Delhi, 14 September 2017.
- ❖ Resource Person, Research on women's work, Research Methodology Workshop for research scholars of Social Sciences from Centre for Women's Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, 29 July – 9 August 2017.
- ❖ “Anti-Trafficking Initiatives and Domestic Workers”, paper presented at the International Workshop on Bridging Silos: Trafficking, Slavery and SDG 8.7, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, 8-10 August 2017.
- ❖ “Gender and Migration paper presented at the Seminar on Through the Prism of Labour: Gender and Distress Migration in Contemporary India”, ISI, Bangalore, 19-20 July 2017.
- ❖ “Dissecting Female Migration: Insights from the Field”, Report presented jointly with Indrani Mazumdar at the Workshop on the Work in Freedom Transnational evaluation (SWIFT) Programme, Hampshire, London, 12-16 June 2017.

## **Renu Addlakha**

- ❖ Lecture, “An Integrated Perspective on Disability Studies Pedagogy”, Phoenix (Arizona): University of Arizona (West Campus), 16 March 2018.
- ❖ Presentation, “Disability and the Political Economy of Care in India” at the Symposium ‘disability Worlds’ organised by the Wennergren Foundation at Haceinda Del Sol, Tucson (Arizona), 9 March 2018.
- ❖ Lecture, “Disability and Gender: Discourse in Perspective”, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, 3 February 2018.
- ❖ Panelist, Linking Medical (Mis) Use with Regulatory Gaps and Trailing Social Reforms, organised by Deutsche Forschungs Gemeinschaft; South Asia, University of Heidelberg (Germany) and Girls Count, New Delhi, 27 January 2018.
- ❖ Presentation, “Representations: Disabled or Differently Abled. Going Beyond Labels?” at International Conference on Social and the Technological: Access and Accessibility organised by Lakshita the Enabling Unit of Miranda House, University of Delhi, 18 January 2018.
- ❖ Lecture, “How I See Disability and Society: Organised by DU Conversations and Shri Ram College for Commerce, University of Delhi. 17 January 2018.
- ❖ “Health and Persons Living with Physical Disabilities” Presentation at National Conference on Closing the Health Equity Gap in India: transformative Research for Action. Trivandrum: Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies Supported by IDRC, 9 January 2018.

- ❖ Keynote Address, “Exploring higher Education for Persons with Disabilities: Issues and Challenges” Organised by Jawaharlal Nehru Visually Challenged Forum on occasion of International Day of Disabled Persons) JNU Campus, 2 December 2017.
- ❖ Presentation, “Gender and disability: Intersectional Analysis in India”, ICSSR Sponsored Orientation Course on Regional Resources and Gender Development. Centre for Women’s Development Studies, 29 November 2017.
- ❖ Presentation, “Marriage in the differently Abled with Particular Reference to Epilepsy”, Consultation on Socio-Behavioural Issues and Perspectives of Epileptic Women in India and their Social Acceptance. New Delhi: Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), 20 November 2017.
- ❖ Discussant, National Seminar on Socio-Legal Aspects of Disability in India. Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamai New Delhi, 1 November 2017.
- ❖ Presentation, “How to Strengthen the Resilience Mechanisms to Cope with Challenges?” Presentation made at the book release of the Patang Project. The Amrit Foundation and Amaltas Consultancy. New Delhi: India International Centre, 27 October 2017.
- ❖ Lecture, “Disability Culture and Religion”, Lecture in Access Arizona: Talks on Inclusion and Diversity. Mesa Community College, Red Mountain Campus (Via Skype), 20 October 2017.
- ❖ Expert, Consultation for Starting and M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in Disability Studies, School of Human Studies, Delhi: Ambedkar University, Delhi, 11 October 2017.
- ❖ Presentation, “Celebrating Disability and Disability Pride” on Occasion of World Mental Health Day Celebrating Disability through Narratives of Hope and Despair organised by Centre for Psychotherapy and Clinical Research; Ambedkar University Delhi, 9 October 2017.
- ❖ Resource Person, Two Day Workshop on Training in Sex Education and reproductive Health care for Women with Visual Impairment. Organised by All India Confederation of the Blind in Collaboration with National Association for the Visually Handicapped. Lucknow, 12-13 August 2017.
- ❖ Advisor, Interrogating Interruptions: Exploring Young Women’s Mental Health Issues, organised by SAMA Resource Centre for Women and Health. New Delhi: India International Centre. 11 August 2017.
- ❖ Planning Meeting for Reporting on Article 6 (Women with Disabilities) of the Disability Convention to the Committee of the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD. Organised by Shantha Memorial Rehabilitation Centre (SMRC), Bhubaneswar, Orissa, 18 July 2017.

- ❖ Panelist, Workshop on ‘Women on the Move’, organised by Jagori, Safetipin, Institute for Transpiration and Development Policy (ITDP) and UN Women. New Delhi, 14 June 2017.
- ❖ Resource Person, Training on Sexual and Reproductive Health for Visually Challenged Women. Annual Residential Intensive Skills Programme for Visually Challenged Women. Delhi: All India Confederation of the Blind, 10 June 2017.
- ❖ Resource Persons, Brainstorming on Sexuality and Disability, organised by CREA, New Delhi, 12 April 2017.
- ❖ Lecture, “Qualitative research: theory and method” in Research Methodology Workshop organised by Indian Association of Women’s Studies. Ranchi University, Jharkhand, 7 April 2017.

### **Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee**

- ❖ “Gender Dimension in the Project Development Processes of Open Source Library Software: An Evaluative Study”, Chatterjee, Supratim and Kanjilal, Uma, in *Proceedings of 6<sup>th</sup> International Library and Information Professionals Summit 2017 - Dynamics of Library for Excellence in Electronic Revolution*. Punjab: IISER Mohali, SLP and SLA (USA). 6-8 April 2017.
- ❖ “Analyzing various choice factors leading to the selection of certain Open Source Library Software (OSLS) with emphasis on Gender Differences”, Chatterjee, Supratim and Kanjilal, Uma in *Proceedings of the National Conference on Trends, Challenges and Future of Library and Information Profession in Digital Era*, organised by United Progressive Library Association, UPLA, Agra, 16 April 2017.

### **Savitri Ray**

- ❖ Presented a paper on “Childcare for Women in Informal Economy” in an International conference on Women’s Work and Occupational Health- Emerging Issues, Challenges and Policy Measures in the Unorganized Sector, organized by Arya PG College, Panipat (Haryana), and sponsored by Director General Higher Education, Haryana, 24-25 March, 2018.
- ❖ Presentation on “Caring for Child in India: FORCES and Integrated Childcare Advocacy” in the Southern Regional consultation on “*Quality Childcare for All*” at Hyderabad, 19-20 March, 2018.
- ❖ Chair, Session on “*Child Care Campaign and Developing Strategy for the Campaign*” in the Southern Regional Consultation, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

- ❖ CWDS Gender Sensitization Committee organized a lecture on “Sexual Harassment at Work Place” at CWDS. The lecture was delivered by Ms. Rachna Sharma, Legal Trainer with Partners for Law in Development, New Delhi, 28 February, 2018 (coordinated by Savitri Ray).
- ❖ Presented FORCES initiatives on Childcare in the National Conference on Business Responsibilities for Childcare in Workplaces, organized by Cividep India, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. 24 October 2017.

## **Membership of Committees/Task Force and 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, 2017.
- ❖ 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 and Board of Studies, 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, Editorial Board, Nivedini, Journal of Gender Studies, WERC, Sri Lanka, 2017.
- ❖ Member, Governing Board, Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, 2017.

### **Indrani Mazumdar**

- ❖ Member, IAWS, (Ex-Officio) 2017-2020.

## **Mary E. John**

- ❖ Member, Working Group on Gender, Niti Aayog.
- ❖ Chair, 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”, with support from the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).
- ❖ Member, Internal Complaints Committee, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Board, Missing No More: Addressing Adverse Child Sex Ratios in Nagaland and Meghalaya, Public Health Foundation of India, Gurgaon.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Council, India International Centre, New Delhi.
- ❖ Member, Executive Committee, Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education (CPRHE), NIEPA.
- ❖ Member, Advisory Board, Swallows India Bangladesh (Sweden).
- ❖ Member, Advisory Group, Review of Women’s Studies, Economic and Political Weekly.
- ❖ Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Contributions to Indian Sociology (Sage Journal).
- ❖ Member, Editorial Board, Indian Journal of Gender Studies, (Sage Journal).
- ❖ Member, Editorial Board, Asian Journal of Women’s Studies, (Routledge Journal).

## **Neetha N.**

- ❖ 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 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.
- ❖ Technical Advisory Member - Needs Assessment to Understand the Development Priorities of Minority Women in Select Minority Concentration Districts in India’, UN Women, New Delhi.

- ❖ Selection Committee Member, Preet Rustagi Research Fund, IAWS.
- ❖ Member and Lead Author, Section on Pluralization of Families, International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP).

### **Renu Adhlakha**

- ❖ School Board member, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies. New Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Open University.
- ❖ Doctoral Committee Member, School of Gender and Development Studies, IGNOU.
- ❖ Member, Internal Complaints Committee, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals: Ministry of chemicals and Fertilizers: Government of India.
- ❖ Editorial Board member, Frontiers in Sociology.
- ❖ Editorial Board Member, Cultural Anthropology.
- ❖ Executive Member (Founders' Appointee) All India Confederation of the Blind, Delhi.
- ❖ Advisory Group Member: CREA New Delhi.
- ❖ General Body Member, Jagori, New Delhi.
- ❖ Advisory Committee. Project on Comprehensive Sexuality Education Toolkit for Disabled Youth. Feminist Approach to Technology. New Delhi.
- ❖ Ethical Advisor: Study on Women's Experiences of Shelter Homes in Four States: An Action Research being conducted by Jagori, Action India, North East Network, Vimochana and Vistaara (Bangaluru).
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