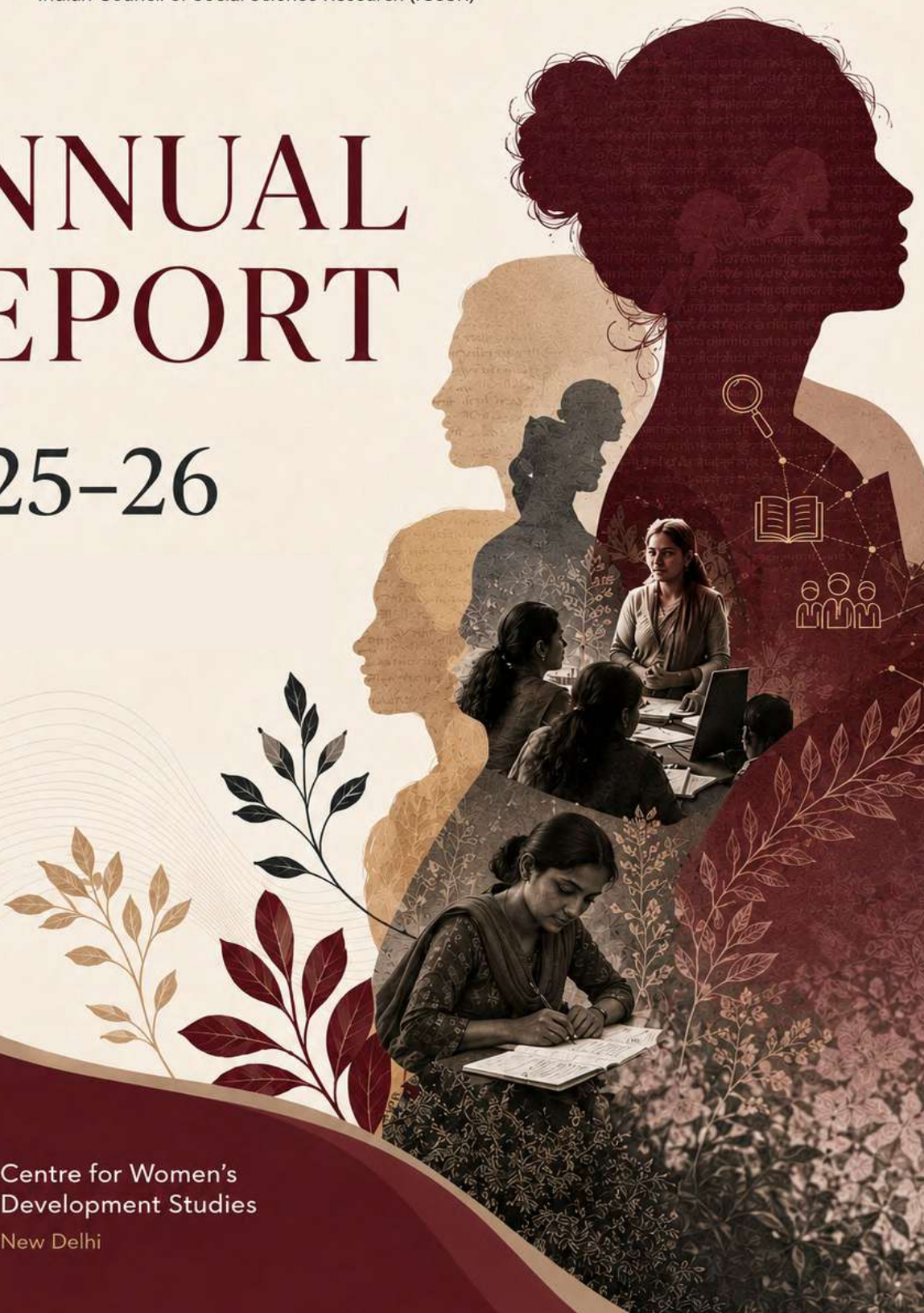
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

CWDS is committed to knowledge production by combining field-based research with interdisciplinary scholarship. Women's Studies continues to face new challenges. Gender issues cannot be understood in isolation; they are closely linked with caste, class, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, migration, ageing, geography, religion, and language mandating interdisciplinary research and dialogue among academics, policymakers, and grassroot women and organisations.

During the course of 2025–26 Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS) undertook a wide range of activities including teaching, research, workshops, collaborations with institutions across India, and interdisciplinary research on marginalised communities. During this period, the Centre received support for a longitudinal study on women and migration in the North East for a third consecutive year from the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Foundation. The study is a collaboration between CWDS and Christ University supported by the ICSSR.

Five short studies on rural women's employment with support from the Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund (VMMF) were undertaken and completed during the year. As part of its commitment to Women's Studies through an interdisciplinary approach, CWDS faculty and research associates continued work on emerging issues, including women's health, migration, employment, disability, women and marginality, institutional mechanisms to prevent sexual harassment, women in micro-enterprises, social protection, ecological sustainability, and digital violence, with support from the OH-31 ICSSR funding.

In continuation of its teaching programme, CWDS organised a two-week Interdisciplinary Research Methodology Course on Rural Studies with support from VMMF, bringing together participants from different parts of the country. In addition to teaching, the Centre organised capacity-building workshops on chronic health and women in collaboration with universities in different

regions. Another major activity during the year was the organisation of seven regional and national GST workshops in collaboration with universities across India with support from ICSSR. The workshops examined the GST 2.0 reforms and discussed their impact on different sectors and sections of society, particularly on the consumption patterns of the middle and neo-middle classes from a gender perspective. For the third consecutive year CWDS coordinated a 16-Day 'Activism to End Violence against Women and Girls' campaign in collaboration with eighteen institutions across the country. The campaign focused on regional issues and highlighted ways to prevent and eliminate violence against women.

The Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library (VMML) is a unique repository of knowledge in the domain of Women's Studies. The VMML augmented its digital collection, archival preservation, and improved access to resources. At the same time, the Centre continues to face institutional challenges, including limited financial resources, inadequate infrastructure, and constraints in faculty strength. These continue to affect the Centre's ability to expand, strengthen and diversify research and related activities.

All activities presented in this report reflect the collective efforts of CWDS faculty, research associates, administrative staff, and project staff. As CWDS moves forward with new initiatives, including the Vina Mazumdar Centenary and the implementation of the four-year Ford Foundation BUILD Grant activities, the Centre remains committed to advancing Women's Studies and addressing critical issues affecting women through research, teaching, and engagement with society.

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New Delhi

N. Manimekalai
Director

INTRODUCTION

CWDS continues to strengthen its role as a national institution for interdisciplinary research, teaching, documentation, and policy engagement in Women's Studies. The year's work was carried out in the context of rapid social, economic, technological, and environmental changes that have created new forms of inequality while reshaping gender relations, work, citizenship, and development. These changing realities highlight the need for Women's Studies scholarship that goes beyond sector-specific analysis to examine the intersections of gender with caste, class, ethnicity, religion, region, disability, age, migration, and ecology.

In response to these emerging concerns, the Centre organised its research around broad thematic areas. Research was undertaken on women's health and well-being, work and livelihoods, migration, social protection, entrepreneurship, higher education, digital violence, ecological sustainability, climate-responsive livelihoods, citizenship, law, and political participation. Together, these studies demonstrate the Centre's commitment to producing interdisciplinary, evidence-based, and policy-relevant research grounded in gender perspectives.

Beyond research, the Centre continued to promote knowledge generation and dissemination through teaching, research supervision, capacity-building programmes, national and regional workshops, seminars, conferences, and collaborations with universities and Women's Studies Centres across the country. Special emphasis was placed on strengthening methodological skills among young researchers through interdisciplinary training on rural studies and gender, while expanding academic networks across regions. These initiatives reinforced the role of Women's Studies as an interdisciplinary and socially engaged field of inquiry. Invited lectures, book discussions, and

regional workshops on contemporary issues were organised in both offline and hybrid modes, reaching participants from different parts of the country.

The Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library continued to strengthen its position as one of India's leading repositories for Women's and Gender Studies. During the year, significant progress was made in digitising conference documents, expanding digital archives, documenting the oral histories of pioneers of Women's Studies, and improving access to research resources. The Library reached out to academic institutions to create awareness about its collections and facilitate access to its resources.

The Centre continued to undertake these activities despite ongoing constraints relating to financial resources, infrastructure, and faculty strength. Faculty members, researchers, and library staff remained actively engaged in research, publications, and the dissemination of research findings.

Organizing workshops, conferences, seminars, panel discussions, and invited lecture have been part of the activities of CWDS, which are given below:

- **Capacity Building Workshop on "Interdisciplinary Methodologies and Reading Macro-data from a Gender Perspective: Women and Chronic Health Conditions/Diseases"** was organised at Miranda House on **15 September 2025**. The workshop focused on strengthening the analytical and methodological capacities of Women's Studies Centres in interpreting macro-level data through a feminist perspective, particularly in relation to women's health and chronic illnesses.

- The **second regional workshop** on the same theme was organised at University of Madras on **8 October 2025**, extending the capacity-building initiative to Southern India and promoting interdisciplinary approaches to gender and health research.

- A two-day workshop titled **"Telling/Listening: Stories of Resistance, Change and Solidarity"** was held at Nagaland University on **6–7 November 2025**. Organised under the research project *Her Own Words*, the workshop brought together scholars, researchers and women leaders to reflect on women's narratives, political participation, changing livelihoods and solidarities in the North-East.

- A **Ten-Day Research Methodology Course on "Research Methods in Rural Studies: Women's and Marginalized Perspectives"** was jointly organised with Berhampur University from **10–20 November 2025**. The course provided intensive training on feminist methodologies, rural research, participatory approaches, oral histories and interdisciplinary methods for young researchers.

- The **16 Days of Activism (25 November–10 December 2025)** under the UN theme **"UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls."** It was conducted in collaboration with eighteen Institutions and Universities across India, the campaign addressed cyber violence, digital safety, legal literacy, algorithmic discrimination and technology-facilitated gender-based violence through lectures, panel discussions, awareness programmes and public engagement activities.

- A workshop under the research project **"Reading the Ecology and Folkloric Rituals of Sundarbans through the Story of its Deities"** was organised at Jadavpur University on **13 February 2026**. The workshop presented field findings, encouraged interdisciplinary discussions on ecology and indigenous knowledge systems, and generated valuable academic feedback for the ongoing study.

- As part of the ICSSR-sponsored national initiative, CWDS organised a series of **Regional Capacity Building Workshops on "GST Reforms and its**

Impact on Consumption Pattern of the Middle and Neo-Middle Classes with a Gender Perspective." The workshops were held at:

- Tripura University on **11 February 2026**,
- University of Calcutta on **13 February 2026**,
- Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam on **13 February 2026**
- Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University on **20 February 2026**, and
- Miranda House, Delhi University **26th February 2026**
- Pune University, Pune **5th March 2026**
- Hansraj College, New Delhi **30 March 2026**.

These workshops brought together academics, tax experts, GST Council Members, MSME representatives, Chartered Accountants, policymakers, entrepreneurs and students to examine GST reforms from economic, social and gender perspectives, with particular emphasis on, consumption patterns, women's entrepreneurship, MSMEs and gender-responsive fiscal policy.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The administrative structure is composed of the Chairperson, Executive Members, Director, Deputy Director, faculty, and staff. The life members have been drawn from diverse settings, consisting of professionals, activists, and academics, while a smaller body of elected representatives oversees the functioning of the Centre. At the end of March 2026, CWDS has 90 life members, three Institutional members, and two ICSSR Representatives. The last Annual General Body Meeting of the Centre was held on 25th September, 2025.

The Centre receives financial support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), an apex body under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. 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. CWDS continues to face pressures in its efforts to grow on account of financial and infrastructural issues. Efforts to augment resources through project grants, both short-term and long-term term and institutional support are ongoing. Limited faculty and staff strength is a major constraint to expanding the research scope. The paucity of space has been one of the most important constraints in the growth of CWDS.

Planning and Monitoring

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Centre continued to guide on administrative and policy matters. Three meetings of the Executive Committee and three meetings of the Finance Committee (FC) were held during 2025-26.

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

Name	Title
Prof. Vasanthi Raman	Chairperson
Prof. Anita Rampal	Vice-Chairperson
Prof. Rajni Palriwala	Treasurer
Prof. Shyam B. Menon	Member
Ms. T.K. Rajalakshmi	Member
Dr. Omita Goyal	Member
Dr. Mala Khullar	Member
Prof. Mohan Rao	Member
Prof Dhananjay Singh Member-Secretary, ICSSR	Member
Prof. Bindu Puri	ICSSR Nominee
Prof. N. Manimekalai	Member Secretary & Director
Prof. Neetha N	Deputy Director, Invitee

The EC continues to oversee the functioning of the Centre through its various committees. Various Committees have been reconstituted, and new committees have also been formed this year to look into the various operations of CWDS. In addition to the guidance of the EC and the various committees, faculty meetings are periodically held to examine all aspects of the Centre's functioning, including periodic review of research work, monitoring of ongoing projects, taking up new work, and also general management issues about Administration and Accounts.

Human Resources:

During the year, the Centre continued to face challenges arising from limited faculty strength and staff vacancies, which increased responsibilities across all sections. Despite these constraints, CWDS continued to effectively manage its regular academic, research, and institutional activities through the commitment of its faculty and staff. The approval of the Roster and Recruitment proposals has now been received from the ICSSR, paving the way for strengthening the Centre's human resources and addressing the existing staff vacancies

SC/ST and OBC and Equal Opportunity Cell

The CWDS follows the Government of India Rules. There is a need for ongoing sensitisation of employees on issues related to various forms of discrimination. The SC/ST, OBC, and Equal Opportunity Cell were established at the Centre in 2020. The members of the SC/ST, OBC, and Equal Opportunity Cell Committee list is provided below.

1. Dr. Vandana, Liaison Officer, SC/ST Cell
2. Mr. Akhlak Ahmad, Liaison Officer, OBC and Equal Opportunity Cell
3. Ms. Kaushalya, Internal Member
4. Dr. Abha Deb Habib, Associate Professor, Miranda House, University of Delhi, External Member
5. Prof. N. Sukumar, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, External member.

Financial Position and Challenges:

The ICSSR continues to be the main source of financial support for CWDS, providing core grants for salaries and maintenance. During 2025–26, financial support for Research was received from Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS), ICSSR

for the GST workshop series, the Longitudinal collaborative study with Christ University, Berhampur University, the Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund (VMMF), Lotika Sarkar Endowment Fund (LSEF) for various academic and research activities. In March 2026, the Ford Foundation approved the use of its unspent grant, and the Centre has initiated activities in accordance with the approved work plan.

Despite these resources, the financial position of the Centre remains challenging. Vacant posts could not be filled during the year as approval for Roster and Recruitment Rules was awaited. The Centre also continues to face difficulties in mobilising the mandatory 10 per cent matching contribution and therefore needs to raise funds from external sources. Several large externally funded research projects have come to an end, and the declining faculty strength has limited the Centre's ability to secure new major research grants. Although, several project proposals and CSR funding applications were submitted during the year, they were not successful, making the financial sustainability of the Centre a continuing concern.

The legal case regarding the recovery of interest on the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation (PSIDC) Bonds is still pending before the Consumer Forum. The Centre is also addressing issues related to penalties imposed by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) for delays in the transfer of CPF Trust funds. With the assistance of its legal consultant, the Centre has submitted the required documents and clarifications to EPFO, and the matter is under legal process. Legal cases continue to require financial resources, although the case before the Bengal Labour Court has been dismissed. Looking ahead, CWDS needs to make sustained efforts to mobilise additional funding for both research activities and institutional strengthening to ensure its long-term financial stability**.**

Research Activities

Research remains the Centre's primary activity. CWDS research is based on intersectional, interdisciplinary approaches, applying various methodologies to explore questions of inclusivity and diversity from multiple viewpoints.

RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

GENDER BARRIERS IN STEM FIELD: AN EXPLORATION OF THE EXPERIENCES OF THE FEMALE PROFESSIONALS

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

N.Manimekalai, PI, Madhurima, Co.PI, Department of Physics, Central University of Tamil Nadu and Dwijiri Ramchiary, Research Associate

The study examined the experiences of women faculty and scientists in STEM through social constructionist and intersectional perspectives, addressing a significant gap in Indian scholarship. Drawing on data from around 70 participants across premier science and technology institutions, the study moves beyond conventional quantitative analyses to foreground women's lived experiences. Preliminary findings reveal persistent structural and institutional barriers, including underrepresentation of women, gendered workplace cultures, exclusion from leadership and decision-making, and intersectional disadvantages based on caste, class, and other social identities. Women in leadership roles experience a persistent double bind: assertiveness is often perceived negatively, while accommodative behaviour is undervalued, affecting professional recognition and career progression. The study recommends strengthening gender-responsive institutional policies, transparent recruitment and promotion systems, effective grievance redressal mechanisms, mentoring and leadership support for women scientists, and institutional accountability for fostering inclusive workplaces. A book chapter, *"Gender Barriers in the STEM Field: An Exploration of the Experiences of Female Professionals," has been accepted for publication in 'Role of Women in Science, Technology and Innovation in the Global South' (NAM S&T Centre).

Two additional papers based on the study have been submitted to peer-reviewed journals and are under review.

HER OWN WORDS: STORIES OF CHANGE FROM ARUNACHAL PRADESH, MEGHALAYA, AND NAGALAND

(Funded by RLS)

(Project Coordinator - Neetha N.)

Women-led drives for change have been instrumental in driving change in Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Nagaland. However, they remain largely unrecognized in mainstream gender related discourse and often lack proper documentation. This invisibility, coupled with the absence of scholarly as well as journalistic works that explore their engagements in-depth, leaves a significant gap in understanding both the history and ongoing impact of these engagements. Moreover, these engagements have been shaped by a diverse range of challenges, their distinction shaped by community-specific socio-cultural realities. The need to document them in their appropriate contexts, particularly through oral history, is urgent before they are lost to time. The study addresses this gap by collecting and preserving the oral histories of women-led engagements for gender equality from Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Nagaland. By documenting movements from the perspectives of women leaders and participants in each state, the research offers an intimate insight into how movements are engendered and sustained, the aspirations and challenges of the women of the movements, and the lasting impact of their collective efforts. 10 women from each state was selected for documentation through semi–structured interviews and informal conservations. The interactions explored personal narratives of resistance and engagement in women's movements and allow for a deeper understanding of the local cultural context. Apart from primary data secondary information such as news reports, archival materials and photographs such as personal,

family, and public records, to contextualize the oral histories, if available are also used. The data collection of this project was over in December and the draft report is ready. The report will be published by Zubaan. The study was jointly done with Dr. Renu Koyu, researcher from Arunachal Pradesh with guidance and support from mentors and visual artists from the selected states.

CO-WORKING SPACES AND WOMEN: AN EXPLORATORY STUDY

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Gant)

(Research Team: Neetha N, Principal Investigator, Kanika Tyagi, Research Assistant)

Co-working spaces have created high expectations regarding its positive effects women's social and economic life alongside promoting changes in the labour market. Scholarly literature on the subject are still limited and in the context of India they rarely exist, especially looking at it from the women workers point of entry. In this context, the study provides a critical understanding of co-working from the perspective of women's employment. The study captures the factors that makes it an accepted workplace and the consequences of such arrangements from the women employee's view point. Given the preference of flexibility and housework and care demands put on women it is imperative to understand the boundaries between work and non-work life conceptualized and navigated by women who work in co-working spaces. Further, the differences if any between men and women and also of women of different age groups, sectors of employment in terms of their engagement with these spaces and their negotiations are also important dimensions that the study is capturing. Apart from interviews with key stake holders, the study uses in-depth qualitative interviews with women and men who use such spaces. The study was completed in July 2025 and was presented in the review meeting held in November, 2024. One paper based on the study is being prepared for a book. Another paper is also under preparation.

INTERSECTIONS OF AGEING AND DISABILITY: AN EXPLORATORY STUDY IN DELHI

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Research Team: Renu Addlakha (Principal Researcher) Ritu Singh (Research Associate)

Using qualitative methodology, the study attempted to map out the complexity of the ageing-health-disability interface through interviews with a cohort of ageing persons with and without pre-existing disabilities through a gender lens. A cohort of 30 elderly persons residing in old age homes and in the community in Delhi were interviewed on a range of themes like life cycle transition, health status, livelihood, relationship with family daily routines etc. Beyond the negativity associated with physical decline and social marginalisation, the interlocutors' lived experiences mirrored comparisons with cultural ideal-typical traditional representations of the lives of the elderly ensconced.in harmonious families and communities. The realities of physical and mental decline, isolation and the demands of self-care were acutely felt in the majority of cases. However, few examples of successful coping and resilience in response to the inescapable contingencies of ageing were also observed.

MARGINALITIES: GENDERED INTERSECTIONS

Funded by ICSSR OH 31 Grant

A monograph entitled 'Marginalities: Gendered Intersections' based on a collection of seminar papers by young scholars at a National Seminar organised by CWDS in March 2024 and supported from ICSSR, was submitted to Aakar Books for publication. Each chapter was edited in consultation with its author. The manuscript is presently being copy-edited and shall be out as a publication later this year. The seminar addressed the broad theme of marginality from a gender perspective. Seminar paper presentations focused

on the complex intersections of gender with identity, institutional structures, and processes of social marginalisation from a range of social science and humanities perspectives. A report on the seminar proceedings was prepared by Ms. Aishwarya Bajpai.

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND REDRESSAL MECHANISMS: AN EXPLORATORY STUDY ON THE ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEES/ INTERNAL COMMITTEES

(Funded by ICSSR OH 31 Grant)

Principal Investigator – Vandana; Research Associate – Alankrita Anand; Consultant– Tanvi Adarsh

This qualitative study draws on 27 interviews with current and former members of ICCs/ICs, including Presiding Officers, External Members, and Student Representatives. These interviews examined how they navigate, negotiate, and experience various stages of the institutional hierarchy in addressing sexual harassment in higher education. The researcher employed an interview guide with open-ended questions covering the pathway to becoming a committee member, appointment procedures, training, challenges, contributions, and negotiations. Data triangulation was accomplished by supplementing interviews with information from RTIs and the institute's websites. The findings indicated that the committee functions within a complex environment shaped by power, caste, and gender inequalities; nonetheless, members endeavour to negotiate and advocate for justice throughout the redressal process. Student representatives, often occupying subordinate positions, influence indirectly by assisting in drafting complaints, providing support and advice, questioning procedures, demanding adherence to regulations, and seeking clarification from others.

The study was completed in July 2025 and presented at CWDS in November 2025. A paper titled 'Internal Complaint Committees/ Internal Committees- A Struggle for Autonomy in Higher Education Institutions' was presented at an international CESI conference in December 2025. The project coordinator is currently developing two related publications.

RESEARCH PROJECTS ONGOING

ENDOMETRIOSIS VOICES: WOMEN'S EVERYDAY LIVES AND TREATMENT EXPERIENCES IN CITIES OF INDIA

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Delhi and Bangalore Research Team: PI: Bijoya Roy, CWDS, New Delhi Co-PI: Sreeparna Chattopadyay, Manipal Academy of Higher Education; Research Assistants - Deepika Pandey and Sayanti Majumdar

Endometriosis is a public health concern affecting approximately 247 million women worldwide and 42 million women in India. Around 10% of women of reproductive age are affected with endometriosis, which is 1/6th of the Global burden (Dalvi, 2025). Endometriosis is a chronic inflammatory, systemic disease that affects the pelvic area and can spread extensively to other body organs and tissues (Taylor et al., 2021). Women suffering from chronic pain during and after their menstrual cycles often experience discomfort, necessitating bed rest on the worst days. This puts their paid work and personal lives at risk. Sometimes, women are told that their pelvic pain is imaginary, leading to self-doubt. As more and more women seek healthcare services for pelvic pain, heavy menstrual bleeding and infertility, endometriosis diagnosis is also increasing (Dalvi, 2025). Despite advocacy

around menstrual leave in India, pelvic pain and endometriosis are still largely unacknowledged, unseen and unknown.

The study aims to understand and document the lived experiences of women diagnosed with endometriosis or who have undergone surgeries residing in Delhi, Bangalore and other cities. This study seeks to explore the support systems they receive or lack, their coping mechanisms, their healthcare-seeking pathways, and their experiences with these services, as well as the financial impact of these services. This is a qualitative study. Semi-structured interviews using a schedule were conducted, either face-to-face or online. Before commencing the research, approval was obtained from the CWDS Research Ethics Committee.

GENDER AND GREEN ENTERPRISES: AN ANALYSIS OF FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS' EXPERIENCES IN GREEN BUSINESSES

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Prof. N.Manimekalai, PI, S. Suba, Co-PI, Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, and Dwijiri Ramchiary, Research Associate

This study critically examines the role of women entrepreneurs in micro-level green enterprises within the broader context of climate change, sustainability, and inclusive development in India. Using an interdisciplinary framework combining Economics and Sociology, and based on qualitative evidence from focus group discussions, semi-structured interviews, and telephone interviews, the research analyses how gender, caste, class, and rurality intersect to shape women's participation in the emerging green economy. The study finds that while green enterprises enhance women's livelihoods, economic autonomy, confidence, and community leadership, their transformative potential is constrained by persistent structural inequalities. Limited access to finance, markets, technology, skills, and institutional support continues to impede enterprise growth. Although national policies promoting

green entrepreneurship and ESG have expanded training and digital platforms, rural women remain largely excluded due to digital illiteracy, inadequate outreach, and weak last-mile institutional support. The findings highlight a significant gap between policy intent and implementation, demonstrating that existing support systems inadequately address the intersecting disadvantages experienced by women entrepreneurs. The study argues that green entrepreneurship should be recognised not merely as an economic activity but as a pathway for gender-responsive climate action and inclusive development. It recommends strengthening gender-sensitive financing, decentralised capacity-building, digital inclusion, local mentoring and market linkages, and convergence among climate, livelihood, and entrepreneurship policies to enable women-led green enterprises to contribute effectively to sustainable development and climate resilience**.**

URBAN INSECURITY, MIGRATION AND SOCIAL PROTECTION: MAPPING ACCESS, IDENTITY, AND EXCLUSION ACROSS INDIAN CITIES

(Funded by ICSSR Longitudinal Grant)

(Project Coordinator - Neetha N.)

The study examines the layered vulnerabilities that internal migrants negotiating India's fast-changing urban areas experience. Driven by livelihood insecurity and rural distress, immigration to the city leaves many migrants without the rights and services that characterise urban citizenship. Although the contributions of migrants to city economies, in industries such as construction, manufacturing, domestic labour, logistics, and street vending, are often overlooked in urban planning, welfare distribution, and governance systems, they remain fundamental. This study investigates how people in various urban settings and government systems obtain or are denied social protection. The study, funded under the ICSSR grant for longitudinal studies

overs 6 locations that are chosen for their diverse migration patterns, economic structures, and the unique challenges migrants face in accessing urban services. Bangalore, Hosur, Mumbai, Pune Delhi and Trivandrum. CWDS is involved in the study of Delhi, and Coimbatore/Kochi are some of the sites for quantitative data collection. Emphasising the structural and lived dimensions of exclusion, the project uses a longitudinal, mixed-methods research approach. There are six researchers associated with the project. As part of this collaboration, CWDS will be involved in the study of internal migrant workers engaged in personal care and domestic service occupations in Delhi. The first phase of field work in Delhi started in April 2025, and is currently ongoing.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ATTRIBUTES OF TIME ALLOCATION AND TIME POVERTY OF WOMEN
(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Gant)

(Project Coordinator - Neetha N.)

Time poverty is a concept that has gained importance in the discussion on time allocation of women. Individuals are not free to allocate time and are constrained by many social and economic factors. Lack of time for rest and leisure is an issue that is often faced by individuals who do not have much control over their distribution of time. Women, especially those from poor households are noted to have high time poverty. There are multiple social and economic factors that burden women with work worsened by poor support structures. Women are mostly solely responsible for house work, not only cooking, cleaning and child care but also collecting fuel and drinking water. For men, boundaries between various activities are much clearer, a separation between leisure and work time. For women to these boundaries get blurred with overlapping. The TUS data provides data on multiple and simultaneous activities and this data with number of tasks carried out in a day

can be analysed to understand time stress of women. The disaggregated analysis time stress across demographic, social and economic variables can provide further insights into the understanding of time poverty. The study investigates the role of intersecting social and economic hierarchies particularly caste and class, in determining access to and distribution of time across different activities, particularly time poverty. The data analysis will be completed soon and the report will be submitted by July, 2026.

DISEASE, DISABILITY AND HEALTHY AGEING IN RURAL DELHI (Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Project Coordinator: Prof. Renu Addlakha

Research on ageing is a broad and evolving field that explores the biological, psychological, and social changes associated with the ageing process. The pilot study conducted on disability and ageing in Delhi, undertaken by Renu Addlakha during 2024-2025 under the OH_31 grant has thrown up some interesting findings like the importance of financial stability during old age, gender-based differences (biological and social) in the ageing process and the intersections of discourses of disability and ageing these findings in the urban context require an extended comparative study of ageing in rural India, which would give a comprehensive overview of the scenario from a gender sensitive perspective.

Consequently, during 2025-2026, in-depth interviews with 30 elderly persons residing in the Delhi hinterland (or what are administratively called urban villages) have been completed. Initial data analysis has thrown up some interesting contrasts elderly in urban areas. The absence of special facilities like old age homes in the rural context with the simultaneous existence of comparatively better physical and mental health status in the urban villages is worth noting. A publication based on a comparative analysis of the two data sets is underway.

ENGENDERING CHANGE: EXPLORING THE INTERLINKAGES BETWEEN MARRIAGE, DISABILITY, SEXUALITY AND KNOWLEDGE BUILDING IN INDIA FROM A WOMEN'S STUDIES PERSPECTIVE

(with support from the Ford Foundation)

Additional Activities Supported through the Ford Foundation Legacy Grant

(A) DIGITIZATION OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Project Team: Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee (PI), Akhlak Ahmad, Ratna Sharma

As part of the grant-supported initiatives, the CWDS Library completed the digitization of its collection of conference documents by October 2025. The project covered a significant body of material generated through conferences, seminars, and workshops on women's and gender issues across India and South Asia. The exercise was undertaken to secure these valuable resources for long-term access while reducing the risk of deterioration of the original documents. The digitized collection is being incorporated into the DSpace institutional repository with full-text availability, thereby improving accessibility and discoverability for researchers and other users.

(B) ORAL HISTORY PROJECT: FROM MEMORY TO HISTORY

Project Team: Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee(PI) & Akhlak Ahmad

The Oral History Project, From Memory to History, was also carried forward and completed during the reporting period. The project involved documenting the life experiences and professional journeys of leading academicians, educators, activists, and practitioners associated with women's studies and

related fields. Through recorded interviews, the initiative has captured personal narratives and reflections on the evolution of scholarship, activism, and institution-building in India. These materials form an important component of the Library's growing digital archive and contribute to preserving the intellectual heritage of the field for future generations.

RE-EXAMINING MUSLIM WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION: EQUALITY, DIFFERENCE AND SUBJECTIVITY

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Research Team – Seema Kazi (PI); Neha Jha - Research Assistant

Field research for a study entitled 'Re-examining Muslim Women's Political Participation: Equality, Difference and Subjectivity' was conducted during February-March 2026. The study focuses on the unresolved, contested interface between legal equality, religious difference, and gender identity, with reference to Muslim women's political participation. Dominant narratives seldom portray or represent Muslim women as political subjects in their own right; female Muslim invisibility is usually ascribed to an essentialized and permanent Muslim difference. This study seeks to unsettle and de-centre both narratives by foregrounding Muslim women's relatively under-examined concerns such as religious identity, fear of social exclusion, and potential loss or harm. Using personal interviews with a small number of subjects, this study seeks to reinsert and reclaim Muslim women as critical, politically aware and agential subjects shaped by context-specific specificities and challenges.

A few field interviews and integration of field data within the relevant literature is to be completed by July 2026.

An article based on the study is to be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITIES AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF INTERSECTIONAL STUDIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

(Funded by ICSSR OH 31 Grant)

Principal Investigator – Vandana; Research Assistant – Sukanya Roy; Consultant– Shikha

This research builds on my earlier qualitative study that examined the intersectional experiences of Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) or Internal Committee (IC) members in higher education institutions in Delhi/NCR. The study revealed that ICC/IC roles and institutional power structures greatly influence decision-making processes. It also highlighted how power hierarchies intersect with the identities and social positions of complainants, respondents, and committee members. Expanding this work, the current research aims to investigate these issues more deeply from a theoretical perspective. It involves a systematic review of academic literature on sexual harassment in higher education, focusing on intersectional frameworks and redress mechanisms. This review offers an overview of existing knowledge on intersectional studies related to sexual harassment in higher education. By analysing secondary sources, it will examine a broad range of scholarly works, identify key themes, and discuss how intersectional approaches have been applied. The review will consider trends in methodology, main themes, and how power structures are addressed within due process. Specifically, it will explore how systems of power render certain identities either visible or invisible, thereby influencing authority. Finally, the project will discuss limitations and suggest future directions for intersectional research on sexual harassment in higher education.

PROJECTS FUNDED BY ICSSR UNDER OH-31 GRANT AND BEING UNDERTAKEN BY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN RIPARIAN VEGETATION-BASED LIVELIHOOD IN THE BORDER OF DELHI AND UTTAR PRADESH
(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

(Principal Investigator – N. Manimekalai; Co-PI – Bhaswati Thakurta; assisted by Jahanvi Sanjay (Field Investigator)

This study examines the seasonal livelihoods of Bihar migrants along the Yamuna River, where they utilise riparian vegetation. Specifically, they harvest tall grass from the river & shallows, process it into sturdy 12cm strands after a lengthy drying period, and use these strands to bundle leafy greens, a practice likely originating from villages near Koshi river. Beyond this primary use, the grass fibre is also employed for crafting everyday products, and other seasonal grasses contribute to local economies asdecorative materials. This practice provides a biodegradable and sustainable alternative to plastic for both utility and decoration. The above said project was completed in December 2025, and the final report has been submitted.

PATHWAYS TO HIGHER EDUCATION: A GENDERED ANALYSIS
(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Research Team - N. Manimekalai (Principal Investigator), Gayatri Panda (Co-Principal Investigator), Riya Pramanik (Field Investigator).

The research project aims to examine the differentiated socio- economic conditions, varied contextual resources, and practices that have been pulled

together at the familial domain shaping sons' distinguished higher education career choices. After clearing the mandated ethics committee's procedure at the institutional level; official permission was sought from IIT Delhi in order to conduct the field research inside the campus of the respective higher education institute. The sociological study undertakes its empirical research among the male B.Tech. students in IIT Delhi. The present exploratory research undertakes a purposive sample of a total of thirty male students who have been contacted through snowballing to participate in the research project over a semi-structured interview schedule. Long, in-depth interviews with these boys pursuing engineering education at an eminent educational institute brings an eclectic range of insights into their preparedness to pursue this professional higher education, their campus experience at one of the top IITs of the country, and their future aspirations. The study findings were presented and discussed at the institute among the colleagues and an invited external expert.

LIFE OF NORTH-EAST WOMEN WORKERS AND THEIR HEALTH CHALLENGES: A STUDY IN A METROPOLITAN CITY, INDIA

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Principal Investigator – Bijoya Roy; Co-Principal Investigator: Khundongbam Gyanabati Devi; Field Investigator - Ngamthem Rupali.

The study aimed to examine the implications of intersecting structural vulnerabilities on the health and well-being of North-east migrant workers in Delhi, and to investigate their coping strategies, including help-seeking and health-seeking behaviours, in times of need/crisis. North-east women migrant workers in the national capital city have been facing tremendous challenges on their health and well-being status, inspite of educational attainment and economically well. Social exclusion and contestation of public domain have continually been the important issues ailing the lives of migrant women from the North-east states. Sense of estrangement, alienation, lack of

belongingness and insecurity are always there among the women migrants from north-east states, and these have affected living condition and well-being of migrants. Inspite of all these challenges, North-east women trying to maintain their life healthy through their ethnic and community network ties maintaining small spaces of the borderland in the metro-city. However, social dimensions like racist attitudes of people towards the minority migrant communities have influences on their healthy living in the city. The study further calls out the need for more systematic study of these ethnic migrant women's conditions/ problems in relation to improve their over health and well-being post migration.

SVANIDHI YOJANA AND THE QUESTION OF WOMEN'S SELF-EMPLOYMENT: A STUDY OF NORTH DELHI

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Research Team: Principal Investigator – Seema Kazi and Co-Principal Investigator – Nayantara Singh; Field Investigator – Zuberia Nauman Khan

The objective of this research was to ascertain the nature of financial assistance women are receiving under the Svanidhi scheme and the impact of this support on their communities. It also aimed to understand how the income generated through this scheme has influenced the women's familial, social, and economic status. Furthermore, the research sought to identify the key challenges women faced in availing the benefits of the scheme and to examine the measures taken to address these issues. A total of fifty women have been interviewed in the areas of North Delhi. The key findings of this project are as follows: First, women's participation under the PM Svanidhi Yojana has increased; however, their numbers remain lower than those of men - particularly during the registration and application processes. Second, opportunities for self-employment have expanded. The scheme has assisted women in starting or sustaining small-scale businesses—such as selling

vegetables or clothing, or operating food stalls—thereby strengthening their self-employment base.

Third, socio-cultural barriers - such as familial control, restrictions on mobility, and gender-based norms - prevent many women from making independent decisions. Furthermore, a lack of awareness (especially regarding interest subsidies, cashback offers, and the benefits of repeat loans) exacerbates this issue, limiting the extent to which women can fully avail themselves of the scheme's benefits.

Fourth, the loan funds were not utilised solely for business purposes; they were also used to meet household needs, such as healthcare, education, and rations. This clearly highlights the financial strain, poverty, and the vicious cycle in which the beneficiaries are trapped.

राष्ट्रवाद और स्त्री-प्रश्न: चाँद पत्रिका के संदर्भ में

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Research Team: Principal Investigator - Seema Kazi and Co-Principal Investigator – Vijay K. Jha; Field Investigator –Ekta Verma

पिछले साल ओएच 31 ग्रांट के अंतर्गत 'राष्ट्रवाद और स्त्री-प्रश्न: चाँद पत्रिका के संदर्भ में' विषय पर शोध काम पूरा किया गया। इसे सीडब्लूडीएस द्वारा आमंत्रित विद्वान के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया गया और प्राप्त सुझावों के आधार पर रिपोर्ट का पुनर्लेखन कर जमा कर दिया गया। इस शोध से यह पता चला कि हिंदी के लोकवृत्त में 20वीं सदी के तीसरे दशक में स्त्री प्रश्न पर सार्वजनिक दायरे में जम कर रस्साकशी हुई। एक स्त्री पत्रिका होने के नाते चाँद ने इसके लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण मंच प्रदान किया। पत्रिका ने पूर्ण रेडिकल और पूर्ण रक्षणशील के बीच के राह पर चलने का निर्णय लिया और इसलिए वह लोकप्रिय भी हुई। उसने एक नए राष्ट्र के लिए पुनर्रचित की जा रही पितृसत्ता के अनुकूल नई स्त्री की छवि की रचना में महती भूमिका निभाई। उसने भारतीय स्त्रियों को भारतीय राष्ट्र की सक्रिय निर्मात्री बनाने के वैचारिक और व्यावहारिक उपाय सुझाने का काम कर राष्ट्रवाद और स्त्री-प्रश्न के बीच अद्भुत समन्वय बनाने की कोशिश की।

During 2024-25, the research project “Nationalism and the Woman Question: A Study of Chand Magazine” was completed under the OH-31 grant. Following a presentation before a scholar invited by CWDS, the report was revised and submitted based on the feedback received. The study highlights how the "woman question" became a major point of debate within the Hindi public sphere during the 1920s. As a prominent women's magazine, Chand served as a vital platform for these discussions. By striking a careful balance between radical ideas and traditional conservatism, wide popularity was achieved. Ultimately, the magazine played a key role in shaping the image of a "new woman"—one designed to fit the shifting patriarchal expectations of an emerging nation while being granted an active role in its creation.

RESEARCH PROJECTS ONGOING

READING THE ECOLOGY AND FOLKLORIC RITUALS OF SUNDARBANS THROUGH THE STORY OF ITS DEITIES

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

(Principal Investigator –N. Manimekalai; Co-PI – Bhaswati Thakurta; Puja Halder (Field Investigator)

The geographical region of Sunderbans located in both India and Bangladesh. From West Bengal (India) till Khulna (Bangladesh) this vast stretch of mangrove forest on the delta formed by Ganga, Bramhaputra and Meghna’s convergence. The local legend says that in Sundarbans ‘tiger lives in the land and crocodile in the water.’ Which indirectly verifies that this terrain is not favourable for human settlement. The folklores are not exception. These are hagiographies of the subaltern deities ‘Bonobibi’ (the goddess of the forest) and ‘Dakshin Ray’ (the tiger god). The shrines of two deities are prominent in the region where men risk their lives to get inside the protected forest for

resources. The textual analysis of these two texts and the present situation of the Sundarbans regarding livelihood is the main focus of this project. The qualitative methodology followed while doing the in-depth interview based on subjective schedule. Fieldwork is complete, data processing is in progress, and the full report will be available by July 2026. A workshop was organised in collaboration with Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University Kolkata to present the research done.

ENGENDERING A COUNT ON ENGINEERING EDUCATION: AN ACCOUNT

(Funded by ICSSR OH–31 Grant)

Research Team - N. Manimekalai (Principal Investigator), Gayatri Panda (Co-- Principal Investigator), Riya Pramanik (Field Investigator).

This research project aims to generate insights on higher education institution as a socio- cultural space where education is delivered and experienced. Undertaking the vantage point of the implementation of the supernumerary seat scheme in the BTech program since the year 2020 which added 20% seats for girls to the existing gender- neutral seats at IITs, this study attempts to delve through students' experiencing the ethos of these recent reforms across their diverse societal origins. The exploratory study looks forward to elicit how the intent of the policy is being materialised and experienced by students across varied caste, class, and gendered categories at IIT Delhi, one of the premier higher educational institutes of science and technology. The empirical research plans to include respondentents among the senior batches of the B.Tech courses, both male and female students reflecting on their campus life. In-depth interviews and focussed group discussions with a purposive sample of students have been conducted focusing on students' experiencing the academic, extra-curricular, and informal cohorts. The primary field findings are being processed at present for analysis.

SELF-REPORTED HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: A CASE OF MIGRANT STUDENTS FROM NORTH-EAST IN DELHI

(Funded by ICSSR OH–31 Grant)

Principal Investigator - Bijoya Roy; Co-Principal Investigator - Khundongbam Gyanabati Devi; Field Investigator – Jaiganmei Kamai)

Existing empirical studies and reports on the ethnic migrants from the North-east region in metro-cities of the country noted a high level of distress, frustration and discrimination. These could have a huge impact on the lives of these population in both positive and negative ways. Studies around the globe reflected that in process of migration and those hardships, stressors and strains in new destination place have found increased migrants' morbidity in several ways. The present study is an exploratory study to map out subjective aspect of self-reported health and psychological well-being of the students migrated to Delhi from the socio-politically disrupting state, Manipur, North-east India. The study has started in December 2025, and a Field Investigator was recruited for the field study, 27 in-depth interviews, 2 FGDs and 80 self-assessment questionnaires were collected among the students who are studying in Delhi for the last one to five years. In-depth interviews and FGDs were translated and entered. Thematic analysis and development of the report is on process and try to submit on time.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF WOMEN IN STREET VENDING WORK: A STUDY OF BURA-RI (NORTH DELHI)

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Research Team: Principal Investigator - Seema Kazi and Co-Principal Investigator - Nayantara Singh; Nivedita Kumari Field Investigator

Street vending is a vital part of India's informal economy, providing livelihoods to millions of people, especially women. From a socio-economic perspective, the Burari area of North Delhi is largely a lower-middle and working-class area, where most people depend on small jobs or businesses to support their families. This study aims to explore the opportunities and challenges faced by women street vendors in Burari, a rapidly urbanising area with a large migrant population. The study aims to analyse the impact of street vending on women's self-employment and examine the socio-economic profile of women engaged in street vending in Burari, including legal, financial, social, and structural barriers.

This study adopts a mixed-methods approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative research techniques, with a strong emphasis on data collection. Primary data collection will involve surveys and structured interviews with female street vendors. Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) will be conducted to gather information on shared challenges and opportunities, while case studies of selected vendors will be examined to understand individual experiences.

Regarding secondary data, the study will review government reports, policies, and academic studies concerning street vendors, alongside an analysis of municipal regulations.

For the sample size, 40 to 50 women from the Burari area of North Delhi have been selected; these women are engaged in various small-scale businesses

and earn their livelihood through street vending. Based on a questionnaire and some personal contacts, a total of fifty women in North Delhi areas were interviewed, and the fieldwork has been completed. The draft report will be finalised by July 2026.

औपनिवेशिक भारत में 'स्त्री प्रश्न' की रचना: प्राच्यवादी और आंग्लवादी दृष्टियों का आलोचनात्मक अवलोकन

(Funded by ICSSR OH-31 Grant)

Research Team: Principal Investigator - Seema Kazi and Co-Principal Investigator – Vijay K. Jha; Field Investigator –Priyanjana Masih

यह परियोजना औपनिवेशिक भारत में प्राच्यवादियों और आंग्लवादियों द्वारा 'स्त्री-प्रश्न' के निर्माण का आलोचनात्मक अध्ययन करती है। इसके मुख्य प्रश्न ये हैं कि दोनों धाराओं ने भारतीय स्त्रियों को किस प्रकार चित्रित किया, उनके बीच क्या अंतर था और आंग्लवादी विमर्श किस तरह प्राच्यवादी आदर्शीकरण की प्रतिक्रिया में विकसित हुआ। प्राच्यवादियों ने संस्कृत ग्रंथों और वैदिक काल को केंद्र में रखकर अतीत को स्त्रियों का स्वर्णयुग बताया, जबकि आंग्लवादियों ने भारतीय स्त्रियों को उत्पीड़ित और औपनिवेशिक सुधार की आवश्यकता वाली अधीन प्राणी के रूप में प्रस्तुत किया। भिन्नताओं के बावजूद दोनों ने स्त्रियों की एजेंसी की उपेक्षा की और हिंदू स्त्री को भारतीय स्त्री का पर्याय बनाया। इस विषय पर शोध हुए हैं, लेकिन वे बिखरे हुए हैं और अक्सर विषय केंद्रित हैं। मूल स्रोतों पर आधारित व्यवस्थित तुलनात्मक अध्ययन का अभाव है। यह परियोजना इसी की भरपाई करते हुए भविष्य में स्त्री-प्रश्न की औपनिवेशिक रचना के डीकोलोनियल अध्ययन के लिए आधार तैयार करेगी।

The project taken up during 2025-26 critically examines how Orientalist and Anglicist writings constructed the "woman question" in colonial India. It asks how the two traditions differed, how Anglicist discourse developed partly in response to Orientalist idealisation, and how both nevertheless shared a colonial epistemology that denied women's agency and treated the Hindu woman as representative of all Indian women. Orientalists privileged Sanskrit texts and projected the Vedic age as a golden period, while Anglicists portrayed Indian women as oppressed and in need of colonial reform. Existing scholarship is scattered and largely organised around particular issues such

as sati, Vedic women, or colonial masculinity. A systematic comparative mapping based on close reading of primary texts is still lacking. The project seeks to fill this gap and establish the necessary foundation for a later decolonial reading of the colonial construction of the woman question.

VMMF SHORT-TERM RESEARCH GRANT

The following five studies were taken up:

Reading Rural Change: Kudumbashree in Gender Budgets, and the Feminisation of Agriculture in Kerala

Researcher: Athira R

Kerala's celebrated development trajectory masks a persistent paradox: rising female participation in agriculture, driven by sustained male out-migration and agrarian distress, has not translated into commensurate gains in land ownership, income, or decision-making authority. The study examines whether Kudumbashree's collective farming model and Kerala's gender budgeting framework constitute genuine pathways to women's economic empowerment, or merely redistribute unpaid agricultural labour under the language of inclusion. Findings show that despite enhanced visibility and collective agency, women's engagement remains tied to leased rather than owned land, weak credit and market linkage, and a welfare-oriented gender budgeting structure that prioritises participation over productive asset creation.

Gendered Labour and Violence in GMO Rice Cultivation in Assam's River Islands

Researcher: Sampurna Das

The study interrogates how agrarian transformation reshapes rural livelihoods, gendered labour relations, and power dynamics. The study argues that while the introduction of this modern rice variety is promoted as a technical solution to flood vulnerability, its rollout constitutes a power-laden intervention that reconfigures class and gender relations – whether by design or through unconsidered outcomes – creating new hierarchies between landed and landless, men and women, and among women themselves based on age, marital status, and labour role. The insights suggest violence - physical, economic, and psychological – is a constitutive element of this transition. Engaging with critical agrarian scholarship and feminist political ecology, the paper advances a framework centring agricultural biotechnology, labour, and violence, challenging dominant development discourses.

Tracking Rural Women's Paid and Unpaid Agricultural Work and Resilience: Study in Beed District, Maharashtra

Researcher: Vanita P Tumsare

The study examines how rural women sustain households and agriculture through a continuous combination of paid agricultural labour, unpaid family farm work, domestic work, care responsibilities, livestock care, subsistence activities, migration-related labour, and emotional management. The central finding is that women move across fields, homes, work-sites, cattle sheds, water sources, kitchens, markets and temporary sugarcane settlements. Women's labour sustains both production and social reproduction, yet much of it remains uncounted because it is normalised as women's duty rather than recognised as labour. The study also shows that women's labour burden is

common across households, but it differs by caste, class, landholding, marital status and migration location.

Engagement of Women Labour and Livelihoods in Saree Refurbishing Micro-Industries in Kumardhubi Township, Jharkhand

Researcher: Zeenat Mahzabin

The study examines the socio-economic conditions, livelihood opportunities, and empowerment outcomes associated with the saree-refurbishing micro-industry. Employing an ethnographic research design, the study explores how women repair, wash, embroider, darn, finish, and resell used sarees as a source of household income and self-employment. The findings indicate that this micro-industry provides employment to women across generations, preserves traditional textile skills, promotes financial inclusion, and supports local economic development. At the same time, women workers face continuing challenges, including low and irregular wages, labour-intensive work, limited social security, gender-based wage disparities, and poor working conditions, which restrict the significant potential of economic participation. The study argues that while saree refurbishment contributes to women's agency and livelihood security, meaningful empowerment requires improved labour rights, fair wages, and institutional support.

From Helpers to Smallholders: State Policies, Women's Collectives, and the Sustenance of Women Farmer Producer Collectives in Rural Rajasthan

Researcher: Varnika Siyag

The study examines the contribution of women-led collectives and state policies towards bringing rural women from the status of unpaid agricultural assistants to the status of smallholders in Rajasthan. The findings reveal

improvement in women's confidence, financial inclusion, collective bargaining and social recognition in the case of their participation in the Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and Rajeevika and IMSUPY programmes. However, structural challenges like male-led land ownership, caste inequality, time poverty, mobility constraints and limited market access pose a threat to sustainable empowerment. The study finds that equal opportunities in access to productive resources and legal recognition as cultivators are required apart from community participation. To enhance women farmer-producer collectives and advance significant gender equality in rural Rajasthan, the study suggests changes to land titling, gender-responsive lending systems, market connections, mobility assistance, and institutional convergence.

The study reports are being reviewed by the committee members.
(Co-ordinator – Neetha N.)

TEACHING WOMEN'S STUDIES

AUD-CWDS WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES PH.D PROGRAMME

CWDS faculty continue to discharge supervisory duties for AUD WGS Ph.D scholars, some of whom completed and submitted their respective thesis and await their viva and award of Degrees. It may be noted that after September 2023, CWDS Faculty were re-designated as co-supervisors to the students for whom they were primary supervisors. This was necessitated by the AUD adopting UGC Regulations stipulating that there could be no external supervisors for students enrolled in AUD.

List and Status of completed and ongoing AUD Women and Gender Studies Ph.D. Dissertation supervision by CWDS Faculty 2023-2024:

Dr.Bijoya Roy

Completed, Degree awarded

- Shefali Kishore: WGS, Ambedkar University, Delhi; (In)Visible Women's Body, Assisted Reproductive Technology and Growth of Fertility Market: An Exploratory Study of Jharkhand, (Registration Number: S185CWG08)

Prof. Neetha N.

Completed:

- Samiksha Kapoor: Jawaharlal Nehru University, ICSSR Doctoral Fellow. Title: Trade Union challenges in organizing the unorganized: A study of NCR region, India.

Prof. Renu Addlakha

Ongoing:

- Dhamma Ratan - Ph.D scholar, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed to be University), Nalanda, Bihar. Thesis title 'A Critical Study of Women's Status as Depicted in the Theravada Literature (600 BCE to 500 CE)'.

Dr. Seema Kazi

Ongoing:

- Ph.D supervision: WGS, Ambedkar University, Delhi; Kunzang Angmo, WGS, Ambedkar University. Title: *Women and Interfaith Marriage in Ladakh*.

Dr. Vandana

Ongoing:

- Charanjeet- Ph.D scholar, from Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra, India, from 2023.Title: '*Bride Trafficking in Haryana: Generalization of Social Crime'.*

ICSSR INSTITUTIONAL DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (2023-24)

Since 2013, CWDS has been inviting applications and administering the ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships in Women's Studies. Since its inception, a total of 31 fellowships have been awarded. Fourteen fellows out of the 30 were from the CWDS-AUD Collaborative Research Programme in Women's and Gender Studies, while sixteen scholars were from other universities. In the year 2021-22, the ICSSR suspended the fellowship program, citing financial constraints. Three batches of students from 2018-2020, 2019-2021, and 2021-

2023 are currently fellowship holders. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, 2025-26, no fellowships were disbursed by the ICSSR to CWDS.

Fellowship Programme Coordinator: Seema Kazi.

ICSSR POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Sonia George, ICSSR Post-Doctoral Fellow, titled **"Re-engaging work Spheres into Labour Spaces: Delineating Gender Relations in the Home-Based Industry in Kerala, India"** under the supervision of Prof. Mary E. John (Ex-Director) and now changed to present Director, Prof. N.Manimekalai.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library (VMML), named in honour of the late Professor Vina Mazumdar, is an integral part of the Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS). Established in 1980, the Library has consistently supported the research and information needs of faculty members, scholars, students, activists, and researchers from India and abroad. VMML houses a rich and diverse collection of books, journals, reports, theses, and other research materials with a special focus on women's and gender studies. The collection covers a wide range of subjects, including women and the economy, development policy, social issues, disability, gender-based violence, women's movements, and related interdisciplinary fields.

In August 2025, the Library was relocated back to the CWDS campus. Following the relocation, extensive efforts were undertaken to reorganize the collection and restore services to ensure uninterrupted access for users. As a key knowledge and resource centre, VMML is recognized for its high-quality information services and its commitment to meeting the evolving needs of the research community. The Library continues to leverage innovative technological tools and digital resources to enhance accessibility, information retrieval, and user engagement.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE FORD FOUNDATION LEGACY GRANT

Digitization of Conference Documents

As part of the activities supported under the Ford Foundation Legacy Grant, the CWDS Library completed the digitization of its collection of conference documents by October 2025. The initiative covered a substantial body of

material generated through conferences, seminars, workshops, and consultations on women's and gender issues across India and South Asia. Many of these documents constitute unique and valuable research resources that are not readily available elsewhere.

The project resulted in the digital preservation of approximately 1,400 conference documents comprising nearly 200,000 pages, sourced from the CWDS Library and other collections. Detailed metadata were created for each document and integrated into the Digital Archival Database in DSpace, with full-text access wherever available. This initiative has significantly enhanced the discoverability, accessibility, and long-term preservation of these important research materials, ensuring their continued availability to scholars, researchers, students, and other users.

Oral History Project: From Memory to History

The Oral History Project, From Memory to History, was carried forward and completed during the reporting period with support from the Ford Foundation Legacy Grant. The initiative seeks to document the experiences, reflections, and contributions of eminent academicians, educators, activists, and practitioners who have played a significant role in the development of Women's Studies in India. As part of the project, an Oral History Archive on Women's Studies was developed as a multi-format digital resource to facilitate wider access for scholars, students, and researchers. Between July and October 2025, a total of 16 oral history interviews were recorded in Lucknow, Goa, Mumbai, Delhi, and Hyderabad. These interviews capture personal narratives and institutional histories, tracing the evolution of Women's Studies in India and the broader South Asian region.

During the reporting period, six recordings were professionally edited and enriched with colour correction, voice-overs, subtitles, and transcripts to enhance accessibility and ease of retrieval. The project has contributed

significantly to the creation of a unique digital archive that preserves the intellectual legacy, institutional memory, and diverse experiences that have shaped the field of Women's Studies over the past several decades.

Collection Development during 2025–26

The Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library (VMML) continued to strengthen its collection during 2025–26 with a sustained focus on acquiring and preserving resources in the field of Women's and Gender Studies. The Library's collection development programme encompasses a wide range of formats, including books, journal articles, mimeographed papers, annotated bibliographies, statistical compilations, theses and dissertations, occasional papers, conference proceedings, research reports, policy documents, newspaper clippings, audio-visual materials, and electronic information resources. These materials are acquired through purchase, exchange programmes, donations, and complimentary copies.

A distinctive feature of the collection development strategy is the continued emphasis on identifying and acquiring unpublished and grey literature through institutional networks and collaborations, both nationally and internationally. Such efforts have contributed significantly to enriching the Library's unique research holdings.

During 2025–26, special attention was given to strengthening collections in key thematic areas, including sexuality and gender diversity, disability studies, violence against women, marginalised castes and communities, women's health, feminist theory, women's employment and livelihoods, migration, the status of women, women in literature, women's biographies, women and law, and Hindi-language resources. These additions have further enhanced the Library's capacity to support interdisciplinary research, teaching, policy engagement, and advocacy in the field of women's and gender studies.

New Additions during 2025–26

A total of 1,424 records of books, monographs, reports, conference documents, articles from journals and newspapers had been added to the Koha (catalogue) database during April 2025 – March 2026. As of now, the library holds approximately 17,654 books and mimeographed papers. The Koha catalogue database currently includes over 140,500 records. The library currently holds approximately 44,700 full-text articles, comprising: 31,000+ newspaper articles and 13,700 journal articles.

The Library continued to strengthen its periodicals collection during 2025–26 through subscriptions and exchange arrangements. The Library maintained subscriptions to 15 Indian journals and received an additional 3 journals on a regular basis through exchange agreements associated with the Indian Journal of Gender Studies (IJGS). These resources provide users with access to current scholarship and developments in Women's and Gender Studies and related disciplines.

The Library also subscribed to 7 national daily newspapers, supporting access to current affairs, policy developments, and public debates relevant to research and teaching. As of March 2026, the Library's holdings included a total of 1,197 bound volumes of journals and periodicals, constituting an important archival resource for researchers and scholars.

Information Services:

The library regularly provides a range of information services to facilitate the dissemination and use of its resources.

The highlights of these services are as follows:

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

Online Resources

The Library continued to strengthen access to digital information resources during 2025–26 through support received from ICSSR. During the year, users had access to a range of major electronic resources, including JSTOR, which continues to be available, the Economic and Political Weekly (EPW) online archive up to March 2026, and scholarly content accessible through the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative. Access to Statista and EconLit was added in April 2026, further expanding the range of digital resources available to users.

These resources significantly enhanced access to scholarly literature, research data, and reference materials, thereby supporting research, teaching, and academic activities across a wide range of disciplines.

Current Awareness Bulletin (CAB)

The Current Awareness Bulletin (CAB), a flagship information service of the Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library (VMML), has been published regularly since 1984. Issued on a bi-monthly basis, the Bulletin serves as an important resource for researchers, scholars, students, and practitioners by providing

timely information on recent additions to the Library's collection and developments in the field of Women's and Gender Studies.

The CAB includes bibliographic details of newly acquired books, conference documents, research reports, periodical articles, and relevant newspaper items, thereby facilitating access to current literature and emerging debates in the field.

During the financial year 2025–26, six issues of the Current Awareness Bulletin were published and disseminated. All issues are available in PDF format through the Centre's website, enabling wider access to users within and beyond the academic community.

https://www.cwds.ac.in/informationservices/current-awareness-bulletin/

- No. 5-6, May-June 2025
- No.7-10, July-October 2025
- No.11-12, November-December 2025
- No.1-2, January – February 2026
- No.3-4, March – April 2026

BOL: An Electronic Discussion list on Gender Issues in South Asia

The Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library (VMML) has been moderating the Bibliography on Women (BOL) since 2000. BOL serves as an important international platform for information sharing and networking among scholars, researchers, librarians, activists, and institutions engaged in Women's and Gender Studies.

As of March 2026, the platform had a membership base of 1,180 subscribers representing 40 countries. Through the dissemination of information on recent publications, research activities, conferences, seminars, and other developments in the field, BOL continues to facilitate scholarly exchange and

strengthen national and international linkages within the Women's Studies community.

Users and Use of Library Resources during 2025-26:

The Vina Mazumdar Memorial Library continued to serve a diverse community of scholars, researchers, students, and practitioners during 2025–26. Between April 2025 and March 2026, the Library recorded 115 users, including 35 new registrations. Of these, 32 users were from different parts of India, including Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, while 3 users were affiliated with institutions in the United States of America.

Library collections and services continued to be actively utilized during the year. Users consulted 301 books, 34 conference documents, 32 reference books, and 47 journal volumes. In addition, photocopying services were provided to support research and academic work, with approximately 5,083 pages reproduced from various library resources in response to user requests.

SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS/ CONFERENCES/ TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Organizing seminars, workshops, conferences, and training programmes is an important way to interact with a larger pool of researchers, students, activists, and policymakers, providing newer directions to our work. Over the years 2025-26, the following events were carried out in online/offline mode.

CWDS SEMINARS, WEBINARS, LECTURES, AND WORKSHOPS:

- **Workshop on Building Capacity of Women's Studies Centers in the Regional Context –Interdisciplinary Methodologies and Reading Macro-data from a Gender Perspective on the Theme - Women and Chronic Health Conditions/Diseases, held at Miranda College, University of Delhi – 15 September 2025**

The workshop was organised to strengthen the analytical and methodological capacities of Women's Studies Centres (WSCs) in engaging with macro-level data and public policy from a gender perspective. Despite growing availability of national and regional datasets on health, labour, and development, women's experiences - particularly in relation to unpaid care, chronic illness, and mental health - remain inadequately captured. This gap has significant implications for policy design, implementation, and evaluation. The workshop responded to this gap by foregrounding gender as a structural determinant rather than a demographic variable, and by demonstrating how interdisciplinary and feminist methodologies can render visible the social, economic, and psychological dimensions of women's health that macro-data is often obscured.

- **Workshop on Building Capacity of Women's Studies Centres in the Regional Context –Interdisciplinary Methodologies and Reading Macro-data from a Gender Perspective on the Theme - Women and Chronic Health Conditions/Diseases, held at the University of Madras, Chennai, 8 October, 2025**

As part of the Regional Workshop on *Building Capacity of Women's Studies Centres: Interdisciplinary Methodologies and Reading Macro-Data from a Gender Perspective*, the workshop critically examined women's chronic health conditions through an interdisciplinary and intersectional lens. Discussions highlighted that women's chronic illnesses remain inadequately addressed in health policies due to the predominance of biomedical approaches and the neglect of structural determinants such as gender, caste, class, poverty, ageing, and unpaid care work. The workshop emphasized that macro-level datasets alone fail to capture women's lived experiences and advocated integrating feminist methodologies, qualitative narratives, and mixed methods with macro-data analysis. Participants identified significant policy gaps, including gender-blind health policies, inadequate mental health investment, weak social protection, and the invisibility of caregiving. The workshop recommended strengthening gender-responsive health policies, developing gender-disaggregated databases, promoting interdisciplinary research, enhancing capacity in feminist research methodologies, and translating research evidence into policy and practice to advance gender-just and inclusive health systems. Themes Discussed were: (i) Gender, Care Work, and the Politics of Data Invisibility; (ii) Inequities in Chronic Diseases and Access to health and social care: (iii) Structural Determinants of Women's Health: Beyond Individual Risk; (iv) Intersectionality and Chronic Care: Mapping Layered Exclusions; (v) Women and Chronic Pain; (vi) Insights on Structural and Policy Gaps.

- **Workshop on "Telling / Listening: Stories of Resistance, Change, And Solidarity" held at Nagaland University, Kohima, 6-7 November 2025**

The one-and-a-half-day workshop was held at the conference hall of Nagaland University, Kohima on the 6th and 7th November, 2025. This was part of the research project Her Own Words: Stories of Change from Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Nagaland. The objective of the workshop seeks to share insights from the ongoing study with a wider community of women leaders, researchers, and scholars. Through collective reflection and feedback, the workshop aimed to strengthen the ongoing research, identify new directions, and create a shared archive of women's narratives of resistance, change, and solidarity. The workshop was attended by invited experts as well as research scholars. Prof. Khan, Head, Department of English and Prof. Manimekalai, Director, CWDS welcomed the participants. The discussion in the workshop was divided into different sessions. On the first day a short presentation of key questions and themes from fieldwork—women's political participation, land and livelihood transitions, and changing forms of solidarity was made by the team. The presentation was followed by a display of select photographs from the research. On the second day, state specific issues were taken up for focussed discussion followed by the sharing of experiences and life stories by women participants. The workshop ended with vote of thanks from the project director, Prof. Neetha N.

- **Ten-Day Research Methodology Course on "Research Methods in Rural Studies: Women's and Marginalized Perspectives" at Berhampur University Berhampur, 10-20 November, 2025**

The Two-Week Research Methodology Course on "Research Methods in Rural Studies: Women's and Marginalized Perspectives," jointly organised by the Centre for Women's Development Studies–Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund and the Berhampur University Women's Studies Research Centre, provided an important interdisciplinary platform for engaging with rural studies through

feminist and marginalised perspectives. Bringing together participants from diverse disciplinary and regional backgrounds, the course facilitated critical discussions on agrarian change, caste-class-gender intersections, migration, governance, oral history, participatory methodologies, and qualitative and quantitative research methods. While the programme successfully introduced foundational methodological approaches and generated vibrant academic interactions, participant feedback highlighted the need for greater methodological depth and stronger integration of practice-based learning. Sessions on Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and the tribal village exposure visit emerged as particularly significant, demonstrating the value of experiential and field-based engagement in understanding rural realities. The course also revealed the growing demand among young researchers for hands-on training in feminist methodologies, oral histories, digital ethnography, qualitative data analysis, and mixed-method approaches. Overall, the programme served as a timely academic intervention that foregrounded intersectional and interdisciplinary approaches to rural research, while also indicating the need for future courses to adopt sharper thematic focus, enhanced participant interaction, and sustained methodological engagement.
(Coordinators: N.Manimekalai and Renu Addlakha)

- **16 Days of Activism under the UN theme *"UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls",* 25 November–10 December 2025**

The 16-Day Activism Programme on the theme "UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls," jointly coordinated by CWDS in collaboration with eighteen universities and Women's Studies Centres across India, emerged as an important national academic and advocacy initiative that foregrounded the growing structural and intersectional dimensions of digital gender-based violence. Universities and institutions including Gauhati University, Jamia Millia Islamia, All India Women's Studies Scholars Forum (AIWSSF), University of Jammu, University of Calicut, Pondicherry University, Berhampur University,

Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Bharathidasan University, University of Kashmir, Savitribai Phule Pune University, and several other collaborating centres engaged in lectures, panel discussions, legal awareness programmes, performances, and interactive sessions examining cyber harassment, online stalking, image-based abuse, platform violence, digital surveillance, algorithmic bias, and structural inequalities embedded within digital spaces. The programmes collectively emphasized that digital violence cannot be viewed merely as isolated acts of online abuse, but as an extension of patriarchal, caste-based, class, and institutional power relations reproduced through technological systems and platform economies. Speakers from academia, law, civil society, and feminist organisations critically reflected on gaps in legal safeguards, limitations of existing institutional responses, invisibilisation of survivors' experiences, and the need for gender-sensitive digital governance, survivor-centric support systems, digital literacy, and platform accountability. The activism programme also highlighted how digital violence disproportionately affects women from marginalised communities, intensifying exclusions related to caste, region, disability, sexuality, migration, and socio-economic status. By bringing together universities across diverse regions of India, the initiative strengthened collaborative feminist engagement, expanded academic-public dialogue on technology-facilitated gender violence, and reaffirmed the critical role of Women's Studies Centres in linking research, advocacy, legal literacy, and democratic action towards building safer and more inclusive digital futures.

(Coordinators: N.Manimekalai, Gayanbati, Nayantara and Vijay Jha)

- **Workshop under the project titled "Reading the Ecology and Folkloric Rituals of Sundarbans through the Story of its Deities" at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, held on 13 February, 2026**

The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, on 13 February 2026 to present and review the research findings generated under the project. Prof. N. Manimekalai, Director, CWDS, offered the opening remarks and outlined the study's objectives and significance. The key findings were presented by Ms. Bhaswati Thakurta, while the Field Investigator, Ms. Puja Halder, reflected on the methodological and logistical challenges encountered during fieldwork in the Sundarbans.

The deliberations provided valuable interdisciplinary insights that strengthened the analytical dimensions of the study. Prof. Amitesh Mukhopadhyay, Professor Department of Sociology Jadavpur University appreciated the systematic documentation and English translation of honey-collection terminology, recognizing its contribution to preserving indigenous ecological knowledge. Prof. Barendu Mandal, recommended examining the historical origins of island names to better understand the region's colonial past and its implications for contemporary socio-cultural landscapes. Prof. Piyali Sur, Head, Department of Sociology Jadavpur University raised critical questions regarding women's participation in honey collection, prompting a discussion on the socio-economic, cultural, and livelihood factors shaping women's engagement in this hazardous occupation.The workshop, attended by faculty members and research scholars from Sociology, Geography, and International Relations, facilitated constructive dialogue on the study's conceptual framework, methodology, and findings. The discussions generated important recommendations for strengthening the final analysis and situating the research within broader debates on gender, livelihoods, and environmental sustainability.
(Coordinator - Bhaswati Thakurta)

- **Six Regional Capacity Building Workshops on "GST Reforms and its Impact on Consumption Pattern of the Middle and Neo-Middle Classes with a Gender Perspective"**

(a) Tripura University, 11 February 2026

An ICSSR-sponsored Capacity-Building Workshop on "GST Reforms and its Impact on the Consumption Pattern of Middle and Neo-middle Classes with a Gender Perspective" was jointly organized by the Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS) and the Department of Commerce, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, on 30 March 2026. The workshop brought together academicians, policy experts, chartered accountants, researchers, and students to critically examine GST reforms from economic, social, and gender perspectives. Discussions focused on GST as a transformative fiscal reform, its implications for consumption patterns, women entrepreneurs, MSMEs, and gender-sensitive taxation policies. Eminent experts from institutions such as NCAER, NIPFP, CBIC, and leading tax practitioners participated in technical sessions and panel discussions, emphasizing inclusive growth, cooperative federalism, digital compliance, and the need for gender-responsive fiscal policy frameworks. The workshop also highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary engagement and evidence-based policy dialogue in understanding the wider socio-economic implications of GST reforms in India.
(Co-ordinator: N.Manimekalai)

(b) Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 13 February, 2026

The Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS), in collaboration with the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, organised an ICSSR-sponsored Capacity Building Workshop on "GST Reforms and its Socio-Economic Impact on Consumption Pattern of the Middle and Neo-Middle Classes with a Gender Perspective" on 13th February 2026 at the University of Calcutta. The workshop brought together nearly 100 participants, including academicians, research scholars, MSME representatives, women entrepreneurs, students, and policymakers. The programme was designed to enhance awareness and understanding of GST reforms, with particular emphasis on their implications for consumption patterns, business operations, and entrepreneurial development.

The workshop consisted of two technical sessions, followed by an interactive panel discussion. Resource persons from leading academic institutions examined the evolution and structure of GST, its contribution to simplifying India's indirect tax system, improving tax compliance, promoting the formalisation of enterprises, and facilitating interstate trade. Discussions also focused on the socio-economic and gendered dimensions of GST, highlighting its impact on women entrepreneurs, consumers, and workers. Particular attention was drawn to issues of gender-responsive taxation, digital inclusion, and the need to strengthen awareness and capacity-building initiatives to ensure broader participation in the tax ecosystem.

The panel discussion provided a valuable platform for dialogue among tax administrators, industry representatives, entrepreneurs, and participants. Key issues such as GST compliance, input tax credit mechanisms, digital tax administration, and challenges faced by MSMEs were deliberated upon. The workshop generated lively discussions and meaningful exchanges on the long-term implications of GST reforms for economic development, social equity,

and fiscal governance, reaffirming the importance of continued capacity-building initiatives in this area.
(Coordinator – Sanghamitra J. Chatterjee)

(c) Women's Studies Department Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam Tirupati, 13 February 2026

The Women's Studies Department at Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, in partnership with the Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi, organized a one-day capacity-building event funded by ICSSR. The focus was on the Socio-Economic effects of GST 2.0 reforms on middle- and emerging-middle-class consumption, viewed through a gender lens. The workshop highlighted how GST reforms - such as slab rationalization, enhanced compliance via digital systems, and an expanded tax base—have brought about significant changes. It noted that essential goods are taxed at lower slabs, while luxury and sin goods face higher rates, illustrating a progressive tax structure. Technical sessions and panels discussed how tax rate rationalization has boosted middle-income households' purchasing power and how digital compliance systems have increased transparency and formalized business activities. The event also covered how GST compliance helps women entrepreneurs and MSMEs access formal credit and grow, while addressing challenges like input tax credit, reverse charge, and inverted tax issues faced by MSMEs. Overall, the workshop provided a critical platform to analyze GST reforms, their impact on different groups, and their importance for inclusive growth. It wrapped up with policy recommendations focused on outreach, compliance awareness, and the need for research-based assessments to ensure informed implementation of GST reforms.
(Coordinator – Vandana)

(d) Janaki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, 20 February 2026

The workshop began with welcome Dr. Vrinda Kapur, Convenor, Capacity Building Workshop. In a nuanced analysis of how the introduction of GST has reshaped consumption patterns for women who manage monthly household budgets Prof. Swati Pal, Principal, Janaki Devi College emphasized the importance of financial literacy and tax awareness as essential pre-requisites for empowering women. Prof. Manimekalai, Director, CWDS described GST as a major reform that unified multiple indirect taxes into a single simplified system. Prof. Manimekalai also drew attention to the gendered implications of GST, including issues related to taxation of essential goods, the consumption constraints faced by low-income women, and the digitisation and formalisation of the unorganised sector.

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Coordinators: Seema Kazi; Trisha Jolly.

(e) Miranda House, University of Delhi, 26 February 2026

The workshop was organised in collaboration with Miranda House, University of Delhi. After the welcome and inaugural address Mr. Pankaj Kumar Singh, Additional Secretary, GST Council Secretariat, Ministry of Revenue, Government of India, initiated the discussion with an overview of the GST reform journey and its continuing evolution. This was followed by three technical sessions. In the first Technical Session, GST Structure and Reforms: National Perspectives Mr. D.P. Misra, Joint Secretary of the GST Council

Secretariat, spoke on the topic “GST Structure and Reforms: National Perspectives”. Ms Meeta Kumar from Department of Economics, Miranda House chaired the session. The session was followed by an open discussion in which participants raised questions on the post-rationalisation dip in industrial production, the potential for using large-scale data to improve the progressivity of direct taxes, regional development challenges faced by certain states, and the management of centre-state fiscal tensions within the GST framework. The second technical session was on Consumption Patterns under GST: Distributional Effects and Gender Dimensions. Dr. Nandini Dutta, Department of Economics, Miranda House moderated the session and Dr Astha Sen, Research Consultant, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Delhi was the invited expert. The session initiated lively discourse among the audience on inclusion of petrol taxes, black economy and its correlation to tax revenues.

The last technical session titled 'GST Compliance and Impact of GST Reforms on the Stakeholders in Sectoral and Regional Perspectives', was moderated by Dr Malabika Pal, from the Economics Department at Miranda House. The panel brought together a multidisciplinary group of stakeholders, Ms Smita Roy and Ms Nivedita Bhattacharjee from the GST Council, Mr Pritam Datta from NIPFP, Mr Anil Bhardwaj representing small scale industries and Mr Kunal Jain, a chartered accountant. Overall, the session underscored the impact of GST in advancing formalisation, harmonisation and digital compliance while also addressing issues of gender disparity, sector-specific rigidities and implementation barriers. A question was raised from the audience on gender implications of GST and how the digital literacy gap among women affects compliance costs. Mr Kunal explained how big firms do not decrease prices, even after-tax reduction, and this is called profiteering. Mr Anil added that GST is not gender sensitive; he cited that it is hard for women from non-business backgrounds to enter entrepreneurship because one cannot claim insolvency, and the punishment could be imprisonment. The

workshop ended with vote of thanks from Prof. Neetha N, the Co-coordinator from CWDS.

(f) Department of Women and Gender Studies and the Department of Economics, Savitraibai Phule Pune University (SPPU), 5 March 2026

A one-day workshop funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and organized by Centre for Women Development Studies (CWDS) in collaboration with the Department of Women and Gender Studies and the Department of Economics, Savitraibai Phule Pune University (SPPU) was held on 5th March, 2026 at the the Department of Commerce (SPPU). The capacity-building workshop was attended by a large number of University faculty and Students from different disciplines. The main aim was to incorporate the gender perspective in understanding GST's impact on consumption patterns. Speakers included regional academia, professionals, representatives from industry associations (CII and FICCI), MSMEs, chartered accountants and women entrepreneurs.
(Co-ordinator: Renu Addlakha)

(f) Hansraj College, University of Delhi, 30 March 2026

The seventh GST workshop on the 'Impact of GST on the Middle and Neo-Middle Class from a Gender Perspective' was organised in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, on 30 March 2026. The workshop brought together invited stakeholders from the Delhi NCR region.The programme was enriched by the participation of a GST Council Member as the resource person, who shared valuable insights on the evolution and functioning of the GST regime. Students and faculty members from different disciplines actively participated, highlighting the importance of such awareness programmes in understanding complex public policy issues and their impact on society. The workshop was coordinated by Prof. N.

Manimekalai and Prof. Renu Addlakha (CWDS), in collaboration with the faculty of the Department of Commerce, Hansraj College.

Panel Discussion on Gender in Transition and Inclusive Transformation" with Young Researchers on occasion of International Women's Day, 10 March 2026

The International Women's Day 2026 Panel Discussion on "Gender in Transition and Inclusive Transformation" brought together young scholars and researchers who critically examined the changing nature of gender relations in the context of education, labour, health, technology, politics, and democratic struggles. The discussions collectively highlighted how neoliberal restructuring, platform capitalism, digitalisation, and shrinking social protections are intensifying gendered inequalities while simultaneously generating new forms of resistance and agency. Ashmita Sharma foregrounded the invisibilisation of women's labour and social reproduction within global supply chains and informalised labour regimes, while Gayatri Balu critically analysed the precarious incorporation of domestic workers into platform economies and the absence of rights-based protections. Shivani Nag examined how gendered institutional norms and unequal care responsibilities constrain women's sense of belonging and participation within higher education spaces, moving the discourse beyond formal access to questions of epistemic justice and institutional transformation. Dwijiri Ramchiary drew attention to the intersectional vulnerabilities of women to cybercrime, highlighting how caste, religion, and sexuality intensify exposure to digital violence and complicate access to justice. Aankhi Sarbadhikary reflected on women's political participation and resistance through the Shaheen Bagh movement, situating women's collective action within broader questions of citizenship, care ethics, democratic dissent, and neoliberal exclusions. The panel discussions collectively underscored the need for intersectional and feminist frameworks that recognise unpaid care work, digital exclusion, labour precarity, gendered violence, and ecological vulnerabilities as interconnected

dimensions of structural inequality requiring transformative and inclusive policy responses.

- **33rd J.P. Naik Memorial Lecture on "Education for Ecological Justice: Revaluing Embodied Entangled Knowledges", by Prof. Anita Rampal, Faculty of Education (Retd.), Delhi University, Delhi, 30 April, 2026, IIC, New Delhi.**

The CWDS annual J.P. Naik Memorial Lecture, honouring a founder of the Centre, features distinguished speakers discussing topics related to women's lives. The 33rd lecture was delivered by Prof. Anita Rampal, Retired Professor, Faculty of Education, Delhi University, New Delhi, on 30 April, 2026, at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The talk was titled ""Education for Ecological Justice: Revaluing Embodied Entangled Knowledges. In her lecture, Prof. Anita Rampal highlighted the need to rethink education in the context of growing ecological and social crises. She argued that education should move beyond narrow, market-oriented approaches and instead value diverse knowledge systems, including local, indigenous, and experiential forms of learning. Emphasising the interconnectedness of humans, nature, and society, she called for an education that promotes ecological sustainability, social justice, critical thinking, and democratic participation. Drawing on her extensive experience in education policy, curriculum reform, and science education, she stressed the importance of creating inclusive learning spaces that nurture respect for the environment, strengthen community knowledge, and prepare learners to address contemporary environmental and social challenges.

Regional Capacity Building Workshops on "GST Reforms and its Impact on Consumption Pattern of the Middle and Neo-Middle Classes with a Gender Perspective, Tripura University, Tripura, 11-02-2026













Regional Capacity Building Workshops on "GST Reforms and its Impact on Consumption Pattern of the Middle and Neo-Middle Classes with a Gender Perspective, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati, 13-02-2026











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Regional Capacity Building Workshops on "GST Reforms and its Impact on Consumption Pattern of the Middle and Neo-Middle Classes with a Gender Perspective, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, Delhi, 20-02-2026







Regional Capacity Building Workshops on "GST Reforms and its Impact on Consumption Pattern of the Middle and Neo-Middle Classes with a Gender Perspective, Miranda House, University of Delhi, Delhi, 26-02-2026









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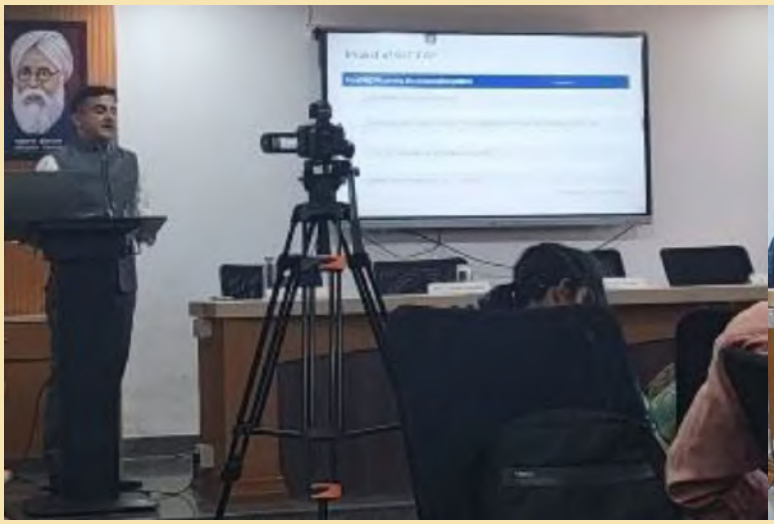




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Capacity Building Workshop on "Interdisciplinary Methodologies and Reading Macro-data from a Gender Perspective: Women and Chronic Health Conditions/Diseases" at Miranda House on 15 September 2025



33rd J.P. Naik Memorial Lecture



IN-HOUSE LECTURES/TALKS

- **Talk on New Industries and Marginalized Women at Work: Failed Legalities in the Mundka Fire Tragedy by Dr Sophy K. J., Associate Professor, National Law University Delhi, 8 July, 2025**

Dr. Sophy became a member of the National Law University Delhi (NLUD) in 2010. She holds the position of Associate Professor of Law. Furthermore, she serves as the Dean at the Dean's Office for Research, Planning, and Strategic Development. She is also the Director of the Centre for Labour Law Research and Advocacy. Her research in Labour Law is guided by inquiries into the intersections of development, social reproduction, and workplace inequalities. Dr. Sophy delivered a lecture titled 'New Industries and Marginalized Women at Work: Failed Legalities in the Mundka Fire Tragedy'. The primary focus was a comprehensive analysis of how intersectional vulnerabilities—comprising gender, caste, and class—are exploited within India's informal industrial sector. Utilizing the 2022 Mundka fire tragedy as a case study, she demonstrated how structural marginalization renders workers highly vulnerable and susceptible to exploitation. Her analysis underscores that Dalit and Bahujan women in the informal sector face significant limitations in resilience due to overlapping vulnerabilities across domestic, occupational, and governmental domains. Notably, 90% of the factory's workforce consisted of women who were subjected to exploitation for low-cost, subservient labour.

- **Talk on "Gender Inequalities in Climate Change, Policies and Finance: Why an Intersectional Approach is Critical, by Dr Arjan de Haan, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre, Canada, 12 August, 2025**

Dr. Arjan de Haan is a Senior Program Specialist at Canada's International Development Centre, currently spearheading efforts in Asia on the joint FCDO-IDRC programme Climate Adaptation and Resilience (CLARE). He previously led the Institute's initiatives on gender and the low-carbon transition (GLOW), as well as on women's economic empowerment (GrOW). Since obtaining his PhD, he has researched India's labour migration, dating back to the 18th century, including the gender dynamics of mobility. Dr. Arjan de Haan's presentation posited that the effects of climate change, particularly on less developed countries, regions, marginalized groups, and women—who are often disproportionately impacted—are profound. The pathways through which these impacts occur are diverse, encompassing direct effects such as rising temperatures and droughts, indirect effects arising from green policies and energy shifts, as well as biases inherent in the climate finance infrastructure that disadvantage funding for impoverished groups, local communities, and women. In his discourse, he examined the various risks through which climate change and associated responses disproportionately threaten vulnerable populations. He highlighted that, despite increasing emphasis on gender disparities, many policy documents remain gender-blind. Furthermore, he pointed out that these inequalities are neither solely caused by climate change nor recent developments; rather, they are rooted in structural, intersectional, and often longstanding inequalities which largely determine the distribution of impacts and can be intensified by climate actions. He concluded by emphasizing the significance of understanding the agency of those affected by climate change, including the role of membership-based and local organizations, with particular attention to women's leadership in development initiatives.

- **Talk on "Understanding GST: Framework, Reforms, and Research Possibilities" by Sh. Devi Prasad Misra, IRS (C&IT) 2007 Batch, 4 November, 2025**

Mr Devi Prasad Misra is an officer of the 2007 Batch of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Indirect Taxes). He has held a variety of positions, including working on tax rates and processes within the Ministry of Finance's Tax Research Unit (TRU); serving as India's Trade Representative at the Consulate General of India in New York; subsequently serving as OSD to the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC); and acting as a Director within the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM). He provided an overview and comparative analysis of the GST rate structure at the time of its introduction in India. Additionally, he delivered presentations on the impact analysis of India's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and the influence of duty rates on precious metal smuggling, among other topics.

- **'Patriarchy' and Daughters of Lilavathi from Dravidian Land" by Dr Y. Srinivasa Rao, Associate Professor, Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, 19 November, 2025**

Dr. Y. Srinivasa Rao is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. He completed his postgraduate and M.Phil degrees at the University of Hyderabad and obtained his PhD from IIT Madras. His research interests include the history of science and technology, modern India, cinema, and subaltern studies. Dr. Rao presented an analysis regarding early Indian women in STEM fields. He emphasized that the analysis demonstrated how traditional patriarchy socially constructed science and technology as male domains, while a concurrent "progressive patriarchy" actively promoted women's advancement. The study underscores that this upward mobility was significantly influenced by upper-caste historical privileges, with modern-educated male relatives in South India

serving as pivotal facilitators. Ultimately, the text illustrates that orthodox restrictions and progressive male support operated simultaneously as dual forces influencing women's scientific careers.

- **“Grandmother, Mother, Daughter: Writing Women's Lives” by Kalpana Karunakaran, Associate Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, January 9, 2026**

Kalpana Karunakaran holds the position of Associate Professor within the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. Her scholarly research investigates the nexus of gender, microcredit, labor, trade unions, and collective action within movements grounded in solidarity. Her published works include 'Women, Microfinance and the State in Neo-liberal India' (Routledge, 2017), 'Comrade Amma: Magal Parvaiyil Mythily Sivaraman' (translated: A daughter’s portrait of Mythily Sivaraman, 2018), and 'A Woman of No Consequence: Memory, Letters and Resistance in Madras' (Westland, 2025). Dr. Karunakaran delivered an analysis of multi-generational female biographies, elucidating how female writers employ personal family archives to link individual domestic narratives with larger political structures. The discourse underscores a lineage of storytelling in which Mythily Sivaraman documented her grandmother Subbalakshmi’s defiance of traditional domestic roles, and Sivaraman's daughter subsequently chronicled her grandmother Pankajam’s utilization of fiction to address taboo subjects such as marriage and conjugality. Ultimately, the study demonstrates how documenting the lives of female ancestors conserves the memory of extraordinary women against marginalization and exemplifies the inextricable connection between the personal and the political. This discussion of the publication prompted participants to share recollections of their mothers and the contributions of older generations to the women’s movement.

- **Travelling Histories of Abortion: Populations, Reproductive Technologies, and Rights" by Mytheli Sreenivas, Designated Professor, History, Ohio State University (USA). January 12, 2026**

Dr Mytheli Sreenivas is the Designated Professor and Chair of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, as well as a Professor of History at Ohio State University in the United States. Her research and teaching activities primarily focus on reproductive politics, transnational feminisms, and South Asian history. She has authored numerous scholarly articles, book chapters, publicly accessible writings, and two books: "Wives, Widows, and Concubines: The Conjugal Family Ideal in Colonial India" (2008) and "Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India" (2021). Her ongoing research explores transnational histories of reproductive health, rights, and justice. Dr Mytheli Sreenivas emphasises that in the 1970s, Indian abortion advertising exemplified a complex, transnational history in which reproductive rights intersected with the conflicting agendas of individual liberation and state-driven population control. She examines the history of abortion in India and links it to contemporary understandings of abortion rights. Through her study, she traces how these discourses blurred the boundaries among feminists, eugenicists, and international funders across epochs and regions. Ultimately, the text demonstrates that understanding these historical contradictions is vital to engaging effectively with current debates over abortion rights.

- **The Feminist Movement in Galicia (Spain)" by Susana Sánchez Arins, Poet, Writer, and Feminist Literary Critic, 5 March 2025**

Miss Susana Sánchez Arins is a high school teacher in Galicia. She is also a well-known poet and author. Her lecture critically examined the historical trajectories of feminist movements and their contributions in Galicia, Spain. The author discussed the Spanish Civil War and its impact on women. She further discussed where the movement exists today.

SAMVAD (HINDI LECTURE SERIES)

संवाद व्याख्यानश्रृंखला के संयोजक- नयनतारा सिंह और विजय कुमार झा

संवाद 'व्याख्यान श्रंखला:

- **संवाद व्याख्यान , विषय -"हिंदी का सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र: बदलते आयाम", वक्ता** – डॉ. अविनाश कुमार, Fellow, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi**,** 22 May 2025

यह व्याख्यान के बीच हिंदी की सार्वजनिक दुनिया के निर्माण और उसके भीतर 1940 से 1900 भाषा तथा सत्ता के जटिल संबंधों की पड़ताल कर ,राष्ट्रता है। आधुनिक हिंदी का विकास अकेले नहीं हुआ-राष्ट्रवादी जन ,उर्दू विवाद-हिंदी ,प्रिंट के प्रसार ,बल्कि भारतीय भाषाओं के वर्नाक्युलराईजेशन , ,हिंदी साहित्य सम्मेलन ,आंदोलनों और औपनिवेशिक निगरानी के बीच हुआ। नागरी प्रचारिणी सभा इंडियन प्रेस औ ,विश्वविद्यालयोंर सरस्वती जैसी पत्रिकाओं ने हिंदी भाषासाहित्य और नागरी लिपि , ,सुधार-पत्रिकाओं की जीवंत दुनिया ने समाज-को बढ़ावा देने में महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। पत्र राष्ट्र और साहित्यिक आलोचना पर बहस के लिए नया ,महिलाओं के प्रश्न ,शिक्षा ,विज्ञान ,इतिहास मंच तैयार किया। इसी दौर में पाठकका उदय 'पब्लिक शख्सियतों' संपादकों और ,पेशेवरों ,वर्ग-शहरों का विकास और शिक्षण संस्थानों का विस्तार इस सार्वजनिक दुनिया के ,हुआ। साक्षरता आधार बने। फिर भी यह दुनिया पूरी तरह स्वायत्त या समावेशी नहीं थी। उस पर औपनिवेशिक मध्यमवर्गीय हिंदू बुद्धिजीवियों के -प्रेस कानूनों और ऊँची जातियों तथा निम्न ,राज्य की निगरानी ,शब्दकोशों ,वर्चस्व की आकांक्षा का प्रभाव रहा। साहित्य के संस्थानीकरण ने हिंदी को प्रतिष्ठा दी ,लेकिन मौखिक संप्रेषण ,साहित्यिक इतिहास और कैनन के निर्माण को गति दी ,व्याकरण लोकभाषाओंउर्दू और महिलाओं की आवाजों को सीमित भी किया। इस प्रकार ,लोकप्रिय विधाओं , सामाजिक वर्चस्व और औपनिवेशिक ,भाषाई अस्मिता ,निर्माण-हिंदी की सार्वजनिक दुनिया राष्ट्र सत्ता के अंतर्विरोधों के बीच आकार ग्रहण करती है।

PUBLICATIONS AND FACULTY PARTICIPATION

INDIAN JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES (IJGS)

Editors: Malavika Karlekar and Leela Kasturi
Editorial Associates: Bhaswati Thakurta and Gayatri Panda

Indian Journal of Gender Studies published three issues in the year 2025-2026.
Volume 32 Number 2 June 2025:

Volume in 32 consisted of three issues including a special number (October 2025). In the first issue (June 2025), in `Women and Climate Action in the Global South: A Phenomenological Inquiry Gaganjot Kaur and Robert Mizo show how women's agency in climate change has not been analysed from the phenomenological perspective. Analysing diverse case studies of women-led climate movements and initiatives in the developing south, the article argues that women have shown agency grounded in their pre-conceptual knowledge of nature. Alankrita Pathak looked at `Gender Stereotyping in Judicial Decisions: An Analysis of Cases of Sexual Assault in Indian Courts' and analysed the influence of judges' gender prejudices in the hearings and outcomes of sexual assault cases in Indian courts. The article showed that the current legal framework is ineffective in removing preconceived sexist prejudices among judges when dealing with cases related to crimes against women. In `Marital Arrangements and Women's Autonomy: Narratives of Tibetan Women in Exile', Ipsita Sarkar and Divya Pradeep examine a shift from the previously dominant polyandrous marital arrangements to monogamous arrangements among exiled Tibetan refugees in India. The article examined the autonomy of Tibetan women in exile across polyandrous and monogamous marital arrangements through the lens of modernisation and feminist theoretical frameworks. `The Dynamics of Clean Fuel Usage in Peri-urban Areas of Uttar Pradesh: Women's Perspectives' by Manish K. Verma and

Moni Chandra looks at how though clean cooking fuels promote health and provide more benefits in comparison to solid fuel, the shift from solid to clean fuel is unsatisfactory. The article examines the viewpoint of beneficiaries—the women of the household—through the qualitative analysis of data from focus-group discussions among those who have transitioned to LPG through the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana scheme. The authors suggested fuel accessibility should be mobilised in a manner that would enable women to use fuel sustainably.

The second issue (October 2025) was a special number titled Pushing Boundaries: New Research in Gender Studies edited by Geraldine Forbes and Malavika Karlekar. In their introduction, the editors took the readers on a retrospective journey while reminding them that gender research today continues to be about excavating, discovering, archiving and consolidating. Such processes, based on innovative research in the three sections led to an interesting collection of 10 articles. The articles, on topics ranging from women spies to the hijra taali (clap) were arranged chronologically into three sections: **Untapped Sources, Novel Approaches** and **Locating New Data**.

Untapped Sources

An important criticism about the early phase of women and gender studies was the absence of archival work. The three historians featured in this section have uncovered and recovered material not previously examined, making it possible for them to add new perspectives to topics previously discussed in narrower terms. Namrata Ganneri in 'Every Mother should be a Physical Instructor': Women's Promotion of Sports and Organised Exercise in Colonial Western India (c.1915-1945)', draws on Marathi and Gujarati records to uncover the work of Indian women, in organisations and as writers, in promoting physical fitness for girls and women in the first half of the 20th century. Gautam Pemmaraju uncovers 'Entangled

'Entangled Agents: Women, Espionage and Empire from 1920 to 1945' bringing into focus the world of women spies. Poring over/through formerly classified records, Pemmaraju recounts what surveillance documents reveal about three spies: Olag Gray, a British operative in India in the 1930s; Thea von Harbou, a pro-Nazi German writer and filmmaker who was embraced but later denounced by the Free India Centre; and Suhasini Nambiar (nee Chattopadhyay) associated with both the Indian Communist Party and M.N. Roy, expelled from the Comintern for his support for Bukharin.

In her essay "Viewing the Pelvis": Race, Culture and the Making of "Natural" Childbirth Between Colonial India and Europe', Elena Valdameri revisits the work of an English woman doctor, Kathleen Olga Vaughan, who practised medicine in India from 1903 until the mid-1920s. She discussed how while several studies have focused on Western women doctors' attention to the medical needs of Indian women, the impact of their experiences in India on their careers in Europe has not received scholarly attention.

Novel Approaches

The four essays in this section examined how the complicated ways that gender intersected with music, activism, trans lives, and the internet.

In 'Crafting Lives in Music: Women Vocalists in Early 20th-Century Bombay', Tejaswini Niranjana and Aditi Deo looked at the 20th century emergence of women vocalists trained in the genre of Hindustani raga music (North Indian classical music). The focus was the city of Bombay (now Mumbai), already a growing commercial centre in the country. With schools, colleges and private tutors providing facilities for training girls and women, music and music teaching in urban India emerged as new professions for young women. Through the life histories of five women vocalists born between 1883 and 1913, the authors trace the trajectory from early restrictions on the performers to their national recognition, particularly in post-independent

India. In 'We will Keep Clapping till the End': Hijra Narratives on their Taali', Pushpesh Kumar and Sayantan Datta look at the internal organisation of hijra gharanas (households), communication strategies and the use of the taali or clap by which hijras are distinguished. Using existing queer theory and `acoustic ecology', the authors documented narratives from seven hijra individuals and transgender women based on extensive online and telephonic interviews. The authors pointed out that by recording narratives of members of the community, they were able to provide insights into the little-known subculture of hijras, and the significance of the taali in congratulatory and other performances. Despite being provided legal rights, respondents felt abject and discriminated against. In 'Forgotten by Feminists'?: Women Leaders of the Indian Men's Rights Movement Negotiate Gender and Justice,' Srimati Basu draws attention to the women leaders in the Men's Rights Movement (MRM) who have played important roles in articulating MRM concerns and garnering sympathy for the cause. Based on fieldwork carried out between 2013-15 in eight cities, Basu draws on extensive interviews with five leaders who have devoted their lives to representing the women (wives, mothers, sisters) who suffer with men targeted by feminist laws. What emerges from these interviews is the primacy of suffering of those wronged by laws inappropriately applied by lawyers and judges. For both men and women in the MRM, the problem is feminism and feminists, not the asymmetrical allocation of power within the society.

In 'Unveiling Algorithmic Bias: Gender Disparities in Gaming and Dating Platforms in India', computer scientists Rahul Garg, Ritvik Aryan Kalra and Nimmi Rangaswamy examined the impact of algorithmic gender bias on gamers and those who seek romance on dating apps. Online gaming is characterised by toxicity, negative behaviours that demean opponents, a result of both game design and the actions of gamers. That toxicity is common and normalised was borne out by the interviews, which revealed how online harassment silences and marginalises women players. The dating app Bumble, examined for its distribution of possible matches depending on the

extent to which the participant's profile fit conventional definitions of masculinity and femininity, showed the most profiles to male-identified users as opposed/than to female or non-binary users. The authors of this study conclude that advancements in computer science, for example gender decoders, and more involvement of women in AI development can lead to a more equitable online world.

Locating new data:

From the 1970s onwards, research in gender and women's studies has focussed on quantitative macro data based not only on statistical analyses of large data sets but also on smaller field studies using questionnaires and interview schedules. The contributions in this section are part of this process, as using innovative methods and their analytical skills, authors look at the role of repurposed cloth, a woman's ritual and the photograph in understanding gender relations.

In `A Processing the Death of a Young Woman in Kantha Embroidery', Pika Ghosh analyses the iconography on a selection of repurposed embroidered cloth done by late 19$^{th}$ century Bengali women to create various articles for daily use. In this case, such `stitched vignettes' memorialising the brutal death of a young woman, Elokeshi, provided the kantha-makers the space to reinterpret and visualise the events. Here ` pictures in coloured threads served to bear witness to events, experiences and emotions that may have been difficult to verbalise'. Within the sheltered environments of their homes, women would stitch or embroider, either alone or collectively, layering the worn cloth with its many pasts.

In 'A Photographer's Muse: The Other Life of Amrita Sher-Gil', Malavika Karlekar looks at how the camera has represented the well-known painter Amrita Sher-Gil. From when they were young children, Amrita and her sister, Indira, were photographed by their father, Umrao Singh Sher-Gil. After she

came to India, Amrita went on tours to promote her art as well as to discover the country. This article examines how years later, Amrita's nephew, the artist Vivan Sundaram created evocative photomontages by refashioning photographs of her.

In `From Selfless Mothers to Beloved Sisters: Historical Memory and Ideals of Femininity in Bengali Bratakathas', Projit Bihari Mukharji analysed the bratakatha (vow) as an archive and as a form of 'historical memory'. As an archive, bratakathas provide insights into changing notions of femininity and as historical memory, they allow for understandings of the past based on new, and somewhat, unconventional sources. He showed how, between the early 20th century and the early 21st century, bratakathas accommodated a more agential role for women. Thus, a traditional narrative form too is reworking the ideals of femininity, indicating its responsiveness to changing perceptions.

The third issue (February 2026) was a general issue with four articles and a Research Note the themes of which varied widely. In the first article titled 'Gendered Household Responsibilities in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from India', authors Rimon Saha, Ladenla Lama and Namrata Thapa reported on the division of household work during the lockdown period. Confirming that women always did more than men even before the occurrence of COVID, the study concluded that women's burden was intensified, especially in joint families or in families with many dependents. In nuclear and smaller families with less number of dependents, the division of labour tended to be less unequal. The hold of traditional gender roles overpowered all other factors including the educational level and earning capacity of women, negating the relative resources theory. This conclusion points to little change in society and has negative implications for gender equality, and the well-being and productivity of women.

The second article by Anee Bhattacharyya focuses on collective identity formation of transgender people in Assam. Titled 'Localising Transgender

Identity and the Politics of Assertion: An Ethnographic Study in Assam', the article reflects on how Assamese artefacts are used to regionalise Pan-Indian hijra rituals, and explores the extensive use of the Assamese language in addressing hijra kinship. In the third article 'Identity, Feminist Theory and Language in Women's Studies Degree Programmes: Some Reflections on Epistemic and Social Justice' Arpita Anand argues that identity has become crucial to defining women's studies today. Linking this issue to the changing social composition of students in higher education, the article discusses how (caste/tribal) identity becomes the critical axis of highly contentious academic debate on the location of feminist theories, language of the curriculum and classroom, and their connections to privilege and marginalisation of students. These debates highlight the peculiar dilemmas caused by the conflation of social with epistemic justice. In the article, 'Institutional Patriarchy: Analysing Sexual Harassment in Workplace Policy Through the Theory of Institutionalism', Vinita Chandra argues that institutional patriarchy in organisations is so deeply embedded that change has not been possible despite the passage of laws on sexual harassment. Competing and contradictory social forces maintain the status quo. There has to be a radical rethinking in policy formulation to bring about change in the culture of institutions and beyond.

The Research Note by Phulmoni Das and Robin Hazarika shines a light on what has now become commonplace: the degradation of the environment and with it, further erosion of the basic rights and material conditions of poor labouring women. Their case study 'Disappearing Forest, Bare Hills and Mute Witnesses: Forest Loss and its Impact on Karbi Tribal Women of Assam,' brings out the poignant situation of tribal women who forage in forests to eke out a precarious livelihood. Their vast knowledge and expertise are overlooked and both government planning and tribal conventions combine to disadvantage them totally. Shifts that have taken place exclude them from use, access and control of resources, deny them representation and a voice. This has become a universal trend that is crying out for correction.

Apart from the special issue, the other two numbers carried substantial book reviews and the section on New Resources with information on recent print and electronic resources.

Summary of Publications and Seminar Participation by Faculty Members and Research Associates

Books/ Reports/ Edited Vols./ Occasional Papers/ Monographs/ Manuals	Articles in Journals/ e-publications/ Edited Journals	Chapters in Books/ Reports	Book/ Journal Reviews	Paper Presentations in Conferences/ Seminars/ Invited Lectures/ Resource Persons
3	20	6	4	99

BOOKS/REPORTS/EDITED VOLUMES/ MONOGRAPHS/ OCCASIONAL PAPERS/ POLICY PAPERS/ MANUALS

Neetha N.

- Neetha N & Koyu Renu, "Women, Land and Food: Galo Women's Changing Relationship to Land and Food in a Transitioning Economy", Photo Book, CWDS in Partnership with RLS, 2025.

Seema Kazi

- **Monograph** - 'Marginalities: Gendered Intersections' based on a collection of seminar papers by young scholars at a National Seminar organised by CWDS in March 2024 and supported from ICSSR, was submitted to Aakar Books for publication.

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- No. 5-6, May-June 2025
- No.7-10, July-October 2025
- No.11-12, November-December 2025
- No.1-2, January – February 2026
- No.3-4, March – April 2026

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Bijoya Roy

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- Indian Journal of Public Health

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PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

Bijoya Roy

- "Markets, Governance and Public Value in Healthcare in India at Panel T18P.08 Shaping Tomorrow: Public Policy as a Catalyst for

Fair, Sustainable and Health Market Practices" at 7th International Conference on Public Policy, 2-4 July, 2025.

- "Chronic Pain: Visibilising the Invisible Experiences at Women and Chronic Health Conditions/Diseases" at the Regional Workshop on Building Capacity of Women's Studies Centres in Regional Context –Interdisciplinary Methodologies and Reading Macro-data from a Gender Perspective, University of Madras, Organised by CWDS, 8 October, 2025.

Bhaswati Thakurta

Invited Lecture

- The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur (IIEST) invited to present the research findings of the project titled 'The Role of Women in Riparian Vegetation-Based Livelihood in the Border of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh', 17 February 2026.

Paper Presenter

Presented a paper titled 'The Life of Honey Collectors of Sundarbans through a Gender Lens' in the Annual Conference on Convergences in Humanities and Social Sciences: Ecology and Sustainable Futures organised by Department of Humanistic Studies IIT BHU, Varanasi.

- Presented a paper titled "The study of sustainable livelihood options of riverfront vulnerable communities in Yamuna floodplain of Delhi" at the conference organised by the Economics Department of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow. The title of the conference is Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals: Is the World Ready to Achieve Agenda 2030? 22-23 December, 2025.

- Presented a paper titled ' The Study of Sustainable Livelihood Option of Riverfront Vulnerable Community in Yamuna Floodplain of Delhi' at the International Conference on Climate Justice and Sustainable Environment, organised by Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, 25-27 July 2025.

Gayatri Panda

Paper Presenter:

- Paper Presenter, “Gendered Trajectories to Higher Education: Delving through Boys’ Narratives" at the 15th Annual International Conference of the Comparative Education Society of India (CESI) at Miranda House, University of Delhi. 5-7 December 2025.

N. Manimekalai

Papers Presented:

- Presented a paper at the International Workshop on “Role of Women in Science and Technology, Innovation in the Global South” on “Gender Barriers in STEM Fields: An exploration of Female Professionals” joint with Madhurima and Dwijiri Ramchiary at Mauritius organized by the Centre for Science and Technology of Non Aligned and Other Developing Countries, 17-18 April 2025

- Participated in the National Conference on ‘Women Leadership Moonshot: Shaping the Future’, Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, organised by Sankala Foundation and NHRC, 2 May, 2025

Invited Speaker/Resource Person/Panelist

- Panelist to the Beijing +30 and Beyond Post 69 CSW De-Briefing and Strategy Meeting LOOKING BACK and PUSHING FORWARD organized by National Alliance of Women (NAWO) at Hotel Blue Stone, New Delhi, 10 May, 2025.

- Resource person for a UGC –MMTC Short Term Course Jamia Millie Islamia University, and delivered a talk on "Gender and Social Inclusive Policies to Social Development in India", 22 July, 2025.

- Resource person to Centre for Women's Studies, Lecturer Series at Tripura University to deliver a lecture "Gender and Social Inclusion" 22 July, 2025

- Resource Person for the two national seminar on "Promotion of Entrepreneurship among Women and Youth: Opportunities and Prospects" Holy Cross College, Tircuhirapalli, 28-29 July 2025.

- Panelist, Global Development Network "The Many Sides of Social Science Research Capacity in India: How to Study Them" - A Dialogue in Connection with the Asia and South Pacific Expansion of the Doing Research Global Initiative by the Global Development Network (GDN) India International Centre, New Delhi, August, 2025.

- Expert to the Parliamentary Committee on "Empowerment of Women" for a Presentation on "Skill Development for Women" at the Parliamentary House Annex, New Delhi 4 August, 2025.
- Invited Resource Person to talk on "Gender Equality as a Prerequisite for Sustainable Development in the International Conference on "Sustainable Development Goals to revitalize and transform India, St. Theresa College for Women, Eluru, Andhrapradesh, 6 August, 2025.

- Organized a lecture programme inviting Dr. Arjan De Haan IDRC, Canada to talk on "Gender Inequalities on climate change, policies and finance: Why an intersectional approach is critical" CWDS, Delhi, 12 August, 2025.

- Resource Person in a National Seminar on "Skill Development for Women" Valluvar College of Arts and Science, Karur, Tamil Nadu, 19 August, 2025.

- Resource Person for a National Symposium on "Sustainable Development and Issues and Challenges" PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, 19 August, 2025.

- Lecture Faculty Development Programme, to talk on "Academic Leadership: the needs in the contemporary era" Poonam University, Jaipur, 1 September, 2025.

- Participated as an invitee to IWWAGE workshop "Gig Workers" discussion on the study conducted by IWWAGE at Ambassador Delhi, 3 September, 2025.

- Resource Person for a Short Term Course on 'Women, Work, Labour in contemporary India" organized by Centre for Women's Studies and MMTC Pondicherry University and delivered a talk on "Women's Work participation in India: facts and challenges", 4 September, 2025.

- Resource person for an International Conference on "Artificial Intelligence and socio economic implications on emerging economies" Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore and talked on "Women Entrepreneurship concerns in the AI context", 8 September, 2025.

- Panelist in a National Seminar on "Intersecting Realities: gender, law and equity in Contemporary India" to talk on a) Intersectionality approaches of the legal systems and human rights towards gender parities and b)

Mechanisms in the higher education system to amplify gender, law and equity, Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, 13 September, 2025.

- Inaugural address in a five day FDP organized by the Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University and Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross college, Tiruchirappalli, 22 September, 2025.

- Delivered a lecture at "Enhancing Employability through Education, Skill and Entrepreneurship: A Gender-Responsive Perspective" at National Labour Institute, Delhi, 15 October, 2025.

- Resource person to talk at the MSME sponsored "one-week Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme" to talk on Women Entrepreneurship development and sustenance" Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, 21 October, 2025.

- Panelist to talk in the inaugural panel in the two-day National Conference on "Contemporary Gender Discourse in India: Revisiting the Towards Equality Report" organized by Jamil Millia Islamia University, on 29 October 2025.

- Resource person for the short term course on "Feminist Research Methodology" on the topic "Application of Feminist Research Methods in Social Sciences" by MMTC and Centre for Women's Studies, Mizoram University, Aizwal, Mizoram, 30 October, 2025.

- Participated in the two-day Workshop on "In Her Own Words: Stories of Change" RLS project based collaboratively organized by CWDS with Department of English, Nagaland University, Nagaland, 6-7 November, 2025.

- Plenary Speaker at the 7th Asian Association of Women's Studies, The Asian Association of Women's Studies (AAWS), in collaboration with the Faculty of Management and Development Studies (FMDS) and the Office of the Gender Concerns (OGC) of the University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU), Headquarters in Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines and spoke on "Empower, Sustain, Democratize: Asian Women's Journey at the Intersection of Change", 6 November, 2025.

- Organized the Ten Day Research Methodology Course on Rural Studies on the topic "Research Methods in Rural Studies: Women's and Marginalized Perspectives" in collaboration with Centre for Women's Studies, Berhampur University, at Berhampur, Odisha and talked on "the prerequisites for Rural studies research methods", 10-20 November, 2025.

- Lecture on "Factors contributing to the lower economic participation of Women in India- a Gender Analysis, at Department of Economics and Sociology", Berhampur University, 12 November, 2025.

- Resource person to speak on "Feminist Transdisciplinary Research Methodology" in the Refresher Course in Gender Studies at MMTC, Department of Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi. Online, 22 November, 2025.

- Organized the 16 Day Activism on the UN Theme "Unite to Eliminate Digital Violence Against Women and Girls" with 18 Institutions across India, 25 November – 11 December, 2025.

- Resource person to speak on "Emerging issues of Women Workers in the Export Processing Zones of Textile and Garment Sector in India in the neo-liberal context" at MMTC-Centre for Women's Studies Assam University, Assam, 05 December, 2025.

- Speaker for the two-day International Conference to talk on “Economic Empowerment of Women through Work Participation: Challenges and Gender Concerns” at Ambedkar Law University, Government Tamil Nadu, Chennai, 12 December, 2025.

- Resource person for the UGC-Sponsored Online Short Term Programme in Entrepreneurship & Skill Development”, MMTTC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli to talk on “Women Entrepreneurs- issues and challenges and women in Climate ventures”, 7 January, 2026.

- Resource Person for the 12-Day Online Refresher Course on "Building Resilience Education System: Management skills, Economic Perspective and Mental Wellbeing", Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore, 14 February, 2026.

- Resource Person to deliver a lecture on “Interpreting Results, reporting findings, and Future Research Directions” at the short term course on “Advanced Research Methods and AI Tools” Department of Women’s Studies, Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikanal, 15 February, 2026.

- Resource Person to deliver a lecture on “Status of Women in India: Trends and Challenges” at the Refresher Course in Gender Studies” organized by MMTC, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, 16 February, 2026.

- Resource Person to deliver a lecture on “Women Entrepreneurs and Education” organized by MMTTP, NIEPA in collaboration with Sharda University, Greater Noida, 17 February, 2026.

- Resource Person to deliver a lecture on “Economic Participation of Women in India” at the Department of Women’s Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh, 18 February, 2026.

- Resource Person to deliver a lecture on "Critical Analysis of Economic Participation in India in a Gender Perspective" organized by MMTC, Patna University, Patna, 19 February, 2026.

- Inaugural address at the ICSSR sponsored one-day workshop on "GST Reforms and its impact on the consumption pattern of middle and neo-middle classes with the Gender Perspective" in collaboration with Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University, 20 February, 2026.

- Resource person for a Refresher Course on "Policies, Programmes, and Services in Social Development" session on "Policies on Women's Development" Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Anuppur, Madhya Pradesh, 25 February, 2026.

- Inaugural speech at the ICSSR sponsored one-day workshop on "GST Reforms and its impact on the consumption pattern of middle and neo-middle classes with the Gender Perspective" in collaboration with Miranda House, Delhi University, 26 February, 2026.

- Invited to participate in the "Vice Chancellors' Conclave – Reimagining Internationalisation of Higher Education for Viksit Bharat @ 2047 organized by IIFT at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi, 6 March, 2026.

- Resource Person to deliver a lecture on "Combating Violence Against Women through ensuring Gender Equality" MAM Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli, 13 March, 2026.

- Panelist "Reframing the Narrative: A National Media Workshop on Gender and Agri-Food Systems" MSSRF, Chennai, 16 March, 2026.

Neetha N.

- Panelists in a panel discussion on Time Use Survey, 2024 organised by FESDIG, New Delhi, 26th April, 2025

- Panel discussion on "Changing Patterns of Time Use, Care Work and Gender in a New Digital Era Data User's Conference on Time Use Survey (TUS-2024)" at the National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India and Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram, KTDC Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, 22 September 2025.

- Guest lecture for an NPTEL course on "Migration, Mobility and Development", IIT Hyderabad, 4 November 2025.

- Organised the workshop titled "Telling / Listening: Stories of Resistance, Change and Solidarity" in collaboration with Nagaland University, Kohima, 6-7 November, 2025.

- Online Lecture on "Research Methods in Rural Studies: Women's and Marginalized Perspectives" Centre for Women's Development Studies - Ten-Day Research Methodology Course on Rural Studies: Histories, Methods, and Field Realities organised by Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund, CWDS, New Delhi & Women's Studies Research Centre, Berhampur University, Odisha, 10-20 November 2025.

- Chair and Discussant in the Plenary Session tilted "Cooperation in Mobility Governance between Origin and Destination Countries" at the 5th National Conference on Rethinking International Migration and Mobility Narratives and Frameworks, organised by IMAD and Centre for Migration, Mobility and Diaspora Studies of the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), Hilton Garden Inn, Thiruvananthapuram, 17–18 November 2025.

- Chaired and presented an overview on the theme 'Care work and livelihoods' in the Sixth Pre-Budget Consultation of the Feminist Policy Collective, *Reimaging Resource Justice for rights and gender equality in the current crossroads,* IHC, New Delhi, 21-22 November 2025.

- Chair and Discussant in the session "Care Giving and Wellbeing of Older adults" at the Fourth Annual Conference, "Reimagining Gender, Ageing and Care: Perspectives from Global South" at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi, organised by ISST and IMAD in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Women, 4–5 December 2025.

- Invited lecture "Understanding the 'Preference' for Flexible Employment: Women in Co-working Spaces", Centre for Women's Studies, JNU, 11 December 2025.

- Paper presentation "Economics of Care Economy- Kerala Scenario at the Women Conclave" organised by the Department of Women and Child Development, Thiruvanathapuram, Kerala, 6-7 February, 2026.

- Online Lecture "Problem Identification, Research Questions, and Hypothesis Formulation" for the Short Term course on Advanced Research Methods and AI Tools" 9th – 15th February 2026, Department and Centre for Women's Studies, Mother Theresa University, Tamil Nadu, 10 February, 2026.

- Panel discussion on Domestic Housework (Paid and Unpaid Care; Placement Agencies; Wage Theft; Migration) in the International Conference on Women at Work: Women in the Unorganised Sector, organised by Centre for Women and Child Rights, Gujarat National Law University in collaboration with Gender Resource Centre, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Gujarat, 7-8 March, 2026.

- Panelist for the session "Access, Agency, and Outcomes: Women's Mobility in Haryana", 9 the March in the Second Edition of the three-day National Convention on Women in India (NCWI): Pathways to Better Economic and Social Outcomes, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, 8-10 March 2026.

Nayantara Singh

- Paper presentation titled: 'Women Entrepreneurship through Micro Credit: A Case study of Mangolpuri Delhi' (सूक्ष्म ऋण के माध्यम से महिला उद्यमिता : मंगोलपुरी दिल्ली का एक केस अध्ययन(, in the 2nd CWSD National seminar on women "Revisiting the Role of the 21st Century Indian Woman", organized by The Centre for Women's Studies and Development (CWSD), Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, 27-28 March, 2025.

- Paper presentation titled: 'हिन्दी भाषा एवं भारतीय समाज :एक समाजशास्त्रीय अध्ययन', in National Seminar, राष्ट्रिय शिक्षा नीति2020 : भाषायी प्रावधान, Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University, Delhi, 29th September 2025

- Paper presented entitled, "विकसित भारत की संकल्पना एवं महिला सशक्तिकरण का प्रश्न :स्वनिधि योजना के विशेष संदर्भ में,in National Seminar on "विकसित भारत @ 2047 एक संकल्प भारतीय, इतिहास, संस्कृति, राजनीति, समाज, ज्ञान व विज्ञान "के संदर्भ में, Rajkiya Model Mahavidyalaya Meethiberi, Haridwar, 19-20December 2025.

- Paper presented entitled, "Women's entrepreneurship and informal work in urban India: A study of North Delhi", (शहरी भारत में महिला उद्यमिता और अनौपचारिक कार्य :उत्तरी दिल्ली का एक अध्ययन(, in Two-Days ICSSR-NRC sponsored International Seminar on "India's Economic Performance: Emerging Prospects & Challenges", organized by Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi, 18-19 March 2026.

- Paper presented entitled, "Empowering Women Entrepreneurship for Economic Development: A Study of Mangolpuri (North Delhi), (अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए सशक्त महिला उद्यमिता :मंगोलपुरी) उत्तरी दिल्ली (का एक अध्ययन(, in Two-Day ICSSR sponsored International Conference organized by the Department of Commerce and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, 27 - 28 March 2026.

Renu Addlakha

- Panelist, "Overlapping Identities: Intersectionality of Gender and Disability. Annual Literary Fest on Through the Mad hatter's Looking Glass: Exploring Madness in Art and Culture", Kirori Mal College (University of Delhi), 3 April 2025.
- Lecture, "Language and Models of Disability. Disability, sexuality and Rights Institute in Hindi" organized by CREA. Delhi: The Ocean Pearl Retreat: 21 May 2025.

- Invitee, Two Day Co-Creation Workshop on "Disability-Inclusive Disaster Preparedness and Humanitarian Action" organised by National Disaster Management Authority and UNICEF. New Delhi, 4-5 June 2025.

- Online Presentation, "Ageing with Disabilities and Ageing into Disabilities: An Intersectional Analysis" in Symposium on integrating critical disability studies with ageing research: Insights from South Asia organised by British Society of Gerontology and as the Integrating critical disability studies with ageing research: Insights from South Asia, 26 June 2025.

- Lecture, "Future Directions in Gender Research", Gurudakshita Faculty Induction Programme. Indira Gandhi National Open University: 17 September 2025.

- Keynote Address, “Mental Health in a changing World: From Humanitarian Emergencies to Everyday Resilience”, at Manav Rachna Institute of Research and Studies, Manav Rachna University (Faridabad, Haryana, 9 October 2025.

- Panelist, “Research Grants and Publications”, Faculty Development Programme, at Jindal Law School, Jindal Global University, Sonipat: 28 January 2026.

- Panelist, “Workshop on Disability Research: Present challenges and Future Possibilities” at Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, 6 February 2026.

- Online Lecture, “Gender Research Foci Issues and Themes”, Refresher course in Gender Studies, MMTC Utkal University, 11 February 2026.

- Online Lecture, “Emerging Research Trends: Digital Spaces and Artificial Intelligence”, Course on Advanced Research Methods and AI tools, Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikanal: 13 February 2026.

Seema Kazi

- Special lecture on ‘Equality or Difference: The Question of the 'Other', St. Stephens College, University of Delhi,16 March 2026

Vandana

- Paper Presenter, ‘Internal Complaint Committees/Internal Committees: A struggle for autonomy in higher education institutions’ in the Comparative Education Society of India for its 15th Annual International Conference 2025, at Miranda House, University of Delhi, from 5-7 December 2025.

Vijay Kumar Jha

- "जलेस समीक्षा संवाद में मार्क्सवादी चिंतन कोश" पर व्याख्यान, 6 दिसंबर 2025.
- दिल्ली विश्वविद्यलय के श्री गुरु नानक देव खालसा कॉलेज में 'परंपरागत ज्ञान बनाम तकनीकी बुद्धिमत्ता' पर दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी (17-18 मार्च) में 'हिंदी साहित्य, मीडिया और तकनीकी बुद्धिमत्ता' पर व्याख्यान, 17 मार्च 2026.

MEMBERSHIPS IN COMMITTEES AND OTHER ADVISORY FUNCTIONS

Bijoya Roy

- Academic Editor, PLOS Global Public Health (2024 onwards)
- Member, RC32 Women, Gender and Society (Member No.: 12863), 2023-2026
- Board Member, i4 Connect Foundation, Hyderabad, 2021.
- https://i4connectfoundation.org/board-members/
- Member, Institutional Ethics Committee, Public Health Resource Network, New Delhi

Gayatri Panda

- Life member, Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS)
- Life member, Comparative Education Society of India (CESI)

Other Professional responsibility

- Member, in-house Seminar Committee, CWDS.
- Member, ICC, CWDS.

Khundongbam Gyanabati Devi

- Life Member in Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)

N. Manimekalai

- Member Advisory Committee, Women's Studies, Kashmir University, Kashmir 2026-2029

- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Indian Journal of Gender Studies, CWDS, Delhi
- Member Advisory Committee, Women's Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad 2025-2028
- Visiting Professor, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Dindigul
- Member of Centre Research Committee in Women's Studies, Jamia Milla Islamia University, Delhi
- Member of Board of Studies, Women's Studies, Jamia Millie Islamia University, Delhi
- Member Advisory Committee, Thiyagaraja College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
- Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Women's Studies, Manonmanium University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
- Member Advisory Committee, Centre for Social Justice and Equity, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai
- Member, Board of Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
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- Member, CoS, Human Rights, Department of Political Science, Jamia Milla Islamia, Delhi
- Committee Member, National UGC Ph.D Excellence Award, Ministry of Education, Government of India
- Member NTA NET in Women's Studies, UGC, Government of India
- Reviewer of GIAN proposal, UGC, Ministry of Education.
- Member, ICSSR Scrutiny and Selection Committee for research projects
- Member for CAS Interview Jadhavpur University, Kolkatta.
- Evaluater, Ph.D Thesis for SNDT Women's University, Sri Venkateswara University, University of Calcutta, NIEPA, Punjab University, Manonmanium Sundaranar University, IGNOU, Jamia Millia Islamia, Bharathidasan University etc.

- External examiner of Ph.D thesis of various Universities, IGNOU, Jamia Mille Islamia, Punjab University, Manonmanium Sundaranar University and NIEPA.
- Peer Team Member NAAC to assess and accredit the Academic performance

Nayantara Singh

- Hindi book selection committee
- Research Funding Updates Committee.

Neetha N.

- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, "Urban India", National Institute of Urban Affairs, Delhi.
- Academic Committee member, Institute for Human Development, Delhi.
- Committee Member, National Award to Teachers 2025 in Higher Educational Institutions, Ministry of Education, GoI.
- Board member, Department of Women Studies, University of Hyderabad
- Senior Editor, *Journal on Labour*, NLUD, New Delhi.
- External examiner of Ph.D thesis of universities - Jindal University and Central University of Hyderabad.
- Refereed Articles for many reputed Journals.

Renu Addlakha

- Executive and Finance Committee Member, Jagori, New Delhi.
- Advisory Board member, CREA, New Delhi.
- Editorial Board Members**,** Palgrave-Macmillan book series on Disability in the Asia-Pacific region.

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- Coordinator, ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship
- Life membership in Centre for Women's Development Studies

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- Life member Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS)
- Life member Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ)
- Life membership in the Centre for Women's Development Studies
- Elected as a School Management Committee (SMC) of School of Excellence, Dwarka Sector-22, Delhi (2023-25)
- Annual membership of the Comparative Education Society of India (2025-26).

Other professional responsibility

- Liaison Officer- SC/ST Cell
- CWDS Internal Seminar/talks series for the entire year.
- Convenor of Green Committee

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The Centre began its activities in 1980 with a small grant from the Vikram Sarabhai Foundation, along with a few project grants. In 1981, the Centre received a Research and Development Grant from the Ford Foundation, which continued until 1992–93. During this period, the Centre also received financial assistance from the International Labour Organization (ILO) to support its Action Research Projects in West Bengal and Punjab.

In 1984–85, the Centre became one of the Research Institutes supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and has since been receiving an annual grant. During the period from 1980 to 2008, the Centre also mobilised several project grants for research, action research, library and information services, seminars and workshops, including special assignments from United Nations agencies. In 1993–94, the Centre negotiated an Institutional Grant from HIVOS (The Humanistic Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries, Netherlands), which was subsequently extended until 31 March 2010. In 2002, the Centre received an Endowment Grant of US$750,000 from the Ford Foundation for the promotion of research and development on women.

During 2025–26, the Centre received ₹430.64 lakh (Rs.370.64 lakhs OH-36 and 60.00 lakhs OH-31) as Maintenance and Development Grant & GST Workshops from the ICSSR. An amount of ₹29.24 lakhs was received from various sources as grants for projects, conferences, seminars, advocacy and networking activities.

The Centre generated ₹172.24 lakhs from its own resources, including interest income, membership fees, royalty, institutional overheads and miscellaneous receipts. The Centre after meeting current year's expenditure and appropriations of Rs.614.34 lakhs incurred a deficit of Rs.28.64 lakhs which was met from the past accumulated reserves.

The General Body, at its 45th meeting held on 25 September 2025, appointed M/s Sunil Joshi & Co., Chartered Accountants, as the Statutory Auditors of the Centre for the financial year 2025–26.

INDIA
SUNIL JOSHI & CO.
Chartered Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Governing Body of
Centre for Women's Development Studies

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Centre for Women's Development Studies** ("the Society"), which comprise the **Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2026, the Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended**, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a **true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 31st March 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended**, in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India and the **Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), as applicable**.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the **Standards on Auditing (SAs)** issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements** section of our report.

We are independent of the Society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Governing Body for the Financial Statements

The Governing Body of the Society is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the **financial position and financial performance of the Society** in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India and the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), as applicable.



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This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions applicable to the Society; safeguarding the assets of the Society; preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governing Body is responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governing Body either intends to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Governing Body is also responsible for overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Governing Body.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Governing Body's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Society's ability to continue as a going concern.



- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Governing Body regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Governing Body with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (CWDS)

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2026

(Amount in Rs.)

	Particulars	Note	31/Mar/2026	31/Mar/2025
I	Sources of Funds			
1	NPO Funds	3		
(a)	Unrestricted Funds		141,926,303	135,144,780
(b)	Restricted Funds		19,941,382	19,156,002
			161,867,685	154,300,782
2	Non-current liabilities			
	Long-term provisions	4	2,958,848	2,112,250
			2,958,848	2,112,250
3	Current liabilities			
	Other current liabilities	5	10,365,063	22,313,324
			10,365,063	22,313,324
	Total		175,191,596	178,726,357
II	Application of Funds			
1	Non-current assets			
(a)	Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets	6		
(i)	Property, Plant and Equipment		3,380,840	4,021,612
(ii)	Intangible assets		10,487	17,478
(b)	Non-current investments	7	107,908,910	94,190,262
(c)	Long Term Loans and Advances	8	3,956,801	4,076,888
(d)	Other non-current assets (specify nature)	9	129,009	177,567
			115,386,047	102,483,807
2	Current assets			
(a)	Receivables	10	3,855,993	3,313,833
(b)	Cash and bank balances	11	46,883,564	66,642,145
(c)	Short Term Loans and Advances	12	87,164	791,633
(d)	Other current assets	13	8,978,828	5,494,939
			59,805,549	76,242,550
	Total		175,191,596	178,726,357
	Brief about the Entity	1		
	Summary of significant accounting policies	2		
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2026

(Amount in Rs.)

	Particulars	Note	31/Mar/2026	31/Mar/2025
I	**Income**			
(a)	Donations and Grants	14	51,777,491	44,218,477
(b)	Other Income	15	17,971,632	13,018,673
II	**Total Income (I+II)**		69,749,123	57,237,149
III	**Expenses**			
(c)	Employee benefits expense	16	42,126,224	42,892,033
(d)	Depreciation and amortization expense	17	748,098	1,011,645
(f)	Charitable/Project expenses	18	14,503,629	10,530,992
(g)	Other Expenses	19	4,056,172	6,286,053.78
	Total expenses		61,434,123	60,720,724
IV	Excess of Income overExpenditure for the year before exceptional and extraordinary items (III- IV)		8,315,000	-3,483,574
V	Exceptional Items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)		-	-
VI	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year before extraordinary items (V-VI)		8,315,000	-3,483,574
VII	Extraordinary Items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)		-	-
VIII	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year (VII-VIII)		8,315,000	-3,483,574
	Appropriations Transfer to funds			
	Transferred to Property, Plant and Equipment Fund		100,335.00	107,041.00
	Transferred to General Reserve (FCRA)		10,294,259.64	3,941,241.91
	Transferred to Dr. Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund FCRA		321,361.00	575,670.00
	Transferred to Prof. Lotika Sarkar Research & Scholarship Fund		358,451	293,389.00
	Transferred to Dr. Vina Mazumdar Memorial Fund GENERAL		105,568	89,273.00
	Transferred from General Reserve		(2,864,974)	(8,490,189)
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	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

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