



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

(Hybrid mode)

on

Indian Diaspora Women and Patriarchy: Questions on Inclusion, Cultural Identity, and Violence

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**Venue: Conference Hall, School of Social Sciences
University of Hyderabad**



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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (NCW), NEW DELHI
INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (ICSSR), NEW DELHI**

Concept note

Indian women have shared space with Indian men in most of the migration process including the labour migrations under the indenture system. The position of women in indentured society was inferior as they were primarily recruited as plantation labourers and were paid much less than men and many of them encountered exploitation in different forms. And, their descendants are considered as People of Indian Origin (PIO) who trace their origin to India. On the other hand, Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) are those migrants who travel to other countries and reside for more than 180 days during the preceding financial year. Migration has fundamentally altered the idea of paradigm and practice of pollution in the caste system, food habits, assertion of their cultural identity, and the like. Food is one of the most significant parts of Indian cultural identity.

Secondly, Indian women migrate overseas as wives, daughters, mothers, and professionals with the baggage of the patriarchal nature. Hence, the patriarchal form of the Indian family exists for them even if they lived overseas. And, there is an alarming proliferation of fraudulent marriages with NRI men. The Indian Embassies in different countries received thousands of complaints of domestic violence, harassment from husband, unilateral divorce by the husband, or similar types. The Ministry of External Affairs (including the Indian Missions abroad) received and addressed 4,698 complaints of distressed Indian women, deserted by their NRI spouses from January 2016 to May 2019 and 2762 complaints from January 2020 to December 2022. These statistics reveal the seriousness of this issue. There is no uniform civil law in India for settling such NRI marriages. An expanding scholarship on gender violence will examine the effective implementation of the law.

Thirdly, violence against women and girls (VAWG) among the Indian Diaspora has been studied by several scholars from their varied disciplinary perspectives and there are many scholarly works available on it. There is a discomfiting social reality that no space can be safe for women and girls from the debilitating reach of the virus known as 'violence'.

Finally, the study on VAWG contributes to advancing the discourse on the feminist intersectionality theory as it helps to analyze the intensity of violence since they relate to each social, religious and caste category.

Objectives of the conference

- The conference aims to connect with scholars and thinkers who work on Indian diaspora women who are considered as the carriers of culture and preservers of Indian identity. Fundamentally, it attempts to understand the existence of patriarchy and the linkage of the Indian Diaspora's ethnic food to cultural identity.
- It will critically analyse the various forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG). VAWG stems from the broader interest in epistemological, ontological and methodological changes that contemporary gender studies have produced in the past decades.
- It aims to understand how the VAWG is underpinning the social structure and social institutions such as family, kinship, caste, and the like, threatening to seep into the phenomenology of life.
- It attempts to initiate a constructive discourse on the cultural identity of Indian Diaspora women and the various forms of violence that they face by bringing scholars from various parts of the world to exchange knowledge, and ideas, establish networks, and bring out an edited volume.

It is against this background that this International Conference on Indian Diaspora Women and Patriarchy: Questions on Inclusion, Cultural Identity and Violence in a hybrid mode will be organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) at the University of Hyderabad, India.

Sub-themes

1. Gender, patriarchy and cultural identity through ethnic food.
2. Desertion of married women by Diaspora/Non-Resident Indian men: Law and Remedial measures.
3. Domestic violence and intimate partner violence: Institutional and NGOs intervention.
4. Honour killing: A way forward to curb it.
5. Impact of violence against women on children.
6. Law, legal implications, and protection for subjugated Indian Diaspora Women.

About the University of Hyderabad

University of Hyderabad (UoH), a premier institution of postgraduate teaching and research in the country, was established by an Act of Parliament in 1974. The UGC has identified the University as one of the top exclusive Universities in the country with the 'Potential for Excellence' and provided special funding for its overall development. The NAAC has re-accredited the University with the highest score in India. Among the top 50 institutions of Higher Education and Research in India, based on publications and citation indices, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India, has rated the University of Hyderabad as the only University in the High Output-High Impact category. The Institution of Eminence (IoE) status, accorded to the University of Hyderabad (UoH) in September 2019, is a recognition of UoH's standing, ability and potential to move into the league of the world's best institutions.

About the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP)

Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), University of Hyderabad was established by the UGC under the 10th plan in 2007. The multidisciplinary nature of the Centre is reflected in its faculty drawn from diverse disciplines and the research being undertaken. The Centre focuses its research on different dimensions and aspects of marginal groups such as Dalits, religious Minorities, Tribes, marginalized Women, Disabled, and the like. The Centre also strives to provide critical inputs into policy-making on the issues of exclusion and inclusion by undertaking research at both theoretical and empirical levels. It closely functions in collaboration with other research organizations, NGOs, and the like.

About the National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi

The National Commission for Women was set up as a statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 (Act No. 20 of 1990 of Govt. of India) to :

Review the Constitutional and Legal safeguards for women, to recommend remedial legislative measures, to facilitate redressal of grievances and advise the Government on all policy matters affecting women. In keeping with its mandate, the Commission initiated various steps to improve the status of women and worked for their economic empowerment during the year under report.

About the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was established in the year of 1969 by the Government of India to promote research in social sciences in the country. ICSSR provide grants for projects, fellowships, international collaboration, capacity building, survey, publications etc. to promote research in social sciences in India.

Venue of the conference: University of Hyderabad, Telangana, India.

Call for Papers: Research Papers are invited on any one of the sub-themes for presentation.

Important Dates

Deadline to submit an abstract of 200-300 words with five to six keywords in MS Word file (Times New Roman in 12 font size): **5 October 2023.**

Decision about acceptance of abstract: **10 October 2023.**

Deadline for submission of full paper: **5 December 2023.**

Publication

- Selected papers will be published in an edited volume by a reputed publisher.
- Submitted papers must NOT have been previously published, or accepted for publication by any other source (journal, publisher or any other organization).

Formatting your Full Paper

- The maximum length of the paper should be 8000 words (including the title and all figures, tables, footnotes, endnotes and references.). The paper should include title, author's name, designation, institutional affiliation and email ID.
- Use Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5 spaced. References may be single-spaced.
- The entire paper submission (title page in title case, abstract of 200-300 words, main text, figures, graphs, tables, references, and the like) must be in using the following formats:
 - Microsoft Word (doc, docx)
 - Keywords: 5-6 words.
- Make sure that the file or document uploaded is virus-free before submitting.

Abstracts and Full papers may be sent to:
idwpconference2023@uohyd.ac.in

Participants must register prior to the registration deadline in order to present their papers.

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4. Faculty members with accommodation: 100 USD(Foreign)/ Rs.2,000/- (two thousand) only.
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Note

The delegates/participants will be provided local hospitality. However, they need to arrange their travel expenses from their respective institutions due to paucity of funds.

Please note that accommodation is limited, and it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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The co-author(s) has to register and pay the fee.

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