



**DEPT- CUM- CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES &  
DEVELOPMENT  
PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

**IS**

**ORGANISING**

**REGIONAL SEMINAR**

**ON**

**CLIMATE CRISIS AND FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY**

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# **ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT**

The Dept-cum-Centre for Women's Studies and Development, Panjab University, Chandigarh was one of the first five Women's Studies Centres set up by the UGC across India in 1987. Since then it has been a pioneer in conducting research on women's issues as well as extension, outreach and training programmes for gender equality and sensitization. It was the first Centre to start Post-graduation and Ph.D programmes in Women's Studies in the region. Currently, it is running a Ph.D programme as well as M.A. and Post-graduate Diploma in Women's Studies. It is also running as Master and Certificate Courses in Governance and Leadership.

## **ABOUT THE SEMINAR**

### **CLIMATE CRISIS AND FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY**

Melting glaciers, rising sea levels, vanishing habitats, sinking islands, endangered species, droughts in hitherto areas of heavy rainfall and floods in deserts have become recurrent phenomena in recent years- all due to the climate crisis which we have wrought on ourselves. India is ranked 7th amongst the countries most adversely effected by climate change in 2019 reveals the Global Climate Risk Index 2021. The impact is felt on the GDP, in the economy, in labour productivity, in food security in water scarcity, in fact in every sphere of life.

Climate crisis although a veritable nightmare for the entire global world, does not effect everyone equally. The impact is more clearly felt by the most vulnerable populations amongst which women constitute the largest segment, cutting across various vulnerabilities. Women and children are worst effected by both droughts and floods, face greater health and psychological issues due to climate change and pollution, and are more susceptible to sexual violence and abuse, resulting in psychological trauma incapacitating them for education or employment and thus keeping them trapped in gender inequality. Women also constitute an overwhelming majority of climate migrants. Demand for labour remains gendered with female migrants less represented in regular jobs and more likely to be self-employed or stuck in low-skilled jobs like domestic work, child care, construction labour and so on. However, women are also making an immense contribution as frontline workers towards finding solutions and mitigating the impact of the climate crisis, with their fundamental knowledge of the ecosystem.

The Seminar on Climate Crisis and Feminisation of Poverty seeks to consider the actions to be taken to mitigate the impact of this crisis; raise awareness and provoke solutions, consider the contribution of women as frontline workers in the climate crisis, and look at their role in mitigating the crisis. It also seeks to bring the social sciences in general and women's studies in particular into the discourse on the climate crisis and its alleviation.

## **SUB-THEMES OF THE SEMINAR:**

- Documenting the impacts of climate crisis in the region
- Gender-specific impacts of climate crisis
- Climate crisis, women's livelihoods and food security
- Vulnerability of women and other genders to the climate crisis
- Technologies for combating climate crisis
- Climate crisis and violence against women
- Women, Civil Society and NGOs: Role in Combating Climate Crisis
- Impact of Climate crisis on feminization of migration/Labour
- Women's capacity to adapt to climate change
- Women as agents for Managing/ mitigating the impact of Climate Crisis

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Academicians, Activists, Research Scholars, and students are cordially invited to submit a soft copy of an abstract (about 300 words) with 2-3 keywords and a short bibliography in MS Word with the title in capital letters along with full contact details (name/s, addresses, email ids and contact numbers at the following e-mail id.

Full original papers typed in Times New Roman, font size 12, with reference style as per APA 7 are to be submitted after confirmation of acceptance of the abstract. Selected papers would be published in an edited volume.

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### **KEY DATES:**

Submission of Abstracts: **April 30, 2023**

Confirmation of Acceptance: **May 5, 2023**

Full original paper to be submitted: **May 19, 2023**

### **Note:**

- Accommodation will be available for a limited number of participants.

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