



## NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

### Access to Education for the Children of Sex Workers in India: Challenges and Opportunities

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National Commission For Women (NCW), New Delhi

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Bharatiya Institute of Research & Development (BIRD), New Delhi

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SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Delhi-NCR Campus, Modinagar, Ghaziabad

## About the National Seminar

A respectable education is a distant dream for the children of a brothel. Fear of pimps and traffickers, teach children to argue and question everything and prevents the majority of these children, particularly females, from receiving an education. Even though they enroll in school in small numbers, they frequently drop out since exposure to the outside world forces them to confront the harsh reality that they are "socially unacceptable." Most of these children fall into the category of "marginalized" or "disadvantaged". In light of Article 15(3), it is necessary to mainstream these children in order to protect their childhoods and prevent child prostitution. While the State is authorized to do this under this Article, nothing has been done thus far. Under this backdrop under its mandate, National Commission For Women (NCW) has entrusted the Bharatiya Institute of Research and Development (BIRD), New Delhi to Organize a National Level Seminar/Conference at Ghaziabad on "the Legal, Health, and Educational Status of the Children of Commercial Sex Workers in India in order to identify the Problems, Difficulties, and Opportunities associated with mainstreaming these children.

### Objectives of Seminar

- To understand the current educational status of children of sex workers between the age group of 5-18;
- To examine the Constitutional Provisions and Laws Governing the Rights of Children of Sex Workers, their implementation and assess the impact of Right to Education (RTE) on the Children of Sex Workers;
- To identify the factors affecting the education of children of sex workers and to examine the attitude of children of female sex workers towards education and their career aspirations.
- To assess psychological wellbeing and status of Safety & security of the children of Commercial Sex Workers;
- To explore the educational challenges & needs (Social needs, General needs, Health Needs & Psychological Needs) of children of sex workers while assessing the formal education and the availability of types of services to overcome these challenges and fulfil their needs.
- To understand the support systems and Services available to children of sex workers for education and knowledge/awareness about existing Government schemes such as National Crèche Scheme, ICDS & ICPS to support the children of sex workers.
- To create a roadmap for rehabilitation and mainstreaming of children of sex workers.

### Sub Themes

- Legal Status of female sex workers' (FSWs) under the Indian legal framework, their conditions of rendering service, rights, and remedies available, psychological wellbeing of children of sex workers
- Familial environment in which the children of sex workers are raised in,
- Level of self-esteem and self-efficacy of children of FSWs
- Socio, economic and cultural background of the women in sex work
- Health seeking behaviour of sex workers with reference to Sexual and Reproductive Health

### ABOUT THE BHARATIYA INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (BIRD)

Bharatiya Institute of Research and Development (BIRD) is a Premier Institute engaged in providing multidisciplinary consultancy services to Govt. of India, Different State Governments, International organizations and other Public and Private organization and also carrying out Skill Development, Leadership Development and Capacity Development Training to Govt. Functionaries, Corporate Bodies, Urban Local Bodies & PRIs and Common Masses especially youths of India.- A brain child of seasoned IT Professionals and Management Experts from leading Institutions of India. It was incorporated on 03-03-1997. BIRD has made significant strides and carved out a niche for itself in the Training & Consultancy map of India. It is widely known in IT Organizations, Government and NGO Sectors for the quality of its product & services. The Institute offers customized training solutions for Government Agencies, NGOs and common masses to address the new challenges in concerning Sector. BIRD is a technically strengthened, skillfully planned and professionally managed organization with an everlasting thrust of perfection. BIRD proudly writes its success stories with the bright colours of Skill Development & Capacity Development and complete its "Development Rainbow" with the naughty shades of Monitoring, Evaluation & Impact Studies as we strongly believe that an all-inclusive growth of Nation depends on Human Development Sector and a continuous input of efforts through Capacity Building and regular check on output of achievements

through Monitoring, Evaluation and impact Studies, are only tool to mobilize our society with the pace of Global Development. **National commission For Women (NCW) has acknowledged BIRD as its Knowledge Partner.**

**ABOUT THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (NCW)**

The National Commission for Women was set up as 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; Recommend remedial legislative measures; 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. The Commission completed its visits to all the States/UTs except Lakshdweep and prepared Gender Profiles to assess the status of women and their empowerment. It received a large number of complaints and acted suo-moto in several cases to provide speedy justice. It took up the issue of child marriage, sponsored legal awareness programmes, Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats and reviewed laws such as Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, PNDT Act 1994, Indian Penal Code 1860 and the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 to make them more stringent and effective. It organized workshops/consultations, constituted expert committees on economic empowerment of women, conducted workshops/seminars for gender awareness and took up publicity campaign against female foeticide, violence against women etc. in order to generate awareness in the society against these social evils.

**ABOUT SRM INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

SRM Institute of Science & Technology is one of the top-ranking deemed to be universities in India, established under section 3 of the UGC Act 1956 with over 52000 students and 3200 faculties keeping a vision of imbibing quality education with value and discipline to enrich students’ knowledge according to the latest developments in the society. SRMIST spread over four campuses having the main campus at Kattankulathur, Ramapuram, and Vadapalani at Chennai, Tamilnadu, and at Delhi NCR Campus, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. SRM Institute of Science of Technology, Delhi NCR Campus, Modinagar, Ghaziabad (UP) was established in the year 1997.

The campus is having more than 5000 students pursuing their careers in Engineering, Management, and Hotel Management. More than 250 faculties with good education background, from IIT, NIT, doctorate & industrial experiences.

The university is accredited with the topmost ‘A++’ grade by NAAC, recognized by MHRD as “A” Category, AICTE approved, and Category 1 and 12 B status by UGC. In addition, SRM IST has been Ranked as No.1 in India Swatch Campus Rankings (2019) - Residential Universities - AICTE, awarded 1st prize for the campaign for “One student One tree (2019) -AICTE, Ranked No 3 in India Clean and Smart campus Award (2019)- AICTE.

**Call of Paper**

- Papers/Research Papers are invited from academicians, regulators, policy makers, research scholars, NGOs, students and other stakeholders across the streams.

**Guidelines For Submission of Papers:**

- Co-authorship is permissible. Each author will register them separately.
- The abstract should not exceed 300 words. The maximum word limit of the paper must not exceed 6000 words inclusive of footnotes.
- The paper must include the title of the paper, full name(s) of the Author(s), Affiliating Institution, Professional/ Educational Details, Email address and contact details.
- The Paper should be in .doc/.docx formats in Times New Roman, font size 12 with 1.5 line spacing. All participants must submit a presentation by using MS PowerPoint.
- Footnotes should be in Times New Roman, the font size 10 with 1.0 line spacing. Endnotes are not allowed.
- Alignment -Justified, no page borders, Margin 1 inch on each side.
- The writings must conform to the “Bluebook 20th Edition”.
- All submissions should be original and non-plagiarized work, and should not have been submitted for publication/published elsewhere in any form.
- Similarity should not be more than 10%.

**Registration form:**

<https://forms.gle/CG7XQfXG6Db9Veqf8>

**Last Date of Registration and Abstract**

**Submission: 20 November 2023**

Participants are required to send the full paper by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 on E-mail: [bird.ncw@gmail.com](mailto:bird.ncw@gmail.com) with the subject “Paper Submission Name of paper presenters.”

- The acceptance of the abstract will be notified through emails.
- **There is No Registration Fee.**

**TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE AND HOSPITALITY**

The participants are advised to arrange their traveling expenses from their respective institutions. The organizing committee shall provide modest arrangements(chargeable) for boarding and lodging on sharing basis in the nearby to university for outstation participants only after receiving the confirmation of participation well in advance.

**Organizing Committee**

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