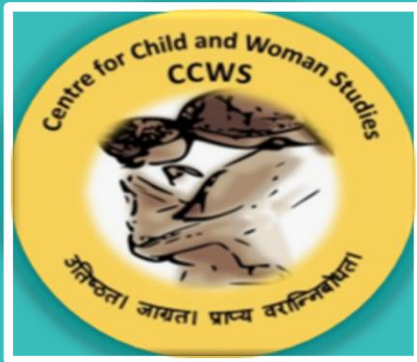


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Webinar
29th-30th
August, 2020

**“REPRODUCTIVE
RIGHTS OF
WOMEN IN THE
CHANGING
WORLD:
EXPRESSING
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About the Webinar

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reflects the zeal of the centre to identify the rapidly changing society that is increasingly caught up in a lived experience of ambiguity, volatility, insecurity, and struggle that women face while making her choices. Undoubtedly, issues such as gender inequality, violence and discrimination against women are gaining impetus in the present scenario but issues pertaining to her reproductive rights are equally vital. Contemporary change and continued redistribution of society has expanded the range of disparities. It has led to a significantly more complex ground of inequality, assertions and resistance by women across several new platforms. Albeit, a lot has been written and discussed on the issue of reproductive rights of women, yet it continues to be confusing. It has foregrounded the need to search through

the complexities of day-to-day experiences, issues, and incidents for the structural underpinnings of contemporary inequalities and the violence it generates. Tough times call for renewed efforts to engage with both accumulated experience and new thinking around the key elements of the contemporary condition, if we are to effectively challenge the structures central to inequalities of gender, caste, class and community. The recurrent practices of 'dishonouring' women in the name of community honour, and the virulent attacks on her reproductive rights, do indeed appear to share features in common with sex selective abortion, albeit on a stridently personal front. Women's reproductive rights studies have, from its inception, been committed to restore her dignity and existence as a basic condition for progression towards equality and emancipation. The adverse effects of the global status of women's and girls' sexual and reproductive health and rights are disturbing. The contemporary articulations of women's rights from ability to access

comprehensive sexuality education, control her own body, and access the health services she needs regardless of her sexuality, where she lives, her income level, or her ethnicity is a fundamental right are all important issues before this **Webinar on Reproductive Rights of Women in the Changing World: Expressing Autonomy of Choice**. It will provide a platform to discuss, document, debate, and develop collective thinking and strategizing on all these issues to face the challenges ahead. This deliberation brings to fore various new issues concomitant with the recent experiences. Unfortunately, women in the outer world undergo endless ordeals and humiliation to seek her right, choice as to when to become mother and how to become one. The enduring question of reproduction as right of women has evoked renewed interest with the increased pressure on state to identify the problems and seek its redressal. In this webinar, our focus is therefore on the nature of change in protection regime for safeguarding the reproductive rights of women in India.

- To encourage the discussion on ideas ideologically linked with an agenda for women's emancipation and reproduction. Discussing the divergent experiences and articulations of women of socially oppressed communities, women related studies and the movement in India
- To provide a special opportunity for collective learning about the reproductive issues related to women, and also for debating its place and relevance for women located within restructured correlations of caste domination and countercurrents of resistance that define the contemporary Indian context.
- To ensure upsurge of different forms of discrimination, and its immediate impact on women's reproductive rights, external as well as internal to their existence and location in the societal structures and regions.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES



- To bring to fore the issues of conflict that form an essential component of the Webinar, in order not only to debate and discuss, but also to develop theoretical research in tandem with women's strategies and movements for protection and upliftment of reproductive rights of women. It also includes people having the proper information they need when it comes to having children and having access to services which will allow them to have the best reproductive and sexual health possible.
- Reproductive rights also allow people to make these decisions without force, discrimination, and violence.
- To present the main findings of the Special Rapporteur's thematic reports on the right to effective remedies for children and women, including challenges and good practices related to its application in practice.



Key Highlights

- The two-day Webinar on “Reproductive Rights of Women in the Changing World: Expressing Autonomy of Choice” will be held on 29th-30th August, 2020 at HPNLU, Shimla.
- The Webinar shall commence at 10 am on 29th August, 2020 and shall conclude on 30th evening 4:00 pm.
- Registration link will be available on the University’s website few days before the event. All the participants/Presenters have to get them registered. Besides the selected presenters, registrations from the participants will be accepted and considered on a first-come-first-served basis.
- A detailed programme schedule will be sent to the presenters, participants and guests on August 26th, 2020.
- At the end of the Webinar, Certificates of Presentation / Participation shall be given to all presenters / participants. Certificates will not be issued in absentia.
- The Webinar will be divided across sessions, which may include parallel sessions, and will be based on sub-themes mentioned below.

Seminar Sub-Themes

- 1) Concerns and Challenges in the realization of the reproductive rights of women.
- 2) An effective remedy protection gaps, good practices and lessons learnt from the history in relation women reproductive rights protection regime.
- 3) The role of women in the development and consolidation of reproductive rights.
- 4) The Role of the Indian Constitution in augmenting laws and policies on women’s reproductive rights.
- 5) A gender perspective on emerging reproductive rights: Trends in the Context of women and Men.
- 6) Violence against Women: Understanding the role of risk management during pregnancy and different perspectives on women protection issues.
- 7) Understanding taboos in relation to reproduction and the related myths.
- 8) Understanding the purpose of reproductive rights & protection policy and related procedures.
- 9) Identifying the appropriate responses to a number of case studies on women protection issues and to recognise the advantages of having a child.
- 10) Freedom from taking forced contraception or being forcefully sterilized, having proper reproductive.
- 11) Rights of Women vis-a-vis- Children and woman’s right to birth control and other contraceptives,
- 12) The right to a legal and safe abortion.

Submission Guidelines for Full Paper

- 1) Abstract has to be submitted by August 22nd, 2020.
- 2) Notification of selected papers with abstract will be made on 24.08.2020.
- 3) Any other guidelines will be notified to the authors once their papers are selected for presentation.
- 4) Only those authors whose paper is selected for presentation will be notified on 27.08.2020. The decision of the Centre regarding selection of paper shall be final.
- 5) The papers selected and presented will be Published in the book by *Centre for Child & Woman Studies "A Journey for Empowerment"*
- 6) For details pertaining to formatting and footnoting please refer to the guideline given for the Journal of Centre for Child and Woman Studies- Adhikarin

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