

Fifth National Conference on Women's Studies 9-12 Feb. 1991
at Jadavpur University, Calcutta.

Subtheme: 1 The Demographic Context and Patterns of Relationship to
Religion Culture and Politics.

1. Abstracts of papers.
2. *Banerjee, Jayasree.* The selective disadvantage of being a female in rural society.
3. *Barua, Deepali.* Women, religion, culture and politics, the role of Assamese women in the freedom movement and post-independence politics.
4. *Bhansali, Kamalini.* Presidential Address - On the way to gender justice, a decade of trial and achievements.
5. *Nita Mawar, A. Verma, D.C.Jain, A. Karmahe and M. Kaushik.* The demographic context and patterns of women's relationship to religion, culture and politics
6. *Guha, Sabita and Maitra, Swati.* Accepting a girl child, a case study in urban West Bengal
7. *Guha, Supriya.* Defaming the dai, the medicalisations of child birth in colonial India.
8. Fifth general body meeting Feb. 1991/Reports from President, general secretary and the treasurer July 1989-Feb. 1991.
9. *Karkal, Malini.* The demographic Patterns of Women's Development
10. *Lingam, Lakshmi.* Migrant women, political affiliations and interests, some observations.
11. *Nair, Sumati.* Christian fundamentalism and the anti-abortion movement in the USA, consequences for women.
12. *Patel, Razia.* Stree dharma, sanskriti our rajaniti (Hindi).
13. *Pathak, Ila.* The gender dimension in migration from drought prone area in Gujarat
14. *Sinha, Ramgopal.* Jansankya aakadonka sampradanjik rajnitik shaktiyonka dwara upayog-durupayog.

15. *Sinha, Sunila*. Socio-economic and political development among women workers in tea plantations of Nilgiri district in Tamil Nadu.
16. *V. Vijayalakshmi*. Socio cultural practices and their impact on women.

Subtheme: 2 Family and Socialization.

17. *Acharya, Manjari*. Family life of working rural women.
18. *Agarwal, Kuntal*. Women's perception of women.
19. *S. Anandalakshmi*. Forwards conceptual clarity and methodological diversity.
20. *Banerjee Chakravorty, Swivani*. Carving a self, feminist consciousness, the family and socialisation process in Ashapura Devi's trilogy.
21. *Dash, Anita*. Health status of women in industries.
22. *Gosalia, Rekha*. Violence amongst spouses.

Subtheme: 3 Mass Media.

23. *Adarkar, Neera*. In search of women in the history of Marathi theatre 1843-1979.
24. *Chauhan, Kanwar*. Television advertisements and the commercialization of female sex.
25. *Pathak, Ila, Shah, Neela, Patel, Niranjana, Cutleriwala, Rashida and Lokhandwala, Sophia*. The demeaning images and the nauseating themes in feature film and the role of the state.
26. *Guha Thakurta, Tapati*. Real life goddess and mythic beauties, the making of the 'calendar art' stereotype in colonial India.
27. *Kar, Deepika*. The exploitation of women by the mass media.
28. *Maloni, Ruby*. Image imperfect, the projection of women by the television media.
29. *Mazumdar, Ranjani*. The dialectic of the public and the private, the representation of women in Bhoomika (the role) and Mirch Masala (spices).

30. *Niranjana, Tejaswini*. Present continuous, cinema, femininity and the economy of Consumption.
31. *Shukla, Sonal*. Cultivating minds, Gujarati women's journals during 19th Century.
32. *Wolf, Gita*. Women in popular Tamil magazines, construction of gender Identity.

Subtheme: 4 Religion, Culture and Politics: The Economic Context.

33. *Banerji, Madhusree*. Religion culture and politics the impact of women's rights and legal system.
34. *Choudhury, Namita*. Women's role in agriculture with special reference to North Bengal.
35. *Hussain, Farida*. Economic development in India and its impact on the weaker sections of women of minority communities with special reference to Muslim women.
36. *Patwa, Subhadra*. Women workers in diamond industry.
37. *Subramony, Dhanalakshmi*. Women in the informal labour marker, a case study of domestic servants in the Thiruvananthapuram city.
38. *V. Bhavani and V. Jyothi*. Women politicians and women entrepreneurs, why are they rare?-an analysis.
39. Women as borrowers from the commercial and rural banking for rural development in Malda district.

Subtheme: 5 State Policies and their Implications

40. *Baig, M.A.A.* The constitution of India vis-a vis women/M.A.A. Baig.
41. *Chatterjee, Maitreyi*. Reconstructing secularism.
42. A critical study of rape cases in Assam during the disturbances in the last decade.
43. *Das, B.N. and A.K. Choudhury*. State policy for women's welfare and development.

44. *Dasa, Urmimala*. Indian constitution and women, the reasons to live equal.
45. *Datar, Chhaya*. Reform? Or new form of patriarchy? Devadasis in border region Maharashtra and Karnataka.
46. *Flavia*. Sexist biases in rape judgement.
47. *K. Umadevi*. Personal laws, discrimination against the rights of women an abstract
48. *Kuba, S.K.* Principles of sex equality as laid down in the constitution of India and its implementation by state organs.
49. *Mehta, Bavna*. Family laws vis-a-vis women/Bavna Mehta.
50. *Paranjpe, Swatiya and Shah, Chaynika*. Reconstructing secularism
51. *Patel, Vibhuti*. Patriarchal prejudices of personal laws, a crucial challenge to women's liberation movement in India.
52. *Pathak, Ila*. State policy for the Sc and its aftermath in terms of developmental programme
53. *Patil, Ujwala*. Cultural under currents in the law on rape.
54. *Shah, Nandita and Gandhi, Nandita*. Reserved electoral seats for women.
55. *Premila, T*. Constitutional requirements for women's development, socio-political constraints in making priorities for women's development-an abstract.
56. *Pathak ,Ila, Pathak ,Ami,Parmar,Rama and Parmar,Lalita*. Victims of customary law, women of sweeper community in Gujarat

Subtheme: 6 Religion, Culture and Politics: The Impact of Women's Rights and the Legal System.

57. *Advocate Mridul*. Women between religion and law.
58. *Acharya, Sarvadaman*. Muslim law and women.
59. *Dube, Vandana*. Political patronage and religious revivalism, the Shah Bano case.
60. *Flavia*. Christian women, the struggle for legal reform.

61. *Jaisingh, Indira*. Religious trends in family law as reflected in legislative Policy.
62. *Khan, Muniza Rafiq*. Reaction to the Shah Bano case among the muslim women in eastern U.P., an empirical study.
63. *Saru, P.K*. Women under Islamic law.
64. *Patnaik, M.M*. The problem of dowry, domestic violence and legal literacy in India.
65. *Roy, Mary*. Women and law, striking down a succession act.
66. *Sakhare, Seema*. Exploitation of women in the name of religion due to lack of legal literacy, some case studies.
67. *Shamim, Ishrat*. Women's rights and legal strategies to empower women.

Subtheme: 7 The Role of Education in Religion, Culture and Gender Justice.

68. *Arunachalam, Jaya*. Changing role of Indian women
69. *Chaudhary, Pratima*. Higher education and gender justice, an analysis of views of college girls toward female children.
70. *Dietrich, Gabriele*. The relationship between women's movement and dalit movements, case studies and conceptual analysis.
71. *Gawankar, Rohini*. National movement and emergence of women's movement, a Note.
72. *Jandhyala, Kameshwari*. Teacher, text and gender issue.
73. *Khullar, Mala*. The role of education in religion, culture and politics and gender justice.
74. *Ushadevi, M.D.*. Research in women's education, a trend analysis.
75. *Majumdar, Reba*. Education as investment, law priority and small returns for Women.
76. *Ushadevi, M.D*. The role of education in religion culture and politics and gender justice.

Subtheme: 8 Political use of Religions/Cultural Idioms.

77. *Pandey, Divya.* Rise of religious fundamentalism in secular India, a case of Sati.

Subtheme: 9 Religious Organisations and Institutions, Fundamentalism and Reformism.

78. *Kapur, Ratna.* Feminism, fundamentalism and rights rhetoric, synopsis

79. *S. Muthulakshmi.* The impact of religion and society upon women