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*In collaboration with Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram*

7-10 September 2023

Government College for Women  
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

### Conference Schedule

Theme:  
Women's  
Studies and  
Women's  
Movements:  
Challenges and  
Resilience



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## 7th September 2023

PROGRAMME	TIMING	VENUE
<b>Breakfast</b>	09.00 am to 10.00 am	Food Court
<b>Welcome Song:</b> By Department of Music, Government College for Women	09.45 am to 10.00 am	Auditorium
<b>Inaugural Session:</b> Chair: <b>Dr. R. Bindu</b> , <i>Minister for Higher Education, Government of Kerala</i> Welcome & Introduction to the conference: <b>Ms. Mini Sukumar</b> , <i>General Secretary, IAWS</i> Inaugural Address: <b>Professor Gita Sen</b> , <i>Honorary Senior Advisor and Distinguished Professor, Public Health Foundation of India</i> Presidential Address: <b>Prof. Ishita Mukhopadhyay</b> , <i>President, IAWS</i> <b>Felicitation of Professor Leela Gulati</b> Vote of Thanks: <b>Dr. Anuradha.V.K</b> , <i>Principal, Government College for Women</i>	10.00 am to 11.20 am	
<b>Tea break</b>	11.20 am to 11.35 am	
<b>Madhuriben Shah Memorial Lecture:</b> <b><i>Intersections Vs Intersectionality: A model of Resilience</i></b> <b>Professor Sona Jharia Minz</b> , <i>Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</i> Chair: <b>Dr Syeda Hameed</b> , <i>former Member, Planning Commission of India</i>	11.35 am to 12.00 pm	



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<b>Release of Autobiography of K. Saradamoni</b>	12.00 pm to 12.15 pm	
<b>Plenary 1 - Conference Theme Plenary:</b>  Women's Studies and Women's Movements: Challenges and Resilience  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indu Agnihotri</b>, <i>Former Director, Centre for Women's Development Studies, Delhi</i></li> <li>• <b>Sadhna Arya</b>, <i>Former Faculty at Department of Political Science, University of Delhi</i></li> <li>• <b>Sindhu A.R.</b>, <i>General Secretary, Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU)</i></li> <li>• <b>Manisha Mashaal</b>, <i>Founder, Swabhimani Society, Haryana</i></li> <li>• <b>Rosemary Dzuvichu</b>, <i>Nagaland University, &amp; Naga Mothers Association, Kohima</i></li> <li>• <b>Navsharan Singh</b>, <i>Researcher and human rights activist, Delhi</i></li> <li>• Chair: <b>Lata Singh</b>, <i>Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</i></li> <li>• Coordinated by: <b>Vibhuti Patel</b>, <i>Vice President, IAWS</i></li> </ul>	12.15 pm to 01.30 pm	
<b>Lunch Break</b>	01.30 pm to 02.30 pm	Food Court
<b>Parallel Sub-theme Sessions:</b> Sub-themes 1 to 10	02.30 pm to 05.30 pm	Classrooms

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<b>Panels - in Parallel sessions</b> <b>Panel 1 – IWWAGE-IAWS panel on Strengthening the Voices of Care Workers in India.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dipa Sinha</b>, <i>Ambedkar University Delhi</i></li> <li>• <b>Bhanupriya Rao</b>, <i>Behan Box</i></li> <li>• <b>Sonia George</b>, <i>Self Employed Women's Association</i></li> <li>• <b>Kiran Moghe</b>, <i>All India Democratic Women's Association</i></li> <li>• <b>A.R Sindhu</b>, <i>All India Federation of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers</i></li> <li>• Chair: <b>Ritu Dewan</b>, <i>Visiting Professor, Institute for Human Development</i></li> <li>• Coordinator : Dr. Sona Mitra, IWWAGE</li> </ul>	03.30 pm to 05.00 pm	Seminar Hall E Block
<b>Panel 2 – Single Women on the Move</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parul Chaudhary</b>, <i>Independent Scholar, Hyderabad</i></li> <li>• <b>Rukmini Sen</b>, <i>BR Ambedkar University, New Delhi</i></li> <li>• <b>K.S. Saleekha</b>, <i>All India Democratic Women's Association</i></li> <li>• Chair: <b>Dr. Ketaki Chowkhani</b>, <i>Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal</i></li> </ul>	03.30 pm to 05.00 pm	Assembly Hall
<b>Tea</b>	04.30 pm to 05.30 pm	Food Court
<b>Archetype's &amp; Alterbodies:</b> <b>An Interactive session by Artist Sajitha R Sankar</b>	05.00 pm to 06.00 pm	Assembly Hall
<b>Music Performance by Pushpavathy P R</b>	06.00 pm to 07.30 pm	Auditorium
<b>Dinner</b>	07.30 pm to 08.30 pm	Food Court

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## 8th September 2023

Breakfast	09.00 am to 10.00 am	Food Court
<b>Plenary:2-Asia Plenary (hybrid mode)</b>  <b><i>Women's Movements for Peace and Democracy in Asia</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Irene M. Santiago</b>, <i>Lead Convenor</i> <i>#WomenSeriously, Philippines</i></li> <li>• <b>Professor Amena Mohsin</b>, <i>Professor</i>, <i>Department of International Relations.</i> <i>University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Mira Mishra</b>, <i>Reader</i>, <i>Tribhuvan University Kathmandu, Nepal</i></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Niluka Gunawardena</b>, <i>Visiting Lecturer</i>, <i>University of Kelaniya Colombo, Sri Lanka</i></li> <li>• <b>Prof. Krishna Menon</b>, <i>Gender Studies</i>, <i>School of Human Studies, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar</i> <i>University, Delhi</i></li> <li>• Chair: <b>Swarna Rajagopalan</b>, <i>Honorary Director</i>, <i>Prajnya Initiatives for Peace, Justice and Security</i></li> <li>• Coordinated by: <b>Asha Hans</b>, <i>Executive Committee Member, IAWS</i></li> </ul>	10.00 am to 11.30 am	Auditorium
Tea break	11.30 am to 11.45 am	Food Court



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- Plenary -3**  
**Towards Equality Report after 50 Years**
- **Malini Bhattacharya**, *Former Director, School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata*
  - **Indira Jaising**, *Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India*
  - **Kalpana Kannabiran**, *Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development, Telangana*
  - **Neetha N**, *Centre for Women's Development Studies*
  - **Renu Khanna**, *Trustee and Co-Founder, SAHAJ, Gujarat*
  - **Pam Rajput**, *Professor Emeritus, Panjab University, Chandigarh*
  - **Kalpana Karunakaran**, *Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, Chennai*
  - Chair: **Dr. Kumud Sharma**, *Former Chairperson, CWDS, New Delhi*
  - Coordinated by: **Suba S**, *Treasurer, IAWS*

11.45 am to 01.30 pm

Auditorium

**Lunch Break**

01.30 pm to 02.30 pm

Food Court

**Parallel Sub-themes:** Sub-themes 1 to 10

02.30 pm to 05.30 pm

Classrooms

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## Panel 3 - Panel: Jharkhand: Land, Labour and Violence in Intersection with Gender

- **Dr. Ekata Bakshi**, *Researcher, Development Practitioner, Ranchi, Jharkhand*
- **Shambhavi Vikram**, *Ph.D. Scholar at J.N.U, New Delhi.*
- **Debjani Roy**, *P G Department of Geography, Nirmala College, Ranchi University*
- **Dr. Sunita Purty**, *Independent Researcher, Jharkhand*
- **Nayan Kumar Soren**, *Assistant Professor of Economics, Giridih College, Giridih (Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag)*
- Discussants: **Indrani Mazumdar**, *Former General Secretary, IAWS*
- **Dr. Anant Kumar**, *Associate Professor and Head of programme - Rural Management, Xavier's Institute of Social Services, Ranchi.*
- Chair: **Ranjana Srivastava**, *Department of Economics and In-charge, Women's Studies Centre, Ranchi University.*
- Coordinated by: **Nirmala Putul**, *Executive Committee member, IAWS & Mamta Kumari, Coordinator, IAWS Jharkhand Project*

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Seminar Hall  
E Block





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## Panel 4 - Round table in Women's studies: Curriculum and Pedagogy

- **Prof. K Suneetha Rani**, *Centre for Women's studies  
University of Hyderabad*
- **Dr. Asha Achuthan**, *Advanced Centre for  
Women's Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences,  
Mumbai*
- **Dr. Maya John**, *Department of History,  
Jesus and Mary College, Delhi*
- **Dr. Poonam Kakoti borah**, *Department of  
Women's Studies, Gauhati University*
- **Sayali Shankar**, *Researcher,  
Department of women and Gender Studies,  
Savitribai Phule Pune University*
- Coordinated by:  
**Wandana Sonalkar & Anagha Tambe**,  
Executive Committee members, IAWS

03.30 pm to 05.00 pm

Assembly Hall

**Tea**

04.30 pm to 05.30 pm

Food Court

**Folksong Performance** by Shilaja P Ambu and Team  
from Government College for Women

05.30 pm to 06.15 pm

Auditorium

**Queer Performance** by Sanjana Chandran and Team

06.15 pm to 06.30 pm

**March for Peace in Manipur - Candlelight vigil**

06.30 pm to 07.30 pm

**Dinner**

07.30 pm to 08.30 pm

Food Court



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## 9th September 2023

Break fast	09.00 am to 10.00 am	Food Court
<b>Plenary 4 – Host State Plenary:</b> <b>New Movements in Kerala: Challenges and Resilience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair:</li> <li>• <b>P.K. Sreemathy</b>, AIDWA</li> <li>• <b>K. Ajitha</b>, Anweshi, Kozhikode</li> <li>• <b>Rekha Raj</b>, Dalit Activist &amp; Writer</li> <li>• <b>P. Viji</b>, Penkoottu, Kozhikode</li> <li>• <b>Chitra Nilambur</b>, President, Adivasi Aikya Vedi</li> <li>• <b>Mercy Alexander</b>, Sakhi, Trivandrum</li> <li>• <b>Nalini Jameela</b>, Activist and Writer</li> <li>• <b>Sheethal Shyam</b>, Transgender Activist</li> <li>• <b>Deedi Damodaran</b>, Women in Cinema Collective</li> <li>• <b>Sulfath</b>, Forum For Muslim Women's Gender Justice</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Sarada</b>, Praptha</li> <li>• Coordinated by: <b>Dr. C.S. Chandrika</b>, Writer</li> </ul>	10.00 am to 11.30 am	Auditorium
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## Plenary 5: Gender and Education in India: Disparities and Inclusion

- Chair: **Prof. Kumkum Roy**, *Former Faculty, CHS, JNU, Delhi*
- **Prof. Mary E John**, *Former Director, CWDS, Delhi*
- **Prof. Anita Rampal**, *Former Faculty, Department of Education, University of Delhi*
- **Ms. Shampa Sengupta**, *Joint Secretary, National Platform for Rights of the Disabled*
- **Mr. P B Prince Gajendra Babu**, *General Secretary, State Platform for Common School System, Tamil Nadu.*
- **Ms. Amita Kumari**, *Faculty, Department of History, Sido Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka.*
- Coordinated by: **Anagha Tambe & Shadab Bano**, *Executive Committee Members, IAWS*

12.00 pm to 01.30 pm

Auditorium

## Lunch Break

01.30 pm to 02.30 pm

Food Court

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## Panel 5-Tenth ISLE - IAWS - Special Panel: Understanding Women's Labour force participation in India

- **Vinoj Abraham**, *Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum*
- **P.C. Mohanan**, *Chairperson, Kerala State Statistical Commission*
- **Elina Samantroy**, *Co-ordinator, Centre for Gender and Labour, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute*
- **N. Neetha**, *Professor, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi*
- Discussant: **Rajni Palriwala**, *Former Professor of Sociology, University of Delhi*
- Chair: **Ravi Srivastava**, *Institute of Human Development*
- Moderator: **Ritu Dewan**, *Visiting Professor, Institute for Human Development*

03.00 pm to 05.00 pm

Assembly Hall

## Panel 6 - Women and Regional Diversity in India: Women in Kashmir, Mid-Eastern India and North-East India

- Coordinator: **N. Manimekalai**

02:30 pm to 05.00 pm

Seminar Hall  
E Block

## Tea

04.30 pm to 05.30 pm

Food Court

## IAWS General Body Meeting

05.00 pm to 06.30 pm

Auditorium

## General Secretary's report

## Beyond the Shadows:

Theatre Performance by Nireeksha Women's Theatre

06.45 pm to 07.30 pm

Auditorium

## Dinner

07.30 pm to 08.30 pm

Food Court



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## 10th September 2023

<b>Breakfast</b>	09.00 am to 10.00 am	Food Court
<b>Roundup of Conference Discussions</b> Sub-theme Reports: Sub-theme coordinators <b>Conference Feedback</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chair: <b>Vibhuti Patel</b>, <i>Vice President, IAWS</i></li><li>Co-chair: <b>Shadab Bano</b>, Joint Secretary, IAWS</li></ul>	09.45 am to 11.30 am	Auditorium
<b>Tea break</b>	11.30 am to 12.00 pm	Food Court
<b>Valedictory Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chair: Professor <b>V.K. Ramachandran</b>, Vice Chairperson, Kerala State Planning Board</li><li>Valedictory Address: <b>Mallika Sarabhai</b>, Artist, Activists &amp; Justice Seeker</li><li>Vote of thanks: <b>Suba S</b>, Treasurer, IAWS</li></ul>	12.00 pm to 01.30 pm	Auditorium
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