

**Report of**  
**One Day Online National Webinar**  
**On**

**Women's Rights as Human  
Rights: Vulnerability & Gender  
Justice amid Covid Crisis**



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Our sincere and heartfelt gratitude are also due to our distinguished, decorated and learned speakers namely Mrs. Soso Shaiza, Member, National Commission for Women, Ms. Seema Samridhi Kushwanha, Legal Advisor of Nirbhaya Jyoti Trust, Prof. Vandana Upadhyay, Head, Department of Economics, RGU, and Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing, Department of Education for their willingness, consent and most importantly thought-provoking, informative and insightful sessions on women's issues, vulnerabilities, rights and on referral services during the National Webinar. Without their willingness the webinar could not have achieved in fulfilling the objectives.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the participants including students, research scholars, academicians, social scientists, social workers, Govt. and NGO functionaries as well as grassroots level workers who have enriched the programme through their lively and active participations and this is to put on record that we

value the association of each and every participant as a key stakeholder in realizing the aim of the programme.

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**Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh**  
**HoD In-charge, Social Work**

# **Part 1: Preface**

## **1.1. About the Host Institution**

### **The University**

Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University) is the premier institution for higher education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh located at the picturesque tabloid of Rono Hills approximately 25 km away from the state capital Itanagar. Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, laid the foundation stone of the University on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1984 at Rono Hills. Ever since its inception, the University has been trying to achieve excellence and fulfill the objectives as envisaged in the University Act. The University was recognized as a Central University in the year 2007 established under the Act of Parliament. Being the only Central University of the State at present there are Twenty-Six (26) Departments and Two (02) Institutes functioning under Nine (09) Academic Faculties. The Faculty members have been actively engaged in research activities. The University has been maintaining its academic excellence. The students from the University are contributing at significant positions not only in State and Central Government Services, but also in various Institutions, Industries and Organizations.

### **About the Organizing Departments**

#### **Department of Social Work**

The Department of Social Work (DSW) at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) was established in 2015 with the vision of providing quality Social Work Education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. DSW at RGU is the first full-fledged Department of Social Work offering face-to-face Master of Arts in Social Work (MASW) Program in the state with a total of four regular faculty members and sixteen students in the first batch. Department offers a Certificate Programme in Environmental Sanitation. The Doctoral Program in Social Work (PhDSW) was introduced with July 2018 to focus on strengthening the research component in the region with an emphasis on 'evidence-based practice and practice-based evidence'. Class room lectures and social work practicum form the main crux of the Program. The students/trainees are also exposed to carefully crafted skill building and personality development programs and are provided with opportunities to participate in workshops, seminars and lectures from external experts on regular basis. The department with a commitment towards 'evidence based practice and practice based evidence' is dedicated in grooming and equipping students to reach their full

potential and acquire the knowledge, skills, values and techniques essential to become professional social workers who not only acquire personal and professional competency and growth, but also contribute to the betterment of the society and country at large.

### **Department of Psychology**

The Department was set up to develop an awareness of the importance of studying human behaviour and the societal relevance of psychology. The Department offers M.A. Psychology which is of four semesters and the curriculum is so designed as to provide strong theoretical, methodological and contemporary knowledge of various areas of Psychology to the students. The purpose is to equip the students with knowledge, skills and values to become effective and competent professional psychologists. During the course, the students are taken for field visit at mental health centres and counselling cells besides interactive classroom teaching and laboratory training. Time to time extended lectures from experts in relevant field is also conducted. This academic training enables the students to work in a broad range of settings such as medical, organization, counselling centres, NGOs, researchers and academicians.

## **1.2. About the Sponsoring Agency**

There was no external funding for the programme. The programme was sponsored by the host institute i.e. Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh.

## **1.3. Background**

In 1993, the World Conference on Human Rights was held in Vienna. It sought to review the status of the human rights machinery in place at the time. Women's rights activists mobilized to ensure that women's human rights were fully on the agenda of the international community under the rallying cry "Women's Rights are Human Rights." Particularly around the issue of violence against women, civil society activists organized tribunals to put the spotlight on violations of women's rights, previously unaddressed because they were considered part of the private sphere, taboo or simply accepted as an inevitable part of women's lives. The Conference was successful in adopting the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, which stated that "***the human rights of women and of the girl-child are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights***" (para. 18) and placed particularly heavy emphasis on eliminating all forms of gender-based violence. Importantly, the

Programme of Action also called for “the eradication of any conflicts which may arise between the rights of women and the harmful effects of certain traditional or customary practices, cultural prejudices and religious extremism” (para. 38).

With the advent of 2020, people are sheltering at home from the global contagion of Covid-19. Though it's a protective measure, but it brings with it another danger for world's half population: Violence against women delimiting their Human Rights. And such violence mostly starts in the place i.e., at home where they are supposed to feel the safest. Even before the pandemic, domestic violence was already existing as one of the greatest human rights violations. During the lockdown institutional as well as individual studies highlight that there is a surge in domestic violence (Chandra, 2020). The National Commission for Women (NCW) registered an increase of at least 2.5 times in domestic violence complaints since the lockdown. Between March 25 and May 31, the NCW received 1,477 complaints of domestic violence of which 727 complaints were received via whatsapp helpline. National Commission for Women Chief Rekha Sharma also put forth in an official statement that the lockdown has resulted in fresh challenges for women as they are unable to reach the police even if they want to and even if they did, they fear of the consequences when the culprit is released from detention after a couple of days.

The unending pandemic also indicates the increase in distress calls (92,000 calls) to CHILDLINE in one-month post lockdown. Also, child pornography has been the highest internet search post lockdown. And with the lockdown continuing, poor women without any source of income and being unpaid care givers are likely to fall prey to traffickers highlighting the vulnerability of the women. The pandemic thus has a multiple impact on women's well-being, their sexual and reproductive health, their mental health, and their ability to participate and lead in the recovery of our societies and economy. Emphasizing all these issues, the one-day online webinar aims to highlight the status of women's rights in the period and their vulnerability due to the pandemic. For addressing such issues, the present webinar aims to safeguard women's rights as inalienable and universal as human rights by acknowledging the constitutional safeguards and provisions; also contributing its bit towards the greater cause of gender justice in our society.

## **1.4. Objectives**

The webinar intended to sensitize the different stakeholders of the society. The precise objectives of the webinar were:

1. To understand women's rights as human rights;
2. To highlight the dimensions of gender justice and vulnerability of women amid covid crisis; and
3. To spread awareness on constitutional and legal safeguards in the wake of crimes against women.

## 1.5. Expected Programme Outcomes

The expected learning outcomes of the current webinar were:

1. Inculcating knowledge on different dimensions of gender justice and vulnerability by understanding women's rights as human rights; and
2. Building capacity on constitutional and legal safeguards in the wake of crimes against women amid covid crisis.

## 1.6. Theme and Sub-themes

The overarching theme of the One Day Online National Webinar being 'Women's Rights as Human Rights: Vulnerability & Gender Justice amid Covid Crisis', it observed four technical sessions by four eminent speakers. The First Session on **Contextualizing Women's Rights as Human Rights** was taken up by **Prof. Vandana Upadhyay**, Head, Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, India. Second Session on **Justice for Women amid Covid-19** was deliberated on aptly by **Mrs. Soso Shaiza**, Member, National Commission for Women, New Delhi, India, The third session on **Gender Justice and Vulnerability of Women** was taken by **Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing**, Professor in Education & Director, Women Studies and Research Centre, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, India. The last session on **Women's Contribution and their Legal Rights** was deliberated by **Seema Samridhi Kushwaha**, Advocate and Legal Adviser of Nirbhaya Jyoti Trust.

## 1.7. Resource Persons

The day long national webinar attempted to sensitize the different stakeholders of the society. Carefully crafted sub-themes aimed to cover different dimensions of the women issues with special reference to their rights. The event was graced by the four following eminent speakers:



**RESOURCE PERSONS**

**MS. SEEMA SAMRIDHI KUSHWAHA**  
Advocate &  
Legal Advisor of Nirbhaya Jyoti Trust

**SOSO SHAIZA**  
Member  
National Commission for Women

**PROF. VANDANA UPADHYAY**  
Professor  
Department of Economics  
Rajiv Gandhi University

**PROF. ELIZABETH HANGSING**  
Professor  
Department of Education  
Rajiv Gandhi University

## 1.8. Programme Beneficiaries

The intended target audience included every person who is directly or indirectly concerned about women and their rights. The online symposium aimed to directly benefit students, research scholars, academicians, social scientists, social workers, Govt. and NGO functionaries as well as grassroots level workers.

## 1.9. Modus Operandi

There was **no registration fee** for the participants. **Live web sessions** were conducted through **Google Meet Platform** on September 3, 2020. Number of seats were kept limited to ensure participatory deliberations and engaging live interactions with interested participants.

# **Part 2: Session-Wise** **Deliberations**

## 2.1. Inaugural Session

Chairing the inaugural session, Honorable VC Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Rajiv Gandhi University, pointed out that in the downfall of economy and raising challenges due to COVID-19, the ultimate challenges are faced by the women section. He emphasized on the role of family members and grooming of a child from the root to eradicate gender discrimination, violence against the vulnerable section and creating better society as a whole. Pro-VC Prof. Amitava Mitra, Rajiv Gandhi University, highlighted the relevance of Gender and Women Issues in the present scenario. He emphasized that gender equality has long way to be established. He expressed the appreciations to Department of Social Work and Psychology for taking up such issue.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, Convenor of the National Webinar and HoD (In-charge) Social work, RGU. He welcomed the dignitaries and expressed his warm, solicited greetings to the participants for fruitful deliberation and interaction on the topic. Ms. Chaphiak Lowang, Coordinator of the program highlighted on the importance of the webinar and reported on the increasing number of reported cases on domestic violence against women since the lockdown according to National Commission for Women (NCW). Dr. Kakali Goswami, HoD (In-charge) Psychology, proposed vote of thanks expressing her sincere gratitude towards Vice Chancellor of RGU Prof. Saket Kushwaha and Pro-VC Prof. Amitava Mitra for their continuous guidance, support and motivation. She expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the esteemed dignitaries for their active collaboration and support. She also lauded the organizing committee as well as participants in making the program successful.

## 2.2. Technical Sessions

The first technical session was delivered by Prof. Vandana Upadhyay, HoD, Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh on the topic "Contextualizing Women's Rights as Human Rights". Providing a brief backdrop of the evolution of Human Rights Prof. Vandana highlighted that the year 1993 stands out in the history of the Women's Rights movement. It was in this year that the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights held at Vienna adopted the Vienna Declaration and programme of Action (VDPA). For the first time, it was universally accepted that without the integration of Women's rights and gender perspective into the human rights norms and practice, the discourse on human rights would be incomplete. Despite the tall claims of the human rights in VDPA, the truth

remains that women and girls around the world continue to face the multiple forms of discrimination and oppression every day. The consequences of this discrimination can be fatal and include like gender related killing in the form of female infanticide and hence declining sex ratio. The female body and female sexuality still remain a battleground for control. The culture and religion are still allowed to deny women the right to freedom from torture, ill treatment and health such as dowry deaths, honour killing, forced marriages, child marriages, collective rape, to name a few. The resource person also highlighted the female dependency of women on man. Such vulnerability of women is also indicated by the fact the household work of women are all unpaid labour and it is not calculated as part of the Gross National product of a nation. And even if paid work, women work longer hours for lower pay. Hence female depends to other areas as well psychological, social and cultural. Gender discrimination is also been observed during the Covid-19 pandemic. The vulnerabilities of women in the home, on the front lines of health care and in the labour market have increased manifold. The alarming increase of domestic violence, sexual and gender based violence has also been highlighted. Prof Vandana also opined that status of women in Arunachal Pradesh is comparatively better than rest of India; however, it is still far from equality. As per studies it is highlighted that there exist in an inequality with regard to life expectancy, literacy, work participation rate, share in operated area, share in state assembly. In all these area women are not equal to man. In 2011, 76.60 % of female workers were working as cultivators and 4.49 % as agricultural labourers. Only 18.91 percent were engaged in non-agricultural activities. The crime against women in the state since 2000 to 2015 also highlighted the prevalence of crime and its gradual increase with year. It indicates 23.47 percent of rape, 29.34 percent of kidnapping, 12.22 percent of cruelty by husband and relatives, 33.89 percent of molestation, and 1.44 percent of sexual harassment in the state. To achieve greater gender equality, it calls for mainstreaming gender concerns in policy making, implementation and monitoring, create state civil society coordination at different levels, affirmative action in specific spheres and decentralized decision making.

The second technical session was delivered by Mrs. Soso Shaiza, Member, National Commission for Women, New Delhi, on the topic "Justice for Women amid Covid-19" highlighting on gender justice and vulnerability of women. Mrs. Soso emphasized on need for conscious efforts to mobilize women for their empowerment, building self-respect and need for research and innovation in the field. She shared that during COVID 19 period domestic violence and cyber crimes have been on an all time rise. She called upon the participants to refer to NCW website for North-East dedicated cell.

The third technical session was delivered by Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing, Professor in Education and Director of women Studies and Research Centre, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, on the topic “Gender Justice and Vulnerability of Women”. The session started with a definition of Gender that it is not just an attribute of individual identity or a type of performance but a collection of institutions: a set of rules, norms and practices, widely held and somewhat predictable- though not uncontested- that constructs what it means to be or to belong to a particular sex group. It also highlighted that the Constitution of India not only provide gender equality for both men n adwomen, under articles 14, 15 (1) and 16, but also empowers the state to adopt measures of positive discrimination or protective discrimination in favour of women, as per Article 15 (3) for neutralizing the cumulative socio-economic, education and political disadvantages faced by women and to render gender justice. The causes of violence against women were also highlighted: Individual reasons, political goals in conflict settings, societal factors, hierarchies such as gender stereotyping leading to discrimination and violence. To eradicate such discrimination specific changes to particular socio-cultural contexts and gender norms are necessary. It can be economic change, education, exposure to new ideas, social mobilization and campaigning by feminists could also play a critical role, legal change, demographic change etc. Gender sensitive parenting with an exclusive emphasis on positive socialization, discriminatory practices of property inheritance, discriminatory practices at work places and need for mind-set development for an equitable society were the highlights of her session. As moving forward, the resource person highlighted a family-friendly policy agenda to bridge in gender gap:

1. Put in place family laws based on diversity, equality and non-discrimination
2. Ensure high quality, accessible public services to support families and gender equality
3. Guarantee women’s access to adequate independent income
4. Support families to care by providing, time, money and services
5. Prevent and respond to violence against women in families
6. Implement policies and regulations that support migrant families and women’s rights
7. Invest in gender-sensitive data on families and households
8. Ensure resources are in place for family-friendly policies

The last technical session of the webinar was delivered by Seema Samridhi Kushwaha, Advocate and legal advice of Nirbhaya Jyoti Trust, on the topic “Women’s Contribution and their Legal Rights”. The Nirbhaya fame lawyer called for systemic reforms in terms of Judiciary, Police, Administration and Society citing her experiences of legal fight for Nirbhaya. The resource person said that Supreme Court guidelines emphasize to acknowledge the contribution of women in household chores and housewife’s contribution in the family. She also acknowledges that our country is still chained with cultural norms

and gender roles. She also highlighted that opportunity for women are not equal in part to man. She stated that in the UPSC Examination coaching centre, the majority of the students are male preparing for the exam. But the last 5 to 10 years of UPSC result showed that the toppers were mostly women. Hence, even with less opportunity women are able to achieve. Likewise, the results of CBSE and ICSE Examination, the toppers were mostly female students. Hence, we need to break the chain of patriarchal system and encourage women education. She also highlighted the need to change the mindset of the masses. she elucidate this with an example on how one of the convict of the Nirbhaya case had the perception on a girl ought to be. In an interview prior to his death sentence, it was shocking to know the mindset he had for a girl which was knowingly or unknowingly conditioned by the family and society he lived in. The convict said that female has no right to remain out of her home. She ought o take care of the house. If she is found roaming I untimed hour it is not right. So, mostly it is the girl's false to being raped at that hour. The resource person sought us to reflect that with such mindset prevalent in our country, how we can protect women. She critically analyzed that if a woman is in the fear of her safety how will she grow and work for her development preventing her from real empowerment. She also emphasized that the judicial system also needed to be strengthen in implementation. She states the scenario of poor conviction in the country due to which majority of the convicts are not in fear and the crime against women continues. She emphasized on various committees' report and also on Domestic Violence Act, and how a woman can benefit from it. She concluded that irrespective of class or education in the society women are still very vulnerable as our system is not able to instill trust among victims and fear among perpetrators. She calls for a pure change in the system such as judicial, police and societal reform. Implementation of the existing law could instill fear among the perpetrators and convicts and hence a crime against women could be minimized. And for the victim's the awareness on how to protect their proof against the convicts and how to procure help and from where is to be educated.

### **2.3. Outcome of the Webinar**

The following outcome had been evaluated from the Webinar:

1. The participants were acknowledged on the concept of Gender, Women, gender stereotyping, gender Discrimination, Human Rights and Women's Rights.
2. The vulnerability of women in the world, country and the state, Arunachal Pradesh were highlighted.
3. The causes of these vulnerabilities were acknowledged to the participants.

4. The remedial measures and interventional to the women issues were informed and encouraged to sought help when needed.
5. The participants were acknowledged on women's rights as human rights.
6. Women empowerment could be achieved with the involvement of women in all spheres of life as given to men.

# **Part 3: Annexure**

### 3.1.: Annexure - Programme Schedule

#### PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10.30 am to 10.35 am	Welcome Address	Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh <b>Head i/c, Department of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University</b>
10.35 am to 10.40 am	About the Programme	<b>Ms. Chaphiak Lowang</b> Assistant Professor , Department of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University
10.40 am to 10.50 am	Address by the Pro VC	<b>Prof. Amitava Mitra</b> Pro Vice-Chancellor Rajiv Gandhi University
10.50 am to 11.00 am	Address by the Chair	<b>Prof. Saket Kushwaha</b> Vice Chancellor Rajiv Gandhi University
11.00 am to 11.05 am	Vote of Thanks	<b>Dr. Kakali Goswami</b> Head i/c, Department of Psychology Rajiv Gandhi University
<b>Technical Sessions</b>		
<b>Session 1:</b> 11.05 am to 11.30 am	<b>Contextualizing Women's Rights as Human Rights</b>	<b>Prof. Vandana Upadhyay</b> Head, Department of Economics Rajiv Gandhi University Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, India
<b>Session 2:</b> 11.30 am to 12.30 pm	<b>Justice for Women amid Covid-19</b>	<b>Mrs. Soso Shaiza</b> Member National Commission for Women New Delhi, India
<b>Session 3:</b> 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm	<b>Gender Justice and Vulnerability of Women</b>	<b>Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing</b> Professor in Education & Director, Women Studies and Research Centre Rajiv Gandhi University Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, India
<b>Session 4:</b> 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	<b>Women 's Contribution and their Legal Rights</b>	<b>Seema Samridhi Kushwaha</b> Advocate and Legal Adviser of Nirbhaya Jyoti Trust

### 3.2.: Annexure - List of Registered Participants

REGISTRATION NO.	NAME OF THE PARTICIPANT	GENDER	QUALIFICATION	CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS
1	ADITI SUBBA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
2	ALEM SUMNYAN	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
3	APONG BOHAM	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
4	AQUIB FARHAD	MALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
5	BABY DUTTA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	GOVERNMENT SECTOR
6	BAMIN YALUNG	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
7	BHABESH SARMAH	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
8	BHASWATI BURAGOHAIN	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
9	BISHNUPRIYA BORAH	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
10	CHANYAK LOWANG	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
11	CHARMAK BAGANG	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
12	DEBORAH LHINGNEITHIEM	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	INTERN
13	DEEPAK HAZARIKA	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	GOVERNMENT SECTOR
14	DHANASHREE DEKA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
15	DODUM NATUNG	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
16	DR. NABANITA CHAKRABARTY	FEMALE	PHD	ACADEMICIAN
17	DR. RAVI RANJAN KUMAR	MALE	PHD	ACADEMICIAN
18	DR. SANJULA THANVI	FEMALE	PHD	ACADEMICIAN
19	DR.KALPANA HAZARIKA	FEMALE	PHD	NON-GOVERNMENT SECTOR
20	DUGI UMA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
21	FRANCIS HASDAK	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	ACADEMICIAN
22	GEETA DUTTA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	GOVERNMENT SECTOR
23	GEZIA TAMUK	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	ACADEMICIAN
24	GICHIK TAMA THOMAS	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
25	GITARTHA PRATIM KUSRE	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
26	GITIKA TALUKDAR	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	PH.D RESEARCH SCHOLAR
27	HABUNG ANTUNG	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
28	HAGE ANKHA	FEMALE	MPHIL	STUDENT
29	HAGE VIJAY	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
30	HIMANGSHU LAGACHU	MALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
31	INKEY TAYENG	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	ACADEMICIAN
32	JOHN GAINGAMLUNG GANGMEI	MALE	MPHIL	ACADEMICIAN
33	JOMBI BAGRA	FEMALE	MPHIL	GOVERNMENT SECTOR
34	JOMYIR BAGRA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	ACADEMICIAN
35	JURI DEKA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	TEACHER COUNSELLOR
36	JYOTI TAMUK	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
37	KABITA BURAGOHAIN	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
38	KALING PARON	MALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
39	KASIMANG JAMOH	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT

REGISTRATION NO.	NAME OF THE PARTICIPANT	GENDER	QUALIFICATION	CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS
40	KEKHRIESINUO METHA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	UNEMPLOYED
41	KHOLIE YAJEK	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
42	KHUMUKCHAM SUCHITRA DEVI	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	GOVERNMENT SECTOR
43	KIRI TASO	MALE	MPHIL	GOVERNMENT SECTOR
44	KOJ SUNKU	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
45	LALNGAIHAWMI	FEMALE	PHD	STUDENT
46	LALTLANKIMI	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
47	LANDI PUSSANG MONIA	FEMALE	PHD	STUDENT
48	LEAMKAI WANGPAN	MALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
49	LEEYIR ETE	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	ACADEMICIAN
50	LIPIKA CHETIA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
51	LOOSI NALO	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
52	MAINEE PATHAK	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	ACADEMICIAN
53	MANNGAM WANGPAN	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
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56	MONI GEYI	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
57	MOPI ADO	FEMALE	PHD	STUDENT
58	BHOLA NATH DOLEY	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	SUBJECT TEACHER ( SELF - EMPLOYED))
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62	NABAM ANU	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
63	NARANG RICHIO	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
64	NAYANA MAZUMDER	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
65	NGAIRANGBAM ZEVINA CHANU	FEMALE	PHD	STUDENT
66	NGAMNYA LOWANG	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
67	NGURANG YAMI	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
68	ONGJONG CHAMCHANG	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
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73	PRIYANKA CHANGKAKOTY	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
74	PUKHRAMBAM SULOCHANA DEVI	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
75	QUEENIE KHARBBHALANG	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
76	RIGIO BABY	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
77	RIMKI BHAGAWATI	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	GOVERNMENT SECTOR
78	RITUPORNA DUTTA	FEMALE	MPHIL	PHD RESEARCH SCHOLAR
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80	RUMPU NGURI	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	ACADEMICIAN
81	SHAMURAILATPAM BERINA DEVI	FEMALE	MPHIL	ACADEMICIAN

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83	SOSAR YASUM	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
84	SOUMANA DATTA	FEMALE	PHD	ACADEMICIAN
85	SRI PABITRA DIHINGIA	MALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
86	SUBHENDU MANNA	MALE	MPHIL	ACADEMICIAN
87	SUMI DEKA	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	CONTRACTUAL
88	SUSHMITA DOLEY	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
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91	TANA NASO	FEMALE	PHD	UNEMPLOYED
92	TANUNG ZIRDO	MALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
93	TENZIN CHIMEY	FEMALE	MPHIL	SCHOLAR
94	TERANG DADA	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
95	TOKMEM PARON	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
96	TORAM TAYENG	MALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	STUDENT
97	TRISHARANI TALUKDAR	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
98	TUYIR RIBA	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
99	UDITA DAS	FEMALE	MASTER'S DEGREE	COUNSELLOR
100	VENULU NIENU	FEMALE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	STUDENT
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### 3.3.: Annexure - Media Coverage

<https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2020/09/04/natl-webinar-on-womens-rights-organized/>

The Arunachal Times



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## Nat'l webinar on women's rights organized

September 4, 2020

**RONO HILLS, Sep 3:** A national webinar on 'Women's right as human rights: Vulnerability and gender justice amid Covid crisis' was organized by Rajiv Gandhi University's (RGU) social work department in collaboration with the psychology department here on Thursday.

Chairing the inaugural session, RGU VC Prof Saket Kushwaha pointed out that "the ultimate challenges are faced by the women section in the downfall of economy and rising challenges due to Covid-19."

He emphasized on the role of family members in eradicating gender discrimination and violence against the vulnerable section in order to create a better society.

Pro-VC Prof Amitava Mitra highlighted "the relevance of gender and women issues in the present scenario."

RGU's Social Work HoD Dr Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, programme coordinator Chaphiak Lowang and Psychology HoD in-charge also spoke.

Altogether four technical sessions were conducted during the webinar. RGU's Economics HoD Prof Vandana Upadhyay spoke on 'Contextualizing women's rights as human rights', National Commission for Women member Soso Shaiza spoke on 'Justice for women amid Covid-19', RGU's Women Studies and Research Centre Director Prof Elizabeth Hangsing spoke on 'Gender justice and vulnerability of women' and the Nirbhaya Jyoti Trust's legal advisor Seema Samridhi Kushwaha spoke on 'Women's contribution and their legal rights'.

One hundred participants from across the country attended the webinar.



Itanagar: One day national webinar on the topic “Women’s Right as Human Rights: Vulnerability and Gender Justice amid COVID Crisis” was successfully organized by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with Department of Psychology, Rajiv Gandhi University ( RGHU ), today.

Chairing the inaugural session, Honorable VC Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Rajiv Gandhi University, pointed out that in the downfall of economy and raising challenges due to COVID-19, the ultimate challenges are faced by the women section. He emphasized on the role of family members and grooming of a child from the root to eradicate gender discrimination, violence against the vulnerable section and creating better society as a whole.

Pro VC Prof. Amitava Mitra, Rajiv Gandhi University, highlighted the relevance of Gender and Women Issues in the present scenario. He emphasized that gender equality has long way to be established. Therefore, appreciations for the relatively younger departments of the university namely Social Work and Psychology taking up such issue in such a platform.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, Convener of the national webinar and HoD (in-charge) Social work, RGU. He welcomed the dignitaries and expressed his warm, solicited greetings to the participants for fruitful deliberation and interaction on the topic. Ms. Chaphiak Lowang, Coordinator of the program highlighted on the importance of the webinar and reported on the increasing number of reported cases on domestic violence against women since the lockdown according to National Commission for Women (NCW).

Dr. Kakali Goswami, HoD (in-charge) Psychology, proposed vote of thanks expressing her sincere gratitude towards Vice Chancellor of RGU Prof. Saket Kushwaha and Pro VC Prof. Amitava Mitra for their continuous guidance, support and motivation. She expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the esteemed dignitaries for their active collaboration and support. She also lauded the organizing committee as well as participants in making the program successful.

The first technical session was delivered by Prof. Vandana Upadhyay, HoD, Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh on the topic “Contextualizing Women’s Rights as Human Rights”. Providing a brief backdrop of the evolution of Human Rights Prof. Vandana opined that status of women in Arunachal Pradesh is comparatively better than rest of India, however, it is still far from equality.

The second technical session was delivered by Mrs. Soso Shaiza, Member of National Commission for Women, New Delhi, on the topic “Justice for Women amid Covid-19” highlighting on gender justice and vulnerability of women. Mrs. Sono emphasized on need for conscious efforts to mobilize women for their empowerment, building self-respect and need for research and innovation in the field. She shared that during COVID 19 period domestic violence and cyber crimes have been on an all time rise. She called upon the participants to refer to NCW website for North-East dedicated cell.

The third technical session was delivered by Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing, Professor in Education and Director of women Studies and Research Centre, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, on the topic “Gender Justice and Vulnerability of Women”. Gender sensitive parenting with an exclusive emphasis on positive socialization, discriminatory practices of property inheritance, discriminatory practices at work places and need for mind-set development for an equitable society were the highlights of her session.

The last technical session of the webinar was delivered by Seema Samridhi Kushwaha, Advocate and legal advice of Nirbhaya Jyoti Trust, on the topic “Women’s Contribution and their Legal Rights”. The Nirbhaya fame lawyer called for systemic reforms in terms of Judiciary, Police, Administration and Society citing her experiences of legal fight for Nirbhaya. She concluded that irrespective of class or education in the society women are still very vulnerable as our system is not able to instill trust among victims and fear among perpetrators. The moderator of the program was served by the co-coordinator of the programme Ms. Leeyir Ete and Ms. Yuma Nairah while Ms. Jomyir Bagra, an organizing member of the programme served for reporting and coordination. A Total of 100 participants attended the event through Google Meet which included faculty members of various departments of RGU and participants from all over India.

<http://www.easternsentinel.in/news/state/rgu-conducts-national-webinar-on-womens-rights-amid-covid.html>

## RGU CONDUCTS NATIONAL WEBINAR ON 'WOMEN'S RIGHTS AMID COVID'

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RONO HILLS, Sep 3: A one-day national webinar on 'Women's Right as Human Rights: Vulnerability and Gender Justice amid Covid Crisis' was organized by Rajiv Gandhi University's Department of Social Work in collaboration with the varsity's Department of Psychology on Thursday. Chairing the inaugural session, RGU VC Professor Saket Kushwaha pointed out that at a time when the Indian economy is not in a good shape and the Covid-19 scenario is alarming, the ultimate challenges are faced by the women. He emphasized on the role of family members and grooming of the girl child to eradicate gender discrimination. Pro VC Professor Amitava Mitra highlighted the relevance of gender and women issues in the current scenario and emphasized on gender equality. Convener of the webinar and HoD (In-charge) Social Work, RGU Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh delivered the welcome address.

The webinar's Coordinator Chaphiak Lowang highlighted the increasing number of reported cases on domestic violence against women since the lockdown in the country according to the National Commission for Women (NCW) findings. HoD, Department of Economics, RGU Professor Vandana Upadhyay, Member of National Commission for Women, Soso Shaiza, Professor in Education and Director of Women Studies and Research Centre- RGU, Professor Elizabeth Hangsing and Advocate and Legal Adviser of Nirbhaya Jyoti Trust Seema Samridhi Kushwaha delivered lectures on their respective topics in the technical sessions.

A total of 100 participants attended the event through Google Meet which included faculty members of various departments of RGU and participants from all over India. RGU PR

### 3.4.: Annexure - Programme Brochure



## ONE DAY NATIONAL WEBINAR

ON

## "Women's Rights as Human Rights; Vulnerability & Gender Justice amid Covid Crisis"

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
&  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY**  
(A Central University)  
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**SEP 03 SEPTEMBER, 2020**  
**3 THURSDAY**



**As per United Nations, achieving equality between women and men requires a comprehensive understanding of the ways in which women experience discrimination and are denied equality so as to develop appropriate strategies to eliminate such discrimination.**

**With the advent of 2020, people are sheltering at home from the global contagion of Covid-19. Though it's a protective measure, but it brings with it another danger for world's half population: Violence against women defimiting their Human Rights. And such violence mostly starts in the place i.e., at home where they are supposed to feel the safest. Even before the pandemic, domestic violence was already existing as one of the greatest human rights violations. During the lockdown institutional as well as individual studies highlight that there is a surge in domestic violence (Chandra, 2020).The National Commission for Women (NCW) registered an increase of 2.5 times in domestic violence complaints since the lockdown. Addressing such issues, the present webinar aims to safeguard women's rights as inalienable and universal as human rights by acknowledging the constitutional safeguards and provisions; also contributing its bit towards the greater cause of gender justice in our society.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

The proposed webinar intends to sensitize the different stakeholders of the society. The precise objectives are specified as below:

- To understand women's rights as human rights;
- To highlight the dimensions of gender justice and vulnerability of women amid Covid crisis; and
- To spread awareness on constitutional and legal safeguards in the wake of crimes against women.

**EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

The expected learning outcomes of the current webinar are specified below:

- Inculcating knowledge on different dimensions of gender justice and vulnerability by understanding women's rights as human rights; and
- Building capacity on constitutional and legal safeguards in the wake of crimes against women amid Covid crisis.

**INTENDED BENEFICIARIES**

The intended target audience includes every person who is directly or indirectly concerned about women and their rights. The online symposium aims to directly benefit students, research scholars, academicians, social scientists, social workers, Govt. and NGO functionaries, grassroots level workers.

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**HOW TO APPLY**

There will be no registration fee for the participants. Live web sessions will be conducted through **Google Meet Platform**. Number of seats will be limited. For registration please click (or copy and paste as URL) on the given link:

<https://forms.gle/svW6VXtx46J3AASs5>

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