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## **“MIND THE GAP”: NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON GENDER EQUALITY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF AGENDA 2030**

**30-31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, RGNIYD Campus, Sriperumbudur**

Gender equality and the pace of development are closely associated and complimentary to each other. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identify Gender Equality and Women Empowerment as a primary goal as well as an interdisciplinary target. In India, the alarming decline in the child sex ratio (0–6 years) against the girl child due to son preference and the consequent female feticide and female infanticide, not only contradicts the initiatives and efforts put towards gender equality and women empowerment, but also challenges growth, prosperity and well-being of the country, further widening the gender inequality index.

*Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana*, launched in 2015, is a joint initiative of the Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare and Human Resource Development aimed at promotion, welfare and education of girl children particularly providing special attention to the backward states. Parallel to this, another Government of India initiative *Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana*, a saving scheme aimed at the future education and marriage expenses for girl children, also pledges to ensure the promotion and prosperity of women. Another impediment is increased maternal and infant mortality rates (MMRs and IMRs) due to traditional child delivery mechanisms and lack of accessibility and awareness regarding hospital deliveries. To combat this, *Janani Suraksha Yojana* was launched in 2005 by modifying the existing National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS) to ensure safety of the mother and child.

Keeping these three Gender-oriented Government Initiatives in focus, this workshop aims to explore existing initiatives and best practices with the following objectives:

1. Mapping the achievement of Gender-oriented Government Initiatives such as *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana*, *Janani Suraksha Yojana* and *Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana*.

2. Finding possible gaps in their implementation.
3. To suggest a way forward to address the gap.
4. How far they can be linked in Achieving Sustainable Development Goal No.5
5. Policy Recommendations for the same

### **Structure of the Workshop**

The two day workshop will consist of Panel Discussions and selected Paper Presentations aimed at preparing an outcome document by RGNIYD.

We invite Extended Abstracts from researchers working in the related areas.

### **Structure of the Extended Abstract:**

- Theoretical Context
- Review of Existing Literature
- Statement of the problem
- Objectives
- Research Design
- Research Tool
- Methodological constraints, if any
- Summary/Findings
- Scope for policy making

**Word limit** (2000-3000 words)

### **Submission**

Abstracts can be sent to [3niyathi@gmail.com](mailto:3niyathi@gmail.com)

Last date for receipt of the abstract: **22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

Intimation on selected abstracts: **25<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Workshop Date: **30-31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**

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