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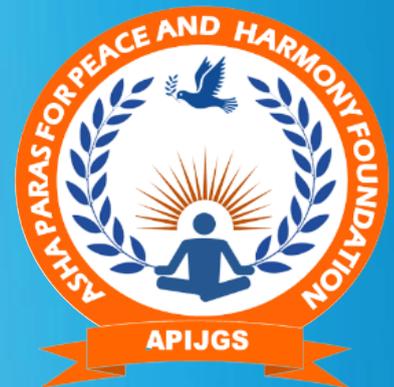
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Editorial

This issue of Asha Paras International Journal of Gender Studies arrives at a moment when everyday experiences of gender are deeply connected to broader social and political changes. Across communities, questions of justice, equality, and representation are not only shaping academic debates but also affecting policies and lived realities. From global discussions on women-led development and digital vulnerability to India's changing policy landscape, gender remains both a site of contestation and of transformative potential. By highlighting diverse voices and critical perspectives, this issue emphasises the need to rethink justice, equity, and representation in ways that resonate across academic, cultural, and policy fields.

This issue encompasses various perspectives that illuminate the intricacies of gender in contemporary contexts. Key themes discussed include gender mainstreaming, the overlooked nature of women's unpaid labor associated with social inequality and environmental justice, as well as the sociological aspects of gender-based cybercrime and its emotional and structural impacts. Masculinities are examined through embodied negotiations, revealing how men's experiences can both resist and reproduce patriarchal norms.

Further contributions highlight women's agency in tribal movements within frameworks of resistance and transformation, the marginalisation of intersectionality in mainstream feminist activism emphasizing the need for inclusivity, and the influence of digital entertainment platforms on cultural representation and narrative. The paradox of digital technology is critically examined through a feminist lens, questioning its role in either liberating or reinscribing patriarchal control. Further, reproductive justice is explored beyond binary frameworks, with comparative insights into transgender experiences across different state contexts.

Together, these contributions emphasize the journal's significance as a forum for critical dialogue that integrates both global and Indian viewpoints. It is recognized for facilitating interdisciplinary scholarship that enriches academic and policy discussions on gender. The journal's adherence to rigorous peer review and commitment to inclusive representation ensures a platform for diverse voices and methodologies. By engaging with current gender issues, the journal affirms its dedication to advancing scholarship that is both rigorous and socially relevant. This issue not only documents pressing challenges but also illuminates pathways toward inclusive and transformative gender justice.

We hope this issue inspires academicians and researchers to deepen their engagement with gender studies and contribute meaningfully to ongoing conversations about equity, justice, and social transformation. May this issue serve as a resource for deeper inquiry and collective reflection on the pathways toward gender justice.

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