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Institutional Goals

Research, Consultancy and Advocacy-- it undertakes policy-related, theoretical research, participatory action research and feasibility studies to strengthen/support women's struggles for equality

Teaching/training-- it raises critical consciousness about gender concerns and sensitivity to women's issues through its teaching/training programmes including refresher courses and workshops/seminars

Documentation and Archiving-- it documents and preserves research and other resource materials on women to facilitate research and lobbying by a wide range of stakeholders

Publications -- it seeks to disseminate information and awareness about gender issues through its publications. The publications aim to facilitate research and teaching.

Networking with activists, scholars and students-- it seeks to build a wider understanding of gender issues through collaborative activities and by lobbying for women's rights. It reaches out to the community through gender sensitization programmes and through participatory action research.

Staff Information



Dr. Putul Sathe
HoD, Associate Professor



Ms. Prafulla S. Gurav
Junior Library Assistant



Mr. Mahesh Raghunath Joshi
Peon

Programs duration

- Doctoral Research in Women's Studies (2011)
- Masters in Women's Studies- 80 Credits, two year (2013)
- PG Certificate Course in Women's Studies- 20 Credits, one year (1997)

Outcomes

- To make students aware about the relationship amongst gender, caste, class, ethnicity and the nation
- To inculcate a spirit of political and academic engagement with gender justice
- To impart knowledge about theoretical frameworks which inform feminist political theories

- To help students develop a critical insight about various intersectionalities
- To impart employability skills which will prepare students for gainful employment

Best Practices

- Administration : To move towards automated paper free work culture
- Teaching : To develop critical feminist teaching methodologies which will help to transform the class room
- Research : To create a vibrant research atmosphere to promote trans disciplinary research

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Neera Desai Memorial Lectures

24 September 2015: Sharda: A Dalit Woman Reconstructs Her Self By Prof. Maxine Berntsen

23 September 2016: Women In Marathi Theatre By Shanta Gokhale

20 December 2017: Women Studies At Crossroads By Prof. Pam Rajput

4 December 2018: Histories? Herstories? Ourselves? Journeys With No End In Sight By Prof. Vrinda Nabar

4 December 2019: The Life And Work Of Rokeya Sakawat Hossein (1880-1932), Pioneering Reformer And Writer Of Colonial Bengal By Prof. Sonia Amin

23 September 2020: Feminist Leadership: Emerges From The Continents Of Africa By Devaki Jain

16 December 2021: Neera Desai – Creative Thinker, Vibrant Consciousness And Engaged Feminist By Prof. Anita Ghai

20 February 2023: Revisiting The Archives Of 'Devadasi Reform': A Tribute To Professor Neera Desai By Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran

Dr. Awa Wadia Memorial Lecture

8 January 2016: The Conundrum Of 'Craft' In A Digital Age By Dr. Clare M. Wilkinson Dr. Clare M. Wtilkinson

31 January 2017: Her Space, Her Story: Women And The Stepwells Of Gujarat : Relationship Between Women, Water, Religion And Architecture By Prof. Purnima Mehta Bhatt

15 February 2019: Deconstructing Gandhian Ideas On Women: Life Narratives, Social Theory And The Research Trail By Prof. Sujata Patel

15 December 2020: Mothers, Motherhood And Mother Figures By Prof Wandana Sonalkar

DR. AVABAI WADIA AND DR. BOMANJI KHURSHEDJI WADIA ARCHIVE FOR WOMEN

Vision

To create an archive on women that will enable the reconstruction of women's history resonating in multiple voices towards the realization of gender equality and justice.

Mission

To retrieve, create, preserve, transmit and make accessible, knowledge of women's lives both historical and contemporary for scholars, students, activists and others, with a view to integrate their hitherto silenced voices in the evening of history, in the teaching and research of various discipline, in social action, policy making, public discourse and popular culture.

Aim

To undertake all such activities that will create an inclusive historical paradigm and recognize the achievements, courage and struggles of woman in various walks of life and from different strata of society.

Objectives

- To preserve and conserve in original/digital form, as may be appropriate, through the use of relevant technology
- To contextualize and organize (through cataloguing, classification and other devices) the above, in order to facilitate research on and documentation of women's lives.
- To create appropriate infrastructure to enable access and reference to primary historical documents/papers for teaching and research by the user community.
- To retrieve information on women from published and unpublished documents and other source materials.
- To create new resources by recording narratives and other archival materials in audio, visual and written formats.

- To accept on request, the responsibility of archiving other collections if appropriate to the mandate of AWA and if supported by appropriate grants.
- To network with other organizations with similar goals so as to optimize resources and their use.

Total Dr Avabai Wadia Fellowship awarded : 19

Access to AWA collection: Metadata access to AWA Collection given in the year September 2022 through Public IP address.

Staff Research Projects:

- Dr Putul Sathe study on "Understanding Causes of Depression among Urban Working Women- A Case Study of Women Employees of SNDT Women's University, Mumbai" awarded by National Commission for Women(2020)
- Dr Vatsala Shoukla has completed the ICSSR project.(2016-18) "Revisiting Urban Politics- Narratives of Women Corporators of Mumbai."

Books:

Year	No. of Books
2015-16	6582
2016-17	6696
2017-18	6788
2018-19	6811
2019-20	6876
2020-21	6904
2021-22	6963
2022-23	7031

The total collection is 133327 which includes newspaper clippings, indexed articles of journals, books, conference papers and pamphlets.

Notable Alumni



Supriya Jaan (2015-17)

Leading knowledge building vertical in CORO INDIA

Supporting fund-raising and campaign building
Also facilitating gendered approach with partner organizations



Subhamitra Adhikari (2017- 19)

Assistant Professor

School of Interdisciplinary Science

Symbiosis Skills and Professional University
(SSPU)



Khushbu Gupta (2019-21)

SNEHA (NGO)

Program officer

Photographs of Programs Conducted



Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Speaking during the program on Global Motherhood on 30 Nov 2019



MA students dissertation report presentation, 2020



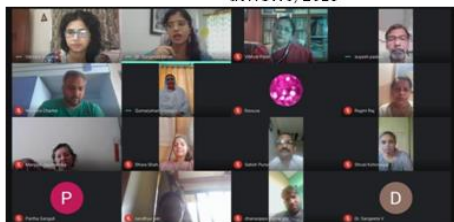
MA students internship presentation, 2020



Faculty and students during film screening at RCWS, 2019



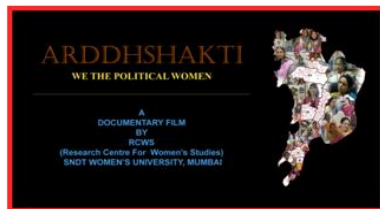
Faculty & students with Kamla Bhasin at IAWS National Conference, New Delhi, 29 Jan, 2020.



Speakers during webinar on Interstate migration – Intersectional voices on the way forward, 30 June, 2020.



MA students field activity presentation, 2020



RCWS documentary, 2020

Photographs of the RCWS Activities



Dr. Archana Thakur, JS, UGC speaking during the inauguration of One-Month Lecture Series. 24.08.2020



Prof. Devaki Jain speaking during XI Dr. Neera Desai Memorial Lecture. 23.09.2020



One-Month Gender Sensitization & Capacity Building Program. Aug-Sept 2020



Dr. Neelam Gorhe releasing Book 'Revisiting Urban Politics' during Online Book Launch Session. 19.10.2020

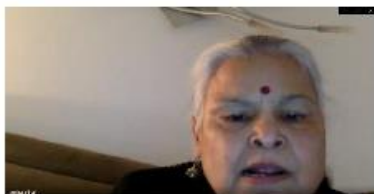


Webinar on Interstate Migration. 30.06.2020

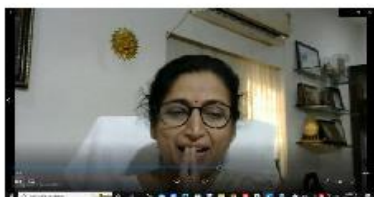


IAWS Western Regional Conference on Gender & Citizenship. 25.11.2020

Photographs of Some of the RCWS Activities



Prof. Anita Ghai speaking during XII Dr. Neera Desai Memorial Lecture 16.12.2021



Hon. Madam VC Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo speaking during XII Dr. Neera Desai Memorial Lecture 16.12.2021



External Mentor giving her feedback during Internship Viva Voce 22.05.2022



Master Students of WS presenting their reports 21.05.2022



RCWS Research study "Revisiting Urban Politics- Narratives of Women Corporators of Mumbai" was reported in the MSEC Newsletter Pg 18. 2021



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हम नहीं हैं दीन, कहता कौन हम अबला
है सबल संस्कृति हमारी, हम सभी सबला
ज्योती से जगमग हुआ, अंतर हमारा है।।
स्वप्न ठाकरसी हुआ साकार है इसमें
महर्षि कर्वे तपस्या - सार है इसमें
हम दिशाएँ और यह दिनकर हमारा है।।
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- **Mr. Shrikant Salekar, Jr. Stenographer**

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