

Grant-in-Aid for Research, Publications and Monitoring Scheme
Indicative areas of Research 2019-20

Below are the suggested/indicative areas of research for the year 2019-20:

Legislation/ Policies/ Programmes: Review

1. Review of legal frameworks in place to promote, enforce and monitor gender equality/ Effective implementation of women related legislations such as Dowry Prohibition Act, Domestic Violence Act, PC- PNDT Act and Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act
2. Need assessment for review/ modification of laws pertaining to sex work and female sex workers based case studies.
3. Need assessment for review/ modification of laws pertaining to cybercrimes against women and children (e.g. Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act (IRWA)/ IT Act). Analysis of misuse of the laws by women meant to protect them.
4. Evaluation of Social Protection Schemes such as Maternity Benefit Schemes: Extent of beneficiary reach.

Women Empowerment

1. Need assessment for including the out of school girls of age 14-18 years under the Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) and the ways to be adopted to address the issues.
2. Study on skill up gradation of out of school adolescent girls leading to employability.
3. Study to identify the reasons for the girls drop out from school and ways to address the same.
4. Impact assessment of MSK in providing one stop convergent support services for empowering rural women with opportunities for skill development, employment, digital literacy, health and nutrition.
5. Impact of increasing participation of women in governance at local levels to decision making positions.
6. Evaluation of the causes for the poor representation of women in the state/national parliament: Challenges and policy imperatives.
7. Women as leaders in work places: Challenges and practices to ensure women's participation in economy.
8. Analysis of women's contribution in domestic workplaces/ unpaid work at home; need assessment for social securities and benefits.
9. Wage differentials/ per capita economic productivities comparison of males and females in overall economic productivity across different sectors or Studies on women in unorganized sector-provision of social security, leave, wages, working conditions, pensions, health benefits, maternity benefits, housing and childcare etc.
10. The need for reservation for women and girls in different sectors at different levels.
11. Role of women in Family Planning: Analysis of women's rights (sexual and reproductive across social stratas: Challenges and policy imperatives.

12. Utilization of gender budgeting component in welfare and development of women: State specific appraisal.
13. Assessment of Gender Sensitivity across organization: Challenges and Ways for building women friendly environment.
14. Ownership and control of women on economic resources (such as land, property): Understanding the scenario of women's right to in families/ societies.
15. Digital atmosphere and access of women to digital technologies, gadgets, ICT

Violence against women and children

1. Impact of increasing incidences of cyber crime on women and children and steps to deal with it.
2. Study on mechanisms and measures adopted in transport services to address the incidence of violence faced by women in public transport especially by roads & railways. Role of MWCD; Existing gaps and challenges.
3. Self Defense training of girls and its impact on their empowerment: Challenges faced and the best practices adopted.
4. Specific susceptibilities and needs of women and girls/ children in disaster prone areas/ during disasters and calamities: Action Plans in place and addressing new challenges
5. Research and documentation of proportion of crime against women and children and measures to eliminate such crimes from public and private spheres.
6. Tackling sexual violence against women; Causes and consequences of sexual violence against women: Analysis of statistics and ways to reduce

Child Welfare

1. Need Assessment for Crèches and Childcare Services: Social and emotional well being of children in Crèches and Childcare Services.
2. Mapping the location of crèches under different statutes and schemes of central and state governments on a "As is where is" basis.
3. Treatment of Children in Conflict with Law (CCL) in the system: Post rehabilitation psycho-social assessment of CCL; challenges faced in re-integration with society; what types of child welfare programmes can be implemented in this regard?
4. Role of anganwadis in the physical, social and psychological development of children. Contribution towards improving women's participation in work.
