



Two Days National Webinar on
Scope and Challenges of Women Migrant Workers
- Post Covid-19 Pandemic



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BRIEF REPORT

The National Webinar on the Scope and Challenges of Women Migrant Workers – Post Covid-19 pandemic was organized on 27th and 28th January 2021 by the P.G & Research Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur Dt. Tamil Nadu. This webinar was funded by the National Commission for Women, New Delhi. Dr. K. Arockia Raj, Assistant Professor was the convener. 248 participated from various parts of India. This webinar aimed to highlight the situation and challenges of women migrant workers, to enhance the understanding of the scope for wellness of the women migrant workers post Covid-19 pandemic, to identify the intervention practices and projects improving the women migrant workers at community and work setting and to disseminate the ways to cope with family and work of the women migrant workers post covid-19 pandemic.

On 27th January 2021, the webinar began at 2.30pm using Zoom platform. Dr. Arockiaraj, the Convener briefed the objectives and rationale of the webinar and thanked the National Commission for women for their funding. Rev. Dr. John Alex, the Secretary and Rector of the College welcomed the speakers and participants on behalf of the college and National Commission for Women. He also introduced and welcomed Rev. Fr. Francis Bosco, the Director, Don Bosco Migrants Services, Chennai for the Inaugural Address.

In the Inaugural Address, Fr. Francis Bosco highlighted the plight of the women migrant workers during and post-covid-19 pandemic. He also mentioned the various efforts taken by the government and voluntary organizations to support and rehabilitate the vulnerable sections of the society.





In the Session I, Dr. P. Sivakumar, Faculty Member, Department of Development Studies, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu presented the theme; **“Situations of Women Migrant Workers-Post Covid-19 Pandemic”**. He presented various statistics related to migration and especially women migrants and their issues & challenges.

In the session II, Dr. F.X. Lovelina Little flower, Professor & Head Department of Social Work, Bharathiar University, Tamil Nadu presented the theme; **“Role of Welfare State on Women Migrant Workers - Post Covid-19 Pandemic”**. She presented the role of state



and central government through their schemes and programmes which address the needs and problems of women migrant workers. Each of those session had discussion eliciting questions from the participants.



On Day 2, Dr. C.R. Christi Anandhan, welcomed the speakers and the participants for the webinar. In the session III, Ms. Padmapriya T S, Chief Executive, Sanitation First India, Puducherry was the speaker who spoke on **“Role of NGOs and Industries in sustaining the wellness of Women Migrant Workers - Post Covid-19 Pandemic”**.

She highlighted various roles and models of NGOs and industries in addressing the needs of the women migrant workers and ensuring a decent and dignified work.

In the session IV, Ms. Latha Munusamy, Psychological Counselor, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur Dist. Tamil Nadu was the speaker who dwelt about **“Coping Skills for Migrant Women Workers”**. She listed various psychological issues of women migrant workers and highlighted the various ways the women can cope with problems and challenges.



In the session V, Dr. Saumya Shanker, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Social Sciences and Social Work of Dr. Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow was the speaker who addressed on the theme **“Sustaining the Wellbeing of Women**

Migrant Workers in their Family and Work Life". She highlighted the various problems and needs of women in their family and work life. She listed various ways how women can cope with family issues and lead a happy family life. She also proposed various innovative ways how the women can cope with the issues in the work life.

Rev. Fr. J. Andrews Raja, the Head, Department of Social Work gave the valedictory address mentioning the role of women migrant workers in the national development and mentioned that it is the right of the women to have a dignified and decent life and it is the duty of the state to ensure it.

Dr. K. Arockiaraj, the Convener, proposed vote of thanks and thanked various eminent speakers and participants for making the webinar a great success. He also thanked the college management, the Principal and Secretary for the continuous support and guidance. In a special way, he thanked the National Commission for Women, New Delhi for funding this webinar. He thanked all the staff and students of Social Work Department who contributed in different ways to make the two-day webinar a great success.

The participants graded the webinar vary good and offered valid recommendations to improve the life of women migrants through the collective efforts. The two-day webinar ended successfully at 5.30 p.m.