



Indian Forum for Public Diplomacy (IFPD)
with
Her - World

Webinar event on
**Women in Diplomacy: Challenges
and Perspectives**

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About the event

Since time immemorial, the predisposition of women in diplomacy can find its position at multiple fronts through the course of history. From the playwrights of Aristophanes to the multilateral negotiations of the 21st century, women have been playing a key role in the establishment of peace and tranquillity. Though one may point out that diplomacy is gender-neutral and does not entitle itself to sexes, the construct of recent societal experimentations has increased the importance of the role of women in peacekeeping, the context and imperatives of gendered institutions, the role of feminist foreign policy and, enhanced studies to achieve equity among masses through the advocacy of women in diplomacy. Thus, as we move into the third decade of the century amidst much uncertainty, it is important to ascertain the role of women in catalyzing a new consensus to the world in order to make sustainable choices and coherent strategies. To understand the dynamics of women and foreign policy and the trajectory of India for a feminist foreign policy, the Indian Forum for Public Diplomacy (IFPD) is collaborating with Her- World, to initiate a webinar on **“Women in Diplomacy – Challenges and Perspectives”** to influence young academia for developing honest conversations on issues of pivotal importance and to enhance dialogue, debate, and discourse in foreign policy and allied areas.

About IFPD

Indian Forum for Public Diplomacy (IFPD) is a youth-run society by students from all over India with the aim of aiding foreign policy thinking through young academia. In an era in which Foreign Policy has to be rooted in the landscape of people, diplomacy is no more just a government-to-government engagement. The idea of Public Diplomacy advocates the engagement of people into a participatory Foreign Policy and reform process. In the age of the 21st century, where global co-operation is sporadic and the consensus is elusive, it is imperative to drive foreign policy and reform through people. The forum hence engages to bring forth initiatives through research, opinion, dialogue, and debate to catalyze global cooperation and enhance Indian Public diplomacy.



About Her - World

Her World is a platform that not only lends visibility to gender issues but focuses on areas of diverse, contemporary importance. We, at HER-WORLD, thrive to support the empowerment of women and girls through the digital domain. The idea is to connect globally to exchange insights on all those matters that concern humanity at large. By initiating various events, collaborating with various partners, stakeholders and by engaging young and adult, men and women, HER WORLD advocates for gender rights and gender inclusiveness in political, economic, social, and various other domains of human society. Since its inception, Her World has initiated various talks on various policy issues both on gender and that of contemporary importance. By inviting various speakers of eminent domains, the forum has encouraged key discussions on Feminism, gender, collective and individual rights, Gender justice, Digital Empowerment, and also the new Education Policy

SPEAKERS

Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda is the acting principal of Miranda House and is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science. She received her Ph.D from the Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She is a recipient of the ICSSR Doctoral fellowship and the Delhi University Vice Chancellor's Teacher's Excellence Award of 2017. Dr. Nanda is actively associated with a number of government and non-government organisations as an advisor on gender, policy and advocacy programmes for the youth. She supports the One Billion Rising, the global campaign on violence against women and the Centre for Advocacy and Research (CFAR) on their various programmes. She is a member of the Academic Stand Against Poverty (ASAP), a global body of academics developing ways to collaborate on issues of poverty and a member of the civil society network, Girls Count. Her research interests include gender, political theory and human rights. Her publications include, Discourse on Rights in India: Debates and Dilemmas (Co-editor), (Routledge, London, 2018), Sex-Selective Abortion and the State: Policies, Laws and Institutions in India, Understanding Social Inequality: Concerns of Human Rights, Gender and Environment (Co-editor) (Macmillan, 2010) and Human Rights, Gender and Environment.





Mrs. Urvashi Prasad is a senior Public Policy specialist at the Office of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, the parent think tank of the Government of India. She is a member of SDG The implementation task force and the Expert Network of the World Economic Forum. She has co-authored India's first Voluntary National Review on Sustainable Development presented at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2017 and she has over 100 publications on national and international newspapers, scholarly Journals, and digital platforms. She has vast experience in health, nutrition, sanitation, and gender studies. Mrs. Urvashi has pursued BSc in Life Sciences From the University of Birmingham, UK, Masters in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and her M.Phil in Bioscience Enterprise from The University of Cambridge. She's also the founder of Every Voice: Stories from The bottom of the pyramid, a platform dedicated to endeavor for the needs, challenges, and perspectives of the poor and marginalized.



Mrs. Palak Sharma is the Co-founder of the Green Governance Initiative (GGI) which is a non-partisan policy research think-tank that works through a collaboration of the elected representatives and she is also the Executive Director at Aarogya Rakshak Initiative, Centre for Advanced Studies in Policy Research (CASPR). Mrs. Palak has cleared the UK Civil Services Assessment in 2020 and has been offered jobs by DWP, DEFRA, and the cabinet office of the UK. She has completed her M.Sc. in Social & Public Policy from the London School of Economics after completing her UG in Economics from Sophia College. Mrs. Palak has been actively engaged in the field of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the past 5 years especially on inequalities and access to education internationally by being the Global Youth Ambassador with Their World, a London-based Think Tank, and nationally by working with Unacademy. She is also on the Board of Review and Editorial Board at Engender, a European journal on sociological research on gender.





Mrs. Rakhee Bakshee is the Managing Editor at Her-World and a Veteran Media and Communications professional with over a decade of experience. A political journalist by profession, Mrs. Rakhee has reported two wars including Kargil of 1999 and the US war against Iraq between 2003-2011. She was a former media advisor to Lok Sabha Speaker and handled various assignments in the parliament. She has also anchored an interview-based show "The Quest" on Rajya Sabha TV. She is also the Bureau Chief of J&K, Zee Network, and anchored shows in DD News and several other shows and channels. Mrs. Bakshee is the Head of SB Foundation and has a profound interest in Media Strategy, Policy Planning, and Communication management among others. She has made significant efforts and made her name as a columnist for a daily newspaper "The Hindustan Times" and also several contributions to the pioneer and Financial Express.



Moderator of the event :

Mr. Rohith Sai Narayan Stambankadi

Founder / Director - Indian Forum for Public Diplomacy (IFPD)

Key Points of Discussion

- The role of women through the course of history in advocating peace.
- The role of women in an uncertain decade of the 21st century in diplomacy.
- Feminist Foreign Policy for India.
- The role of gendered institutions in peace advocacy.
- key policy challenges in bringing feminist foreign policy into practice in India
- SDG – 5 and challenges in post-Covid World.



Details of the Webinar

Date : 27 December 2020

Day : Sunday

Time : 5 PM

- Registration Link :

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