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**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**



Department of Social Work  
Central University of Jammu



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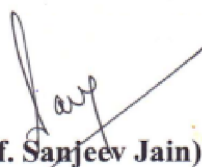
**From the Desk of Vice Chancellor**

I am pleased to learn that Department of Social Work is bringing out the Conference Proceedings of the National Conference on 'Co-building an Inclusive New Social Order: Reflections from Covid-19' held during 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Understandably, this is a significant way of assimilating and synthesizing the outcomes of the intensive academic exercise for the wider use of the academia, students, participants and practitioners. I have been informed that the conference received an overwhelming response from researchers, faculty, students and practitioners from all over the country.

The anthology reflects the initiative taken by the Department of Social work in bringing together the perspectives of people towards building an inclusive society. The theme of the Conference 'Co-building an Inclusive New Social Order: Reflections from Covid-19' had been encompassing all the issues that the people from all walks of life have faced during pandemic. The pandemic has effected people from all walks of society and we have sensed the health has to be understood holistically. By being 'together' we have been able to overcome hurdles posed by the pandemic. The challenges and success stories of specific groups need to be documented and serve as a learning lesson for future generations. I am hopeful that the exposure to participants in this conference will take learning to new heights.

I congratulate the Head, Faculty and Scholars of Department of Social Work who have exhibited good team spirit in making this conference a reality. I am hopeful that this team will continue to work with such zeal, dedication and commitment towards a successful conference.

Jai Hind!

  
(Prof. Sanjeev Jain)

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The biggest turning point of 21st century was undoubtedly the COVID-19 pandemic. The disastrous effect of COVID-19 across the world. Though it was primarily a public health concern per se but its multidimensional effects were catastrophic in the social and economic realms as well. The callousness, in terms of shortage of health staff, health facilities and rising number of death cases, was deeply felt and experienced. The shutdown of economic activities and reverse migration in Indian cities was also an unexpected phenomenon. The isolation and trauma was also accompanied with the pandemic. The hardships and challenges were myriad and so were the coping mechanism employed by people.

The department of Social work, Central University of Jammu conducted a two day conference titled 'Co-building and inclusive new Social Order: Reflections from COVID-19' as a concerted effort to document the challenges and the resultant coping mechanism employed by the individuals, groups and communities, with or without the support of government and civil society. The conference received an over whelming response from all over the country; the participants represented researchers, faculty and civil society members from different institutions. The outcomes of the conference were beyond our expectation. The proceedings of the conference are documented in this report which present a brief account and highlights of the proceeding during the two day long events on 11-12 Oct 2022.

This Conference would not have been a reality without the support and encouragement of our worthy vice chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain. The financial support provided by Save the Children and UNHCR also provided the much needed impetus to the conference. The team of Save the Children comprising of Mr. Sharif Bhat, Head, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Mr. Rahul Raja Sharma, Asst. Programme Manager, Mr. Shafat Nazir Mir, Project Assistant deserve sincere acknowledgement in making this conference a success.

I am also grateful to my department team comprising of faculty members- Dr Bhat Iqbal Majid, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Ranvir Singh and Ms. Nidhi Singhal, and office staff Mrs. Anita Jamwal and Mr. Anshu Dubey. The efforts of research scholars and students have also resulted in the successful culmination of the conference.

Dr. Nancy Mengi  
Head, Department of Social Work, CUJ

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COVID-19 not only was a health emergency but also brought back the lives of children particularly displaced and most marginalised into limelight. Displaced children who were already living on fringes faced enormous challenges due to pre-existing digital divide as well their already precarious living conditions. The challenges overburdened with hand to mouth living of most marginalised societies living in ghetto like situations. The pandemic not only brought their lives at standstill but first time in the history one could observe the existing economic gap, thereby exacerbating the chances of transmission. As the history of Save the Children testifies, we built on our previous good practices of being first responders during any humanitarian crisis; our motto is to work with community and we believe in strengthening community based structures. The challenge of Covid-19 was seen as an opportunity while taking this new social order into consideration by phrasing our humanitarian response as “leaving no child behind.”

As per estimated by global non-governmental organisations, there was severe increase in gender based violence, family separation while adversely affecting childhoods with impact on schooling as well as protection of child rights. Looking at all these facts and figures, Save the Children also known as Bal Raksha Bharat built on our existing network of community based structures while starting our prime exercise of tele-calling during lockdown through which we could reach out most marginalised societies and streamline their response to the global pandemic. We worked with government institutions, district administrations and child protection agencies in reaching out to the most marginalised children and creating an inclusive response while focusing on resilience as well as sustainable new social order.

This conference was able to bring different perspective from various parts of the county; show casing various inclusive and promising models, good practices, studies, research papers highlighting inclusive new social order during covid-19.

I congratulate Mr. Sanjeev Jain (Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu) for his continuous support for this conference; Professor Ms. Nancy Mengi (HoD, Social Work, Central University of Jammu) and all the team members and participants across India, who played a vital role in making this conference a great success

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# **1. CONTEXT OF THE CONFERENCE**

## **1.1. About the Conference**

The Covid-19 pandemic completely challenged the existing institutions worldwide and thereby pushed us to relook and re-envision the world that we want to share together. State actors were forced to look for out-of-box solutions to the challenges that emerged out of this pandemic. The social relationships, institutional arrangements and delivery of services by governments, all were affected to a greater extent by the Covid-19 crisis. The scale of impact was so humongous that every single gear of this fast-moving world came to a halt for a very long time. The stagnation of urban centres and transportation posed a serious risk to a greater population which was engaged in informal livelihood activities. Various vulnerable groups bearing different social identities were already facing many challenges within personal, social, political and economic domains, and this pandemic severally affected their lives to a non-reversal extent. Though the current generation never experienced such a catastrophic event, the response to the same pushed us to revisit and reflect on our existing social order. It made us question the functioning of existing institutions and do a situational assessment of their response to this pandemic.

There is a need to generate a nuanced understanding for co-building an inclusive new social order. This inclusive approach needs to reflect the collective role of governments, developmental organizations and other stakeholders while paying specific attention to the lived experiences of vulnerable groups during this pandemic. Therefore in current times, we feel there is a need to re-contextualize our understanding with respect to the existing social order. This possibility needs further exploration through the risk and vulnerability framework where collective roles and responsibilities need to be re-designed at the planning as well as at the execution level.

It is strongly felt that in order to build an inclusive society there is an urgent need to re-examine, understand and generate newer perspectives and practices for working at the grassroots level. Within this context, the Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu in collaboration with Save the Children has successfully organised the National Conference, 'Co-building an Inclusive New Social Order: Reflections from Covid-19, on 11th and 12th October 2022.

The Conference intended to bring together academicians, practitioners and research scholars who are keen to deliberate and discuss various issues and concerns posed by this pandemic, through a risk and vulnerability frame. The conference brought out diversified aspects; which were incorporated under several themes within the broader umbrella of the conference. The sessions witnessed a series of deliberations and discussions on child rights, women, person with disabilities and minorities with regard to health, education, technology and public policy. Thereby, academia and policymakers got diversified aspects on the prospectus of Covid-19 in an interdisciplinary manner. The conference took a multi-dimensional view while looking at the issues both at the grassroots and policy levels. It provided a platform to discuss and research actively on the issues which emerged during the pandemic. Conference also strengthened social work foundation by highlighting empowering practices applied by the state machinery, civil society and community members themselves. The learnings from the Covid-19 have pushed for collaborative approach to learning and practice, there by ensuring a universal safe society.



## **1.2. About the University**

The Central University of Jammu was established by the Central Universities Act, 2009 (Act No.25 of 2009 read with the Central Universities Act, 2009), with a vision to be a leading Centre of higher learning, integrating culture, knowledge, philosophy, science and value system of our heritage with modern and emerging concepts, skills, technology and management practices. The University campus is at Bagla, Rahya-Suchani, District Samba, which is at an approximate distance of 25 kms from Jammu. It is a central university that is recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and is also a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). It is accredited with a “B++” Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and is approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

The University has signed MoUs with several universities or institutes, such as Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management (Gwalior), Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (Rajouri), Chamber & Commerce Industry (CCI), Indian Association of Tour Operators, Department of Tourism Studies (Central University of Kashmir), Institute of Chinese Studies (New Delhi), Aashray Techno Social Business Incubator (Ahmedabad) etc.

## **1.2. About the Department**

The Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu, was established in year 2014 and started functioning with just five students and currently the department has around 50 students enrolled for masters’ programme. We feel elated to share with you all that till now department has produced 120 trained professional social workers who are working across India in different organisations at various capacities. The department is currently running with four faculty members and is expecting to reach to the full level of sanctioned faculty strength soon. Department of Social Work Central University of Jammu, is the first department in the entire Jammu region of J&K union territory which train professional social workers. The department is continuously making efforts to collaborate with various developmental organisation and government institutions functioning in the region so as to contribute to the growth and development of the region at large. We are indeed fortunate to capture the immense diversity of India in terms of students enrolling in the department. We are having student from various parts of the country including the north east and southern most states. This diverse amalgamation of students also provides the functional vitality to the department by way of exposure to various cultures, ideas and experiences.

The department is increasing its span in terms of reaching out to the various areas of the region by promoting collaboration with other organisations and institutions throughout the country; so as to increase expertise and provide adequate skills to students. We are hopeful that in coming times the department will add to its feather of Being one of the premier institutions for imparting education in social work.

## 2. PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

### Participants by Category

Participant Category	No. of Participants
Academicians & practitioners	42
Research scholar	86
Ug/Pg Students	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>

## Participants by Region

Name of the State	No. of Participants
J&K	81
Gujrat	10
Delhi	27
Uttar Pradesh	10
Punjab	9
Himachal Pradesh	4
Rajastan	3
Maharashtra	5
Jharkhand	2
Karnataka	1
Haryana	1
Kerala	7
Arunachal Pradesh	5

### 3. SESSION WISE REPORTS

#### INAUGURAL SESSION



The conference was inaugurated by the welcome address of Dr. Nancy Mengi, Head, Department of Social Work. She introduced the guests and extended a warm welcome to all the participants who represented various premier institutes of the country. The theme of the conference was introduced to all present there and the conference schedule was also shared. The inaugural session was illuminated with the dignitaries who gave a direction to the two day conference. The event was graced by Prof. Devanand Padha, Prof. B.S. Bhau, Dean, Central University of Jammu, Prof Ankur Saxena, Department of Social work, MS University of Baroda, Shri Ajeet Singh ji, ADC, District Administration, Samba and Mr. Sharief Bhat, State Head, Save the Children, J&K and Ladakh. The presidential address was delivered by Prof. Padha who extended all the support to the conference on behalf of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu. The Conference Book of Abstracts was also released by the guests.

Each of the dignitary appreciated the theme of the conference and expressed that the deliberation of the conference shall strengthen academic and practical needs of the practitioners. The session was attended by around 100 participants. The session was successfully conducted by Dr. Bhat Iqball Majeed.

## KEY NOTE ADDRESS



Dr. Manu Arora, Head, Department of Psychiatry, Govt. Medical College, Jammu gave a detailed presentation on "Emerging challenges in post-pandemic world from mental health perspective". The presentation aimed to address the mental health challenges that have emerged as a result of the pandemic and to explore ways to address these challenges in the post-pandemic world. Dr. Arora began by discussing the impact of the pandemic on mental health, highlighting the increase in stress, anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. He emphasized that the pandemic has exposed the need to prioritize mental health as an essential component of public health. Dr. Arora then discussed various strategies to address mental health challenges in the post-pandemic world. He emphasized the importance of community-based mental health services and the need for early identification and intervention in mental health issues. He also discussed the role of technology in addressing mental health challenges, such as teletherapy and other digital interventions. Dr. Arora highlighted the impact of the pandemic on vulnerable populations, such as healthcare workers, frontline workers, and people with pre-existing mental health conditions. He stressed the importance of creating a supportive environment and promoting mental wellness for these populations. Finally, Dr. Arora called for a multi-disciplinary approach to mental health challenges in the post-pandemic world, including collaboration between mental health professionals, policymakers, and other stakeholders. He emphasized the importance of addressing mental health challenges as part of a broader effort to build a more inclusive and resilient society.

Overall, Dr. Manu Arora's presentation provided valuable insights into the emerging mental health challenges in the post-pandemic world and highlighted the need for a comprehensive approach to mental health. It emphasized the importance of prioritizing mental health as an essential component of public health and building a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

## PARALLEL SESSION 1.1



The first parallel technical session was organised on the topic of **“Children and Adolescents as Vulnerable Groups”**. The session was chaired by Dr. Javaid Rashid, Faculty, University of Kashmir. The presenters tried to speak about it in wide-ranging facets. Initially, the forum discussed the strength-based approach to resilience building among adolescents living in child care institutions in India. Through the talk, they tried to bring the idea that resilience building acts as an inevitable factor in individuals' adaptation and is relevant for strong interpersonal relationships. Apart from that, the forum also discussed the financial assistance schemes that can be used to address the issues faced by chronically ill children. It is appreciable that the forum has qualitatively deliberated about the issues by focusing on both child rights and social work perspectives. The papers presented covered a wide range of issues concerning children, vis a vis child abuse, child labours, menstrual health, special children etc. and enriched the listeners with deliberation based on the presented work.

### List of Presenters

Mobilization of Financial Assistance for Poor Chronically Ill Children During Covid-19 Pandemic Period	Dhaneshwar Yadav
Strength-Based Approach to Resilience Building Among Adolescents Living in Child Care Institutions in India	Manish Dhakad and Arpna Rattu
Justice As Healing: The Experience of Supporting Sexually Abused Child Survivors	Shabana Parveen
Juvenile Delinquency in India During Covid-19: An Analysis of The Emerging Trend and Role of Reformatory Institution	Ratnesh Singh and Siddarth Mahajan
Border Conflict in Jammu and Kashmir: Developmental Challenges in Childhood	Raveena Kousar and Dr. Subhasis Bhadra
Understanding Menstrual Hygiene Management and Waste Disposal Practices among Women and Adolescent Girls in Shimla City of Himachal Pradesh	Pooja Sharma
भारत मे बाल श्रमिको की स्थिति	Dr. Chandan Kumar
Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Women and Children in India	Sonali Dutta



## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 1.2



The second parallel technical session inquired about the **Issues of disabled children with respect to COVID-19**. The session was chaired by Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Central University of Jammu. The challenges of the differently abled population during COVID-19 were highlighted. The initial topic of discussion was Disability and Covid-19 and presenters conversed about the factors affecting children with disabilities and the major challenges faced by them was in continuing their learning processes. Another discussion under the same topic which focuses on how social labels impacted the lives of persons with disabilities was forecasted. The presentations emphasised more on the aspects like mental health strategies and interventions, modification of the existing strategies, and Integrated mental health plan. The indepth deliberation during the session brought out the challenges encountered by the special children and called for the attention of social workers and policy makers in adopting an inclusive approach with special focus on these children.

### List of Presenters

Disability and Covid-19: An Exploration of Interactional Outcomes and Requisite Resolutions	Monika, Sonali Sambyal and Dr. Kiran
कोविड-19 महामारी का दिव्यांगों पर प्रभाव : एक समीक्षा	सुभाष चंद्र
Mental and Physical Challenges Faced by Persons with Disabilities in The Period of Covid 19	Kasyap M V and Minnya Mohan
Relative Meaning and Impact of Social Labels Used Against Persons with Disability in Kashmir	Sarafraz Ahmad and Zahid Ahmad Lone
Educational Constraints of Children with Special Needs During Covid-19 Pandemic in India	Kenjir Ringu, Menuka Kadu and Dr. Akash Ranjan
The Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Inclusive Education of Children with Special Needs in Jammu Province	Neha Devi
Mental Wellbeing of Students with Disabilities During Covid-19: A Review	Ms. Dev Priya and Dr. Bharti Tandon
Manoeuvring The Covid-19 Outbreak: Academic Challenges Encountered by Children with Special Needs	Ms. Vinish Malik and Dr. Sarika Manhas

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 1.3

In the third parallel session where, the participants were faculty members and scholars from different reputed institutions across the Indian subcontinent. The session deeply delved into the aspects of **“Health and Well-being during Pandemic”**. The session was chaired by Dr. Shaveta Kohli, Faculty, Central University of Jammu. Session started by discussing about the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of persons with disabilities. Presenters also tried to focus on how COVID-19 has a direct impact on the physical and mental health of the population and how the pandemic drastically changed the lives of people. The session was really engrossing as it gave a broader outlook of the impact of COVID-19 and the psychological effects that people are still facing. Throughout the presentation, the presenters centred their thoughts on the health issues that occurred during the pandemic period that not only effected the physical health but also mental health. It was not first that only the Covid-19 patients suffered, but lack of support system equally effected those who were drifted from basic necessities like food, reproductive health care and livelihood opportunities.



### List of Presenters

Impact of Covid-19 On the Mental Health of Persons with Disabilities	Dr. V. Kannappa Setty and Jithin Jaise
Increase of Frustration Level of School Children After Covid in Chennai	Srinath S
Addressing Health Issues, The Social Workers' Way	Prof. Ushvinder Kaur Popli, Tuba Naqvi
Impact of Covid Pandemic on Reproductive and Child Health Delivery Programme in Kerala -A Case Study in Thiruvananthapuram District	Dr.Lini.G.R and Aishwarya PB
Meal-Less Mornings for The School Going Mountain Dwellers. An Insight into Food-Health Interface in Remote Mountain Region of Kathua, Jammu-Kashmir, India	Ranjoy Gupta and Dr. Ranvir Singh
Maternal Health Care Services in Rural Areas	Dr.M.Baliar Singh
Social Entrepreneurs: An important Actor in Rebuilding an Inclusive Society after Covid19	Prof. Ankur Saxena
Post Covid-19 Challenges of Public Servants Dealing Directly with Common Public: A Situational Analysis	Dr.Renuka.E.Asagi

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 1.4



The forum discussed **workers' identities and the formal-informal divide in the context of Covid 19**. The session was chaired by Dr. Ambreen Jamali, Faculty, Central University of Himachal Pradesh. The initial discussion was based on a case study of Aligarh which explores the struggles of women sanitation workers. Presenters stated that the condition of women sanitation workers is deplorable. Session also explored the presence of exclusion among vulnerable informal workers concerning Covid 19. Through the discussion, they explicate the social-economic profile of the female workers and how the lockdown impacted their domestic life. After that, the forum witnessed a discussion on the plight of Anganwadi workers during Covid 19 and the major challenges that they encountered. The session highlighted that women who are already in margins, suffered gravely. The studies also highlighted how different employment of women suffered due to lockdown.

### List of Presenters

Re-Defining Survival of Labour in A Post-Covid New World Order	Sohini Datta
The Unsung Struggles of Women Sanitation Workers: A Study of Aligarh City	Farhat Nigar
Problems Faced by Informal Women Workers During Menstruation	Rizvana Choudhary
Covid-19 Impact on Employment of Informal Workers: Present Contribution & Future Scope in The Hospitality & Tourism Industry	Prof. (Dr.) M P Sharma
Women in Pandemic Captivity: Implications of Covid- 19 On Working Women in Informal Sector in Jammu and Possibilities Thereafter	Pooja Sharma
Exclusion Among Vulnerable Informal Workers: Reflections from Covid19	Prof.Jasbir Singh and Dr.Neharica Subhash
Plight of Anganwadi Workers During Covid-19: Challenges	Deepali Bhagat
Hybrid Mode of Teaching: A New Normal in Covid -19	Anjali Sharma

## PLENARY SESSION 1



### List of Panelists

Dr. Vandana Sharma, Central University of Jammu (Session Chair)
Prof. Dipankar Sen Gupta, University of Jammu
Prof. Ankur Saxena, MS University, Baroda
Dr. Romesh Sharma, Directorate of School Education, Jammu
Vote of Thanks (Dr.Nancy Mengi and Ms. Nidhi Singhal)

The afternoon plenary session was mainly organised around the theme **“Reconstruction Mechanism towards Building an Inclusive New Social Order”**. The session was chaired by Dr. Vandana Sharma, Faculty, Central University of Jammu. The panel comprised of Prof. Dipankar Sen Gupta, of the University of Jammu, Prof Ankur Saxena of MS University, Baroda and Dr. Romesh Sharma of the Directorate of School Education Jammu. The session rigorously investigated the need to reconstruct the mechanism after 75 years of independence. The session also discussed the narratives on the prospectus of gender in the discipline of behavioural economics. The digitalisation of education, technology, and how it impacts childhood education were the other key sub-theme that got reflected in the session. The session put up inclusive intervention strategies for building a reconstructive mechanism for overall development. The panelist, apart from projecting the economic and mental health challenges, also deliberated on how challenges can be converted in to opportunities. They called for an integrated approach towards reconstruction of the economic and health care system of the country.

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 2.1



The subsequent presentation were on the theme **"Exploration of Social Order During Covid-19"**. The session was chaired by Dr. Shahi Rani, Faculty, University of Delhi and presentations were examined the issues regarding gender dynamics in street vending, the working condition of street vendors, and the issues regarding the health and well-being of the street vendors. The presenters exclusively narrated how the pandemic impacted street vendors and the measures that can be taken up to address their issues. The last presentation of the first session dealt with the impact of Covid-19 on disabled people. Session were focussing more on the livelihood struggles faced by small scale vendors, street vendors and other related fields. Presenters also highlighted the impact of Covid-19 and subsequent lockdown in the livelihood option of rural people and rural economy. Few studies have also highlighted the role of social workers in managing the setback given by the Covid-19 outbreak in the aforementioned sector. On the whole, the session delved into the multitudinous facets of the topic of social order and covid19.

### List of Presenters

Covid-19 Pandemic and Evaluation of Spatial Distribution of Social Capital in the Reconstruction of Rural Economy Using GIS Technique: Evidence from Kerala	Resmi C. Panicker and Reejo R.J.
Digital Financial Services and Digital Divide: Reconsidering the Digital Financial Inclusion in Post Covid Period	Shabir Hussain and Dr. Sameer Gupta
Impact of Covid-19	Mohideen Ameer
Impact of Covid-19 On Small Business	Darshana K S
Life During Covid 19 Pandemic: A Survey Based Study of Jammu, J&K, India	Indica Mohan, Bhawana Sharma and Ritica Mohan
Working From Home and Searching for Home: Understanding the Crisis and Cure in The Parallel Worlds During the Times of Covid-19	Sandeep Chopra
Pandemic-Induced Shocks and Resilience Among Street Vendors: Evidence from Covid-19 in The Srinagar City of Jammu and Kashmir	Aamir Rasool

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 2.2



The second parallel technical session of day 2 was based on theme; **“Vulnerable Minorities”**. The session was chaired by Dr. Sudhakar R, Faculty, Central university of Jammu. In the session, the first presentation deciphered the life of wandering musicians of Nepal. The presentations was successful in bringing out the inequalities faced by the tribal communities during the advent of the pandemic. The transgender; issues in Kashmir were analysed, the experience and exclusion faced by transgender people in educational and social settings were also shared. Also, the presenters exhibited inclusive approach that should be taken in addressing the social exclusion faced by the transgender community. The final discussion was based on the challenges in education faced by the Brogpa tribe of the Ladakh region. The various papers presented in the session cross-examined the life of the vulnerable population in India.

### List of Presenters

Covid-19 and The Wandering Musicians of Nepal: Is There A Need To Redefine Inclusivity?	Subrina Suna
Impact of Covid-19 On Tribal Healthcare in The Wayanad District of Kerala	Vishnuraj N K and Navaz M P
Exclusion of Transgender Population in Education: A Study of Jammu and Kashmir	Amir Shamim S., Jaspreet Singh and Nisha Kiran
Vulnerabilities and Issues of India’s Transgender Community in Covid-19 Pandemic: A Review	Rituparna Dey and Sudhir Maske
Did The Situation for Transgender Individuals Worsen During Covid-19?	Kajal and Dr. V. Kannappa Setty
Challenges in Education of the Brogpa Tribe of the Union Territory of Ladakh During Covid-19	Feroz-Ud-Din

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 2.3



The third parallel technical session of the second day was conducted under the theme **"Women: One Identity, Many Challenges"**. The session was chaired by Dr. Raj Thakur, Faculty, Department of English, Central University of Jammu. The presentations affirmed that developing this health condition is very distressing to women owing to the stigma attached to the condition as well as the cultural and societal factors. Session has also contemplated the health status of the women. The presenters looked into the socio-economic status of the women working in the industries and it seriously examined the health status of the said population. In general, the session was inclined to the gender discourse and also gave nuances on the perspective of health. The scope of the papers presented was wide enough to encompass issues of women in the boarder areas; women workers, differently abled women, domestic workers and menstrual health of women.,

### List of Presenters

Lived Experiences of Women Affected with Vitiligo: A Study of District Anantnag in Kashmir	Aarif Shafi and Dr. Adil Bashir
Women Workers in Lock Industry of Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh: An Analysis of Health Status	Humaira Afta and Dr. Asiya Nasreen
Menstrual Health and Hygiene of Urban Slum Women: An Exploration of Policies and Programs Response	Shivani Bhagat and Dr. Nancy Mengi
Life At the Borders of Jammu (India): Nuances from The Field	Jaspreet Singh and Dr. Ranvir Singh
Role Played by Civil Society Organisations Working with Differently Abled Women During Covid 19 Pandemic: An Analysis	Pooja Rajpopat et.al.
Plight of Female Domestic Workers During Covid-19	Rufina Augustine and Naveen Gautam
Awareness, Problems and Practices about Menstruation among Rural Females of Uttar Pradesh	Renuka devi and Dr Rekha Gupta
A Study on Issues and Challenges of Women of Mewat	Safina

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 2.4



The fourth parallel-technical session of the second day dealt with the theme, **"Education during the Pandemic: Formal Learning from Informal Spaces"**. The session was chaired by Dr. Archana Kumari, Faculty, Central University of Jammu). Throughout the presentation, the presenters gave the foremost significance to the importance of the formative assessment for continuous feedback and the ways and means to build the teachers' skills and capabilities. The session was productive and significantly contributed to the educational prospects of India from an interdisciplinary angle. The vital issues of psycho-social impact of lockdown on various categories of children were discussed such as differently abled children and children undergoing online education. The wider perspectives of the theme covered was presentations about students perception towards feminism, fieldwork education during Covid-19 and right to education.

### List of Presenters

Covid-19 Lockdown: Home Quarantine and Its Psycho-Social Implications for School Going Children	Dr. Aadil Bashir et. al
Confronting The Challenges Faced by The Beneficiaries of Shadow Education During Covid-19: An Anecdotal Analysis	Sachin Kumar, Poonam Pandita and Dr. Kiran
Rebuilding Quality Learning: Learning Loss and Post-Pandemic Reconstruction	Muhammed Suhaib P and Rigzin Yangdol
Perception of Students Towards Feminism in India	Zeba Malik and Dr. Rashmi Jain
Impact of Covid-19 On School Education	Santhosh babu M M
Conceptualisation of Fieldwork in Social Work Education	Bhat Iqball Majeed and Dr. Ranvir Singh
Fieldwork and Praxis in Social Work Pedagogy: Empirical Views of Indian Social Work Students During Covid-19 Pandemic	Menuka Kadu, Ceemona Taku and Toko Jiri
Changing Scenario of Right to Education in Jammu and Kashmir: From State to UT	Sheetu Meenia
The Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Inclusive Education of Children with Special Needs in Jammu Province	Neha Devi and Anu Chirotra



## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 3.1



This session was given predominant importance on the theme **“Digital Space and Pandemic”**. The session was chaired by Dr. Adil Bashir, Faculty, University of Kashmir. The presenters were aligned with the notion of the inclusion of women in tech-dominated areas. The presentation profoundly inquired about women who are in the tech-dominated area and what are the barriers that the women population have faced so far in tech-dominated areas. Correspondingly, fewer studies on the domestication of ICTs, parent-child relationships, Online education in social work training, and Internet usage among the student during the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic were also presented. The session primarily gave attention to the education and digital divide under the purview Covid-19 pandemic. The deliberations also covered sensitive issues like child pornography, internet addiction and parent child relationship.

### List of Presenters

Transition into A New World Order: A Field Study on The Shifting Perspectives on Education and Technology in The Post Covid-19 Era Amongst School-Going Children Across UT Chandigarh, India	Aditya Sharma and Dikshant Sharma
Inclusion of Women in The Tech-Dominated Areas- A Critical Analysis	Reecha Jrall and Dr. Kiran
Domestication of ICTs: Technoference, Parent-Child Relationships and Family Health – A Conceptual Framework	Remesh Krishnan P and Dr Nancy Mengi
Crisis of Semantics in India: Politics and Media Interface	Keshav Sharma
Online Education in Social Work Training: An Assessment from State of Kerala	Mr. Austin Sinesh Das and Dr Dilip Diwakar
Bio- Psychosocial Model of Internet Addiction: A Review Study on The Scope of Psychosocial Intervention Among Adolescents in A Post Pandemic Period	Joji Abraham and Dr. Ranvir Singh
Internet Usage Among Students and Covid-19 Pandemic	Renu Bala
Porn Addiction A Study on Impact of Covid 19 in Children of Kerala	Athul P R, Jesse Lijo and Saijith N S

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 3.2



This session was conducted on theme **“Family as an Agency during Pandemic”**. The session was chaired by Prof. Vishav Raksha, Faculty, University of Jammu. The presenters attempted to explicate gender stereotyping among children in India and also took forward some incessant intervention strategies towards gender socialisation. Further discussion on Gender roles as a source of Gender Inequality and gender stereotyping seriously used the idea of family as an agency through the lens of gender discourse. In addition to that, there were presentations on the economic and social implications of families with incarcerated individuals which strengthens the notion of multidimensional factors that disrupt people’s life, gerontology, mental health, aging, institutional care, and the life of underprivileged children. The presentation also covered the vulnerabilities of the elderly, the Impact of the pandemic on their mental health, and mental health management.

### List of Presenters

Gender, Socialization and Childhood	Jagdish Banga and Dr. Aditya Parihar
Social and Economic Implications of Maintaining Familial Contact with Incarcerated Individuals: A Study of District Srinagar in Kashmir	Insha ashraf and Dr. Saima Farhad
Pandemic and Support System of Urban Elderly: A Study of NCT Delhi, India	Dr. Asiya Nasreen and Mushtaq
A Systematic Review of Mental Health of Elderly During Covid-19 Pandemic in India	Mohd Shoaib Irfan and Dr. Rashmi Jain
Parenting Issues During Covid-19 Among Rag-Pickers	Ms. Aishwarya Gautam and Dr. Subhasis Bhadra
Ageing and Institutional Care: A Study of Old Ages Homes in Jammu	Dr Hema Gandotra
Underprivileged Children: Reclaiming Safe Spaces After Covid-19 Through Sports Based Intervention	Aiysha Umar, Yusra Khan and Minhaj Akram

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 3.3



This parallel technical session covered the presentations under the thematic area **“Challenges of Psycho-social well-being during the pandemic”**. The session was chaired by Ms. Sunita Bhagat, Cluster University of Jammu. The initial presentation was on the topic of Increased Anxiety among College-going adolescents due to Covid-19 which emphasised the prevalence of depression and anxiety among college students (girls). Academic stress and coping strategies, Inclusive women's growth concerning the Covid pandemic, and explorative understandings of the problems faced by teachers during the pandemic were the other themes that got visible throughout the session. Another presentation on the problems faced by the teachers during the pandemic specifically dived into the multidimensional issues faced by the teachers during the pandemic. The specific issues of teachers during online teaching and welfare and rehabilitation of prisoners in correctional settings were also brought to surface.

### List of Presenters

Increased Anxiety Among College Going Adolescents Due to Covid-19	Shiena Singh and Dr. Gurpreet Kour
The Impact of Covid-19 On Work Life Balance of Female Academicians: A Study on Female Academicians in Vadodara	Tanveer Qureshi
Academic Stress and Coping Strategies During Covid-19 Pandemic	Preeti Devi
Towards Inclusive Women Growth and Wellbeing: Reflections from Covid 19	Dr Shashi Rani and Ms Maya Kumari
Perceived Social Support and Anxiety Among Indi College Students and Research Scholars: A Comparative Study of Male and Female	Rohit Kumar Gupta and Dr. Shabab Ahmad
Problems Faced by The Teachers During Covid-19: An Exploratory Study	Mrs. Sarika and Ms. Gagandeep Kour Awal
Initiatives in Prisons in Response to Covid-19: Rehabilitation and Welfare of Prison Inmates	Aashima Kajla

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 3.4



This particular session focused more on the theme "**Policy concerns on Health and Education**". The session was chaired by Dr. Mohit Sharma, Faculty, Central University of Jammu. Various presentations were made covering the policies like Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Inclusive Education, Sustainable development goals. The presenters also talked about the importance of formulating policies by focusing on the SDGs. Sessions also had diverse sub-topics which includes Beti bachao, Beti Padhao, Policy support and confidence in government's approach in tackling Coronavirus, Inclusive policies for persons with disabilities, Public sphere, role of youth and finally, about human trafficking in India. Policy level interventions would be the effective strategy to minimise the effects of Covid-19 in the multiple sections of the society in addition to the community level approaches. Social workers can bridge the gap between the vulnerable groups and government through liaising, informing, enabling, initiating social development activities. The session systematically reviewed the multi-dimensional aspects that should be given prime importance while policy-making.

### List of Presenters

Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and Inclusive Education: Towards Sustainable Development Goals	Juhi Gupta and Dr. Ritu Bakshi
To Assess the Effectiveness of Government Intervention in Dealing with Malnourished Children: A Study of Jammu District.	Dr Ambreen Jamali and Jyoti Devi
Beti Bachao Beti Padhao: Towards Social Inclusion for Sustainable Tomorrow	Ms. Meenakshi, Ms. Juhi Gupta and Dr. Ritu Bakshi
Reactance, Policy Support and Confidence in Government's Tackling of COVID-19	Uzma Azam, Sneh Devi and Reshma Jamal
Role of Government: in Reference to Inclusive Policies for PWDs in Jammu City	Prof. Vishav Raksha and Ms. Diksha Nargotra
Public Sphere and Role of Youth in Deliberative Democracy: Revisiting the Scope in Post Covid Era	Suhel M A and Dr. Vinay Kumar
Human Trafficking in India: Legal Gaps and Need of Rights Based Approach	Insha Idrees

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION 3.5



The forum discussed the theme of **“Refugees and Migrants”**. Session was chaired by Dr. Bharti Gupta, Faculty, Central University of Jammu. Under this theme, there were 5 presentations. The first one was about the Right to Education and Social Inclusion of Refugee Children and which gave direct attention to the conflicts and persecution faced by the refugees, childhood traumas, and the need for social work intervention for the betterment of refugee children. Certain other presentations on the policy response on the informal workers, parenting issues, childhood porn addiction, and the schemes and programs facilitated under the different government departments in addressing the issues were also made. This particular discussion revolved around the the human rights perspective of minorities, especially the refugees and children in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic

### List of Presenters

Impact of Covid-19 On the Migrant Labour Force in India: A Secondary Review	Vishakha Sharma and Anshika Sharma
Right To Education and Social Inclusion of Refugee Children: Social Work Intervention Is the Need of The Hour	Dr. Mohd. Husain
Impact of Covid-19; Relationship of State and Informal Migrant Workers	Rohit Chandra
Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Construction Workers in Urban India: A Study of Delhi	Vishvajeet Dutta and Ashvini Kumar Singh
Informal Workers and Pandemic; Analysis of Policy Response in India	Neeraj Kumar

## VALEDICTORY SESSION



The Valedictory session started with a Cultural Event in the presence of the honourable Vice Chancellor, Professor Sanjeev Jain, Central University of Jammu, Ms Sheetal Nanda IAS (Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Jammu and Kashmir), and Dr Yashwant Singh (Registrar, Central University of Jammu). The honourable dignitaries appreciated the theme of the conference on **“Co-building an Inclusive New Social Order: Reflections from COVID-19”**.

The session started with an introductory speech by Dr Nancy Mengi, Head, Department of Social Work. At first, she has given a short brief on the national conference. Through her speech, she quoted the presence of eminent scholars at the conference and she appreciated all the participants. Following her speech, the award for the best paper was given to Ms Subrina Suna, a PhD scholar from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; for the article entitled “Covid 19 and the wandering musicians of Nepal: Is there any need to define inclusivity?“. The prize distribution was done together by Prof. Sanjeev Jain and Ms Sheetal Nanda. Dr Yaswant Singh congratulated the department for organizing the grand event. After that, the honourable chief guest Ms Sheetal Nanda congratulated the whole team and delivered her ideas on inclusivity-induced social development. Following this, vice chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain addressed the uniqueness of the conference and congratulated the department for organizing this conference. The session was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Ranvir Singh.

# 5. MEDIA COVERAGE

## DAILY EXCELSIOR, JAMMU

### Work on shifting gear

The concerned departments are directed that all pending work should be completed and actions should be functioned before October 20 and direct presentations should be made to the DC. The DC gave deadline to the concerned departments to complete the work by October 17. He also instructed to complete the pending work and ensure its completion before October 25. The DC directed the concerned departments to shift the work to the concerned departments to 300-bed hospital and ensure that the formalities are put in place before the timelines prescribed by the administration. Further, the MS was asked to submit daily updates of progress.



Children performing play 'Aap Hamare Hain'

### Director focuses on play

The Director is concerned about the tension of their unfulfilled needs and force them to overcome stereotypes and kill the beautiful charm in them.

### BJP pursuing anti-OBG



A memento being presented to a guest during valedictory of two-day conference at CUJ on Thursday.

## Two-day national conference concludes at CUJ

Excelsior Correspondent

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The conference was organized by the Department of Social Work of the university in collaboration with Save The Children, an NGO. On this valedictory function, the organizer and the Head of the Department of Social Work Dr Nancy Mengi, talked about the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and how this crisis turned out to be a nightmare for the vulnerable groups of society including children, women, elderly people, minorities and transgender.

She also shed some light on that how we can tackle situations like these in the future and what role we can play in spreading awareness regarding the same.

Registrar and Associate Professor Dr Yashwant Singh also expressed his concern on the serious risks faced by some vulnerable sections of society as a result of the pandemic. He underlined the fact that how this crisis disturbed the social, economic and psychological set-up of the entire world and concluded his address by suggesting solutions to deal with such issues.

Towards the end of the event, Research Scholars who had come from various institutions across India including Tata Research Centre of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi University, JNU, Chandigarh University, and several other organizations, were presented with certificates and prizes for their research papers which they presented during various sessions of the conference.

Dr Yashwant Singh, (Registrar), Prof Rasal Singh, (DSW, Central University of

## Two-day National Conference concludes at CUJ



Scholars receiving certificates and prizes for presenting research papers in the two-day conference at Jammu.

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## Cleanliness drive continues at Jammu Airport



AAI staff, CISF personnel and other stakeholders participating in a cleanliness drive at Jammu Airport.

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## कोरोना प्रभावित लोगों के अनुभवों का हो दस्तावेजीकरण

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

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