

**Report of the One Day Workshop on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) to disseminate the outcomes of the Short-term Empirical Research Project titled “Identification of the Best Practices under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme in Thrissur District, Kerala” Sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) dated Monday, 15th January 2024 at School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University**

Sponsored by the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), the School of Pedagogical Sciences (SPS), Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) conducted a one-day workshop to disseminate the outcomes of the short-term empirical research project titled "Identification of the Best Practices under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme in Thrissur District, Kerala". The workshop aimed to promote gender equality and education for the girl child. The workshop brought together educators, researchers, community leaders, and government officials committed to promoting gender equality and education of the girl child.

The programme commenced with a soulful prayer lead by the SPS choir.

Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, project director delivered a warm welcome address, setting the stage for a day of insightful discussions expressing heartfelt appreciation for the participants by outlining the pivotal focus on the research project.

Prof Dr Asha J V, head of the department, School of Pedagogical Sciences delivered the presidential address emphasizing the importance of initiatives of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in shaping a progressive society.

The inauguration was graced by Prof. C T Aravindakumar, Hon. Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, who delivered an inspiring opening speech about the workshop. Prof. Aravind Kumar's words emphasized the university's commitment to fostering knowledge addressing issues related to gender equality and the empowerment of girls. According to him, the slogan "Save the girl child, Educate the girl child" remains relevant in India and many countries but is not as pertinent in a state like Kerala.

Dr Monisha U, District Programme Manager, Rural and Urban Community, *Kudumbashree* (State Poverty Eradication Mission), Thrissur district, addressed the gathering. She presented a detailed overview of various programmes associated with the BBBP scheme and provided valuable feedback on gender issues among men, the correlation between child sex ratio and gender discrimination. She explained in detail how *Kudumbashree* is involved in grassroots-level activities as part of government schemes and independently, including initiatives such as *Champion Hunt Talk shows* for high school students, awareness programmes, nutritional kit distribution among adolescent tribal girls, and street plays by the Rangasree theatre team of *Kudumbashree* on the protection of girl children. She explained the step-by-step implementation procedure of plans under the BBBP scheme in Thrissur and provided insights into the convergence of different departments.

Dr Saji Mathew, Member of Child Welfare Committee, Alappuzha delivered a compelling Special address shedding light on the crucial objectives of the Beti Bacho Beti Padhao scheme, indicators of gender inequality, child marriage, regulation of pre-natal diagnostic techniques, reasons for declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR), gender stereo typing, rape and consent, gender roles and so on special mention to film industry quoting relevant films “Aadyathe Kanmani”, “Otta mantharam”, “Hitler”, “Shivakasi” and “Veruthe oru Bhaarya”. The special address not only provided a comprehensive understanding of the challenges posed by gender inequality but also highlighted the proactive measures undertaken through BBBP. Dr. Saji Mathew's expertise added depth to the interactive session.

As a gesture of appreciation and gratitude, mementos were presented to the esteemed guests; Prof C T Aravindakumar, Dr Monisha U and Dr Saji Mathew.

Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Project Director, and Ms Riya Shibu, Research Associate presented the outcomes of the short-term empirical research project titled "Identification of the Best Practices under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme in Thrissur District, Kerala," focusing on various aspects falling under the BBBP

scheme. The presentation provided a detailed account of why the scheme was implemented in the district and what measures various government departments and agencies adopted to achieve the scheme's objective. A detailed account of experiences from the field survey was shared by the research associate. Challenges existing in achieving some targets under the scheme in certain pockets of the district was explained. This was followed by an interactive session, addressing the Feedback, Comments, Inputs, Constructive Suggestions and Reflections from the audience, on the best practices adopted for the fulfilment of BBBP scheme and doubts on Sukanya Samridhi Yojana skilfully led by Dr Ismail Thamarasseri and Ms Riya Shibu.

A group photo was taken, capturing the collective spirit of the workshop, symbolizing the unity and shared commitment of participants to the event's objectives. A delightful interlude during the seminar featured a break for a traditional Kerala Lunch (Sadya), a feast served on banana leaves.

The afternoon session began with a focus group discussion moderated by Dr. Muhammed K.V., Assistant Professor at the School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University. The panellists, including Prof Jaya Jaise, Prof Minikutty A, Dr Mahamood Shihab KM, Dr Arathi PM, and Dr Smitha S, contributed diverse expertise to the discourse. The discussion centred around the theme "Save the daughter, Educate the daughter," addressing multifaceted aspects of gender, education, and societal perceptions. Skilfully moderated by Dr Muhammed K.V., the exchange of ideas illuminated the complexities of the subject, providing a comprehensive understanding and generating thought-provoking insights for future action.

Dr Mahamood Shihab KM, the Principal of a community BEd college for women in the Thrissur district, shared his thoughts on an educational institute set up. He evaluates the empowerment of new students based on skills and activities such as martial arts, driving, cycling, club activities, travel, leadership, and NSS & NCC

volunteering in their previous education history. In many cases, female students lack engagement in these activities due to family upbringing and gender stereotyping. Ensuring security and a safe environment at educational institutions is crucial, and attention is needed for issues such as lack of drinking water facilities and cleanliness of toilets. Institutional structures, including classroom and toilet designs, often cater to men's interests, requiring infrastructural and academic changes. The lack of critical thinking in education impedes questioning of gender roles, and there is a need for opportunities in schools and the educational system to identify roles and empowerment. Physical activities contribute to intellectual development, but the current design of Physical Education periods and sports activities in schools favours boys. The education system must be more inclusive in all aspects, addressing the serious concern of students lacking life skills.

Next, Dr Arathi PM, an expert in gender studies and Director of the School of Gender Studies at MGU, shared valuable insights. She emphasized that dropout rates, school enrolment, and higher education enrolment serve as indicators of gender disparity. Disagreeing with the slogan of educating girls to save them, she highlighted the impact of women's educational attainment on human development indicators, citing Kerala as an example. Education, seen as both an opportunity and a weapon against discrimination, has become an expensive commodity leading to gender disparity in access to quality education. Discrimination from parents affects educational opportunities for children of migrant workers. Ensuring the efficiency of the public education system is essential. Over time, gender proportions have shifted in higher education in Kerala in favour of female students, making women more educated than men. The choice of education depends on gender and class dynamics, and she sees paternalism as a drawback of the BBBP scheme. Gender stereotyping persists in the education system, with courses like BTech seen as for male students and teacher education programmes for female students. Education should prepare students for life, not just jobs, fostering understanding and questioning of the world, including issues of discrimination and inequality. Article 21-A, the only fundamental right

from the Directive Principles of State Policy, underscores the need for educational experts to develop reformatory pedagogical tools.

Following that, Professor Jaya Jaise, a member of the School of Pedagogical Sciences at Mahatma Gandhi University, shared her insights. She expressed that there is a disparity between what education should be and what it currently is. Professor Jaise noted a gap between education and empowerment, citing her extensive experience with female students. She observed struggles in their personal lives, careers, and within the community, emphasizing a lack of empowerment through education. Professor Jaise suggested exploring the intended goals of the BBBP campaign and evaluating its actual achievements, identifying ways to bridge the gap.

According to Prof Minikutty A, Dean, Faculty of Education, the BBBP scheme has only least relevance in Kerala. She said marriage and children are no more a barrier for women to pursue higher education. Drawing on her past experience with seat reservations for women in KSRTC buses, Professor Minikkutty emphasized overcoming biological weaknesses with mental strength. She advocated for education that provides mental strength, focusing on equipping students with life skills and problem-solving abilities. Additionally, she highlighted the importance of creating awareness in government schools through Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meetings and suggested that teachers play a major role in organizing programmes that promote "mental strength for girls" and provide gender sensitization for boys.

Professor Smitha S, an Assistant Professor in the SPS MGU, stated that education aims at the overall development of individuals, asserting that through education, girls should be able to save themselves.

The Q&A session followed, during which Dr Arathi and Dr Mahamood Shihab provided answers. Dr Arathi emphasized the importance of education content and curriculum, stating that policies for girls and women are not against men but rather

a matter of social justice. She also answered to a question that science and technology is also gendered, and not value neutral. For making her point clear, she gave an example of NASA rejecting women astronauts in 1960s space expedition. Dr Arathi suggested reforming pedagogical tools to provide exposure to girls. In response to a question about mixed education, Dr Mahamood stated that a mixed education system is generally more efficient. However, he noted that when girls and boys compete in a mixed school or college setup, girls tend to lag behind. Gender stereotyping is evident in various tasks within educational institutions, and Dr Mahamood emphasized that for a mixed education system to be ideal, girls must be provided with equal opportunities.

The workshop culminated with the Valedictory Address delivered by Prof K Jayachandran, Registrar of Mahatma Gandhi University. Prof. Jayachandran's closing remarks resonated with gratitude, acknowledging the collective efforts that made the workshop a success. The Valedictory Address provided a fitting conclusion, inspiring attendees to carry forward the insights gained during the workshop.

The seminar wrapped up with appreciation and gratitude as Dr Siby G Netto, Assistant Professor at the School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, delivered a heartfelt Vote of Thanks. Dr Netto expressed sincere gratitude to all participants, esteemed speakers, moderators, and organizers for their invaluable contributions that made the seminar a resounding success. Recognizing the collaborative efforts that enriched the discussions, Dr Netto highlighted the significance of the shared commitment towards the workshop's objectives.

Following the Vote of Thanks, the seminar concluded with the National Anthem, symbolizing unity and reverence for the nation. This harmonious culmination encapsulated the spirit of shared knowledge, cultural diversity, and a collective vision for positive societal change.



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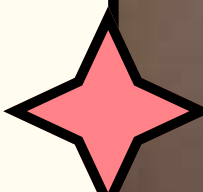
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## HIGHLIGHTS

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- FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

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### Workshop Schedule

- 10.00 **Prayer:** SPS MGU Chorus
- 10.05 **Welcome Address:** Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Project Director
- 10.10 **Presidential Address:** Prof Asha JV, HoD, School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University
- 10.15 **Inauguration:** Prof CT Aravindakumar, Hon Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University
- 10.30 **Keynote Address:** Dr Monisha U, District Programme Manager (Gender), Rural & Urban Community, 'Kudumbashree' (State Poverty Eradication Mission) Thrissur District
- 11.30 **Special Address:** Dr Saji Mathew, Ombudsman, MGNREGS and PMAY(G) Alappuzha & Member, Child Welfare Committee, Alappuzha
- 12.30 **Presenting the Outcomes of the Short-term Empirical Research Project:** Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Project Director & Ms Riya Shibu, Research Associate
- 14.00 **Focus Group Discussion on “Save the daughter, Educate the daughter”**  
**Moderator:** Dr Muhammed K.V., Asst Professor, School of Pedagogical Sciences, MG University  
**Panellists:**
- Prof Jaya Jaise, Professor, School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University
  - Prof Minikutty A, Dean, Faculty of Education, Mahatma Gandhi University
  - Prof Sajna Jaleel, Professor, School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University
  - Dr Mahamood Shihab K.M, Principal, Ansar Training College for Women, Thrissur
  - Dr Arathi P M, Director i/c, School of Gender Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University
  - Dr Smitha S, Asst Professor, School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University
- 15.30 **Feedback, Comments, Inputs, Constructive Suggestions and Reflections from the audience**
- 16.00 **Valedictory Address:** Prof K Jayachandran, Registrar, Mahatma Gandhi University
- 16.15 **Presentation of the Workshop Report:** Ms Samaja Devan, Rapporteur General
- 16.20 **Vote of Thanks:** Dr Sibu G Netto, Asst Professor, School of Pedagogical Sciences, MG University
- 16.25 **National Anthem:** SPS MGU Chorus

**Organising Team:** Patron: Prof Asha J.V., Advisors: Prof Jaya Jaise, Prof Minikutty A., Prof Sajna Jaleel,  
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Figure 1 Welcome Board



Figure 2 Registration and Reception



Figure 3 Arrival of the Hon Vice Chancellor & other Guests



Figure 4 Stage Banner



Figure 5 Prayer: SPS MGU Chorus



*Figure 6 Prayer*



*Figure 7 Lamp Lighting Ceremony*



*Figure 8 Lamp Lighting Ceremony*



*Figure 9 Lamp Lighting Ceremony*



*Figure 10 Lamp Lighting Ceremony*



Figure 11 Welcome Address by Project Director Dr Ismail Thamarasseri



Figure 12 Presidential Address: Prof Asha JV, HoD



Figure 13 Inauguration: Prof CT Arvindakumar, Hon Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University



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Figure 15 Inauguration: Prof CT Aravindakumar, Hon Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University



Figure 16 Inaugural Session



Figure 17 Inaugural Session



Figure 18 Honouring Prof CT Aravindakumar, Hon Vice Chancellor by Prof Asha JV, HoD



Figure 19 Keynote Address: Dr Monisha U, District Programme Manager (Gender), Rural & Urban Community, 'Kudumbashree' (State Poverty Eradication Mission) Thrissur District



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*Figure 21 Audience during the Keynote Address*



*Figure 22 Audience interacting with the Resource Person*



Figure 23 Audience



Figure 24 Honouring Dr Monisha U, by Dr Sibiu Netto



Figure 25 Special Address: Dr Saji Mathew, Ombudsman, MGNREGS and PMAY(G) Alappuzha & Member, Child Welfare Committee, Alappuzha



Figure 26 Audience interacting with the Resource Person



Figure 27 Audience



Figure 28 Honouring Dr Saji Mathew by Prof Mlnikutty A, Dean Faculty of Education, MGU



Figure 29 Presenting the Outcomes of the Short-term Empirical Research Project: Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Project Director & Ms Riya Shibu, Research Associate



Figure 30 Audience during the Presentation of the Outcomes of the Short-term Empirical Research Project by Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Project Director & Ms Riya Shibu, Research Associate





*Figure 31 Presentation of the Outcomes of the Short-term Empirical Research Project by Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Project Director & Ms Riya Shibu, Research Associate*



*Figure 32 Audience during the Presentation of the Outcomes of the Short-term Empirical Research Project by Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Project Director & Ms Riya Shibu, Research Associate*



*Figure 33 Serving Refreshments*



*Figure 34 Audience during the Presentation of the Outcomes of the Short-term Empirical Research Project by Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, Project Director & Ms Riya Shibu, Research Associate*



Figure 35 Lunch



Figure 36 Lunch



Figure 37 Lunch



Figure 38 Introductory remarks by Dr Ismail Thamarasseri during the Focus Group Discussion on “Save the daughter, Educate the daughter”



Figure 39 Focus Group Discussion on “Save the daughter, Educate the daughter” Moderator: Dr Muhammed K.V.



Figure 40 Dr Mahamood Shihab K.M, Principal, Ansar Training College for Women, Thrissur during the FGD



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Figure 42 Dr Arathi P M, Director i/c, School of Gender Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University



Figure 43 Prof Minikutty A, Dean, Faculty of Education, Mahatma Gandhi University



Figure 44 Prof Jaya Jaise, Professor, School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University



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Figure 46 Focus Group Discussion on "Save the daughter, Educate the daughter"



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Figure 56 Honouring Panellist Dr Arathi P M, by Prof Asha JV, HoD



Figure 57 Honouring Panellist Dr Mahamood Shihab K.M, by Prof Asha JV, HoD



Figure 58 Valedictory Address: Prof K Jayachandran, Registrar, Mahatma Gandhi University



Figure 59 Honouring the Registrar Prof K Jayachandran, by Prof Asha JV, HoD



Figure 60 Vote of Thanks: Dr Sibuj Netto, Asst Professor, School of Pedagogical Sciences, MG University



Figure 61 Valedictory Session



*Figure 62 Group Photo Forenoon*



*Figure 63 Group Photo Afternoon*



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