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REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

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Address for Correspondence:

Phone No. / Mobile No.:

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Whether presenting a Paper (Yes / No):

If Yes, Title of the Paper:

Accommodation required (Yes / No):

Arrival at Pondicherry University, Date, Time:

Departure Date, Time:

Mode of Travel: Air/Train/Bus

Payment Details

Demand Draft (DD) NoAmount.....
(Rupees.....only)
Issuing Bank & BranchDate

Signature of the participant

(Photocopies may be used for Registration purpose)
Send the Demand Draft by Speed Post in favour of
“NCNDW-2016” Payable at **Puducherry**

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Although a plethora of studies call attention to the gendered vulnerabilities to natural disasters, in practice, little thought has been paid to both women's and men's needs and concerns during different phases of a disaster. Therefore, the broad debate of this proposed seminar is to interlink gender vulnerability to disasters. Basically, how does gender analysis help us to understand vulnerability? By and large, the disaster planners feel that gender is certainly not the only determining factor of vulnerability, nor is it always the most important. Nonetheless, understanding these linkages through gender analysis makes it clear that women are vulnerable not because it is in their physical nature to be weak but because of the arrangements of societies that result in their poverty, political marginalisation, and dependence on men. Furthermore, understanding that vulnerability is a condition caused by human actions and attitudes can provide insights about strategies for addressing vulnerability and thus dealing with the causes, rather than the symptoms of disasters.

It is in this context that this national conference is going to deliberate why and how disasters are a gender issue. It is important to acknowledge that disasters are not 'acts of God', but occur as a result of human decisions and actions. If women in informal settlements are the most vulnerable to the threat of disasters, what support do they need to become less vulnerable? What can we do to reduce their economic/social/health risk of such and such a community? Unless the planning of development programmes incorporates questions of gender, those most at risk from environmental factors will not benefit.

SUB-THEMES:

- Perspectives on Gender and Disaster
- Gender Inequality, Susceptibility and Disaster
- Gender Violence, Masculinities and Disaster
- Impact of Disaster on Women
- Women's Vulnerability and Responses to Disaster
- Lessons Learned from History: Assessing Women's Preparedness, Recovery and Mitigation
- Women in Emergency: Case Studies from India and Beyond
- Understanding the Role of Men in Gender Equality and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Towards Gender Equality in Disaster Risk Reduction: Challenges for the Future

Note: The above sub-themes are only indicative. Authors may choose other areas pertinent to the central theme of the conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference intends to bring together scholars, researchers, and students from various disciplines and emergency management specialist to share their experiences and research covering a wide range of issues related to natural disaster and women. Original papers based on theoretical or experimental works related to the above mentioned sub themes are solicited for presentation in the conference. Interested participants must submit an abstract (250 words) in MS Word format by e mail to the Organising Secretary, ncndw2016@gmail.com not later than **3rd September, 2016**. Last date for submission of full papers of the accepted abstracts is **25th September, 2016**. Abstracts should be with the following information in this order: a) author(s), b) affiliation, c) email address, d) title of abstract, e) body of abstract. The email id for communicating soft copy is ncndw2016@gmail.com. The shortlisted papers will be published in the form of an Edited Volume by a National or International publisher.

ABOUT PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

Pondicherry (Central) University was established in October 1985 by Government of India through an Act of Parliament. It is ranked 13th among Indian universities by National Institutional Ranking Framework, MHRD as per its ranking in the year 2016. Like other Central Universities, teaching and research are its primary functions. It has affiliated colleges located in Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahé, Yanam and the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

The Sociology Department at Pondicherry University is committed to offer students with the skills and methods to study social behaviour from a sociological perspective. Our mission is to develop among our students a critical, ethical and inclusive understanding of complex social phenomena. We offer a wide range of courses that promote critical thinking and analytical abilities, as well as develop the writing and communication skills that prepare students for a diverse and increasingly global job market. Faculty members are nationally and internationally recognized scholars.

REGISTRATION

Paper presenters and participants must register before **27th September, 2016**. Accommodation on sharing basis will be provided to the participants who register for the same on or before the due date. Registration fee covers lodging, boarding and hospitality during the conference days. The participants are required to prepare a Demand Draft in favour of **“NCNDW-2016”** Payable at **Puducherry** as per the details given in Registration Form. Pondicherry is a former French colony and is now considered as one of the important tourist destinations of South India. The temperature in Pondicherry ranges 22^o to 30^o Celsius in the month of October. No TA/DA will be provided to the participants.

Participants	Without Accommodation	With Accommodation
Professionals/Faculty Members/Accompanying Per Person	700	1500
Research Scholars/ Students*	500	1000

*Students/Research scholars need to attach a copy of their institutional identity card along with the registration form

Accompanying Person(s)

Sl. No.	Name	Age	Relationship

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract must reach before: 3. 9. 2016
Communication about acceptance: 10. 9. 2016
Full paper must reach by: 25. 9. 2016
Last date for Registration: 27- 9-2 016