

## **IIT Hyderabad Hosts National Conference on Conditional Cash Transfer Schemes and Gender Dynamics**

*“Viksit Bharat ki Atmanirbhar Betiyan: Exploring the Role of CCTs and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in Empowering Girls in India.”*

### **Highlights:**

- The conference is part of the **ICSSR-funded Vision Viksit Bharat @2047** project, *“Viksit Bharat ki Atmanirbhar Betiyan: Exploring the Role of CCTs and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in Empowering Girls in India.”*
- Researchers from **IIT Hyderabad, IIIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, and RKSMVV, West Bengal State University** will present findings on the effectiveness of CCTs and gender policies across **Telangana, Delhi, Assam, and West Bengal**.
- Discussions will focus on CCTs’ role in addressing **early marriage, female feticide, and the socio-economic futures of girls in India**.
- Renowned national and international scholars will present research on the impact of cash transfers on gender equality, education, and labor participation.

**Hyderabad, February 11, 2025:** The Department of Liberal Arts, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad, hosting a distinguished gathering of scholars to discuss Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) schemes and the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative at a conference titled *“Turning Girls into ‘Daughters’: Conditional Cash Transfer Schemes, Marginalities, and Changing Gender Dynamics in India.”* The conference is part of the ICSSR-funded Vision Viksit Bharat @2047 project, *“Viksit Bharat ki Atmanirbhar Betiyan: Exploring the Role of CCTs and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in Empowering Girls in India.”*

### **Conference Agenda Highlights:**

- **Day 1 (February 11, 2025):**
  - **Inauguration and Welcome**
  - **Panel 1: Policies and Interventions** – Examining the effectiveness of CCTs in reducing early marriage and promoting gender equality.
  - **Panel 2: Experiences and Pitfalls** – Insights into West Bengal’s Kanyashree program and legal perspectives on child sex ratios.
- **Day 2 (February 12, 2025):**
  - **Roundtable on Preliminary Findings** – Led by key project investigators.
  - **Panel 3: Unpacking Complexities** – Addressing unintended consequences of financial incentives for girls and the intersection of financial inclusion and gender-based violence.

The conference will bring together policymakers, researchers, and practitioners to critically analyze how CCTs shape gender dynamics in India. By fostering interdisciplinary discussions, this event aims to contribute to the ongoing efforts for **women’s empowerment and gender equity in India**.

**Prof. B.S. Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad**, reaffirmed the institute’s dedication to social impact research, stating, *“At IIT Hyderabad, we are committed to fostering research that not only advances academic knowledge but also drives meaningful change in society. This*



conference is a crucial platform for examining how policy interventions can promote gender equity and social transformation. To further support this mission, we have introduced special provisions and supernumerary seats to encourage greater participation of girl students in higher education. He further emphasized about entry and retention of women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields by encouraging the women faculty of the Institute to participate in external conferences and workshops as well as organize such type of conferences and workshops within the institute on frequent basis. He also urged the Committee for Gender Concerns (CGC) to create a hassle-free, seamless, strong & fast grievance redressal system at the Institute in order to provide safer studying & working environment and ecosystem to the women fraternity in the Institute. "

**Dr. Anindita Majumdar, Associate Professor, Department of Liberal Arts & Project Investigator, ICSSR-funded Vision Viksit Bharat @2047 project, IIT Hyderabad,** highlighted the significance of the conference, stating, "This conference provides a critical space to examine how Conditional Cash Transfer schemes and policies like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao shape gender dynamics in India. By bringing together scholars and policymakers, we aim to explore both the potential and the limitations of these interventions in empowering girls and addressing systemic inequalities. Our goal is to foster informed discussions that contribute to more inclusive and effective gender policies."

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