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Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda is an academician and a gender specialist who has been teaching political theory and gender studies for the last 24 years. She has written extensively on gender issues and her published works include three books and several articles/research papers in reputed journals. She has assisted various State Governments in drafting policy related to women and girl child. As a policy analyst she has extensively analysed the public policies relating to family planning, human trafficking, Conditional Cash Transfers for girl child, housing for women, etc. In addition, she has provided technical assistance on gender issues to UNFPA, UNDP, WHO and UNIFEM, apart from a score of Non-Government Organizations in India. She has extensively travelled in India and abroad in connection with her academic, research and activist pursuits.

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| 1. Qualifications | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ph.D on '<i>Gender Discrimination and the State: A Comparative Case Study of Sex Selective Abortion in Punjab and Orissa</i>', from Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.2. M.Phil on '<i>Contemporary Democratic Theory</i>', University of Delhi.3. M.A. in Political Science, Utkal University, Odisha, India. |
| 2. Fellowship & Awards | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship.2. Teachers' Excellence Award-2017, University of Delhi.3. Fellow, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi. |
| 3. Positions held | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Acting Principal, Miranda House University of Delhi, since 01.03.2019.2. Vice Principal, Miranda House, University of Delhi.3. Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Miranda House, University of Delhi – Since 1993.4. Founder Director, GrassRoot Support Foundation – Women for Change since 2014.5. Member, Advisory Committee on PC-PNDT Act, Government of NCT of Delhi.6. Member, Board of Governors, Women's Feature Service (WFS), New Delhi, India.7. Member, State Supervisory Board on PC-PNDT Act, Government of NCT of Delhi: 2011-2014.8. Campaign Coordinator, Campaign Against Pre-birth Elimination of Females (CAPF) – Since 2002.9. Research Advisor, National Commission for Women (NCW) on the issue of sex selection, New Delhi: 2003-2006.10. Member, Core Committee on the Issue of Sex Selective Abortion, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India (2005).11. Head of the Department, Department of Political Science, Miranda House, Delhi University – 2000-2002.12. Presiding Officer, Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) against Sexual Harassment, Miranda House, University of Delhi (2014-17).13. Member, Committee against Sexual Harassment at Centre for Advocacy and Research (CFAR).14. Vice President, Academic Stand Against Poverty, Student Chapter.15. Convener, Women's Development Cell, Miranda House, DU. |

16. Executive Member, Project and Research Coordinator, STOP (Stop Trafficking, Oppression and Prostitution against Women and Children – an NGO) – 1999-2001.

3. **Projects & Consultancy**

1. Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) (2018):
Project Director of ICSSR project under Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) titled "Declining Child Sex Ratio and Violence Against Women: Examining Girl-Child Discrimination in India".
2. National Foundation of India (UNFPA Funded) (2016):
Project Director of UNFPA funded research titled "Access to Housing and Property Rights for Women and Discrimination Against Girls: Select Study in Delhi and NCR Region".
3. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Consultancy (2012 & 2013):
 - a. Drafting of "State Girl Child Policy" for Government of Rajasthan, 2012.
 - b. Drafting of "Odisha State Policy on Girl Child and Women 2013".
4. ACTIONAID Consultancy (2012):
Expert consultancy on formulation of "Women and Health Policy" of Government of Uttar Pradesh.
5. Population Foundation of India (PFI) Consultancy (2012):
Expert Review of "Advocacy for Change: Repositioning Family Planning-Promoting Birth Spacing", a detailed and extensive study in the field of family planning practices in South Asia and other Latin American and African countries with a India specific focus.
6. WHO Project (2009):
Development of "Teaching-Learning Material on Sex Selection for inclusion in Medical Curriculum".
 - Held national consultative meetings with a large number of faculty members of Medical Colleges in India.
 - Drafting and preparation of the material with emphasis on Gender, Ethics and Legal framework on the issue of Sex Selection.

4. **Publications:**

Books:

1. *Discourse on Rights in India: Debates and Dilemmas*, Routledge, London, 2018.
2. *Sex-Selective Abortion and the State: Policies, Laws and Institutions in India*, Shakti Books/Har Anand Publications, New Delhi, 2018.
3. *Understanding Social Inequality: Concerns of Human Rights, Gender and Environment*, (co-editor), Macmillan India Ltd., New Delhi, 2010.
4. *Human Rights, Gender and Environment*, (co-author), Allied Publishers, New Delhi, 2006.

Articles in Journals:

1. "Women's Health and Rights: Issues and Concerns", (corresponding-author), *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, Oct-Dec. 2015, Vol.LXI, No.4, Indian Institute of Public Administration, ISSN 0019-5561 (*UGC Journal No.41118*).
2. "Policies for Women's Development in India: A Critical Study of Conditional Cash Transfers in India", *Bihar Journal of Political Science*,

Vol.IV, No.1, January-June, 2015, ISSN 2277-422X.

3. "Sex Selective Abortion: A Syncretic Feminist Approach", *Mainstream*, Vol. LIII No 1, December 27, 2014 - Annual Number (*UGC Journal No.47278*).
4. "Cinderella Goes to School: Education of Girl Child in India", *Yojana*, September, 2013 (*UGC Journal No. 48028*).
5. "Rights and Survival of the Girl Child and the Role of Panchayats" (Co-author), *Mainstream*, VOL LI, No 20, May 4, 2013 (*UGC Journal No.47278*).
6. "Does the Girl-child Count? Census and Other Stories", *Mainstream*, Vol. LI, No 15, March 30, 2013 (*UGC Journal No.47278*).
7. "Women on Campus: Negotiating Spaces and Silences", *Economic and Political Weekly*, (co-author), Oct. 31, 2011, Vol.XLVI No.53, pp.27-29 (*UGC Journal No. 12473*).
8. "Violence, Martyrdom and Partition: A Daughter's Testimony" (book review article), *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, Sage Publication, New Delhi, March 2010 (17:1) (*UGC Journal No. 20780*).

Chapters in Books:

1. "Feminism and Citizenship", in *Citizenship in a Globalising World*, Ashok Acharya (ed.), Pearson Publications, New Delhi, 2012.
2. "Understanding Social Inequality: An Introduction", in *Understanding Social Inequality: Concerns of Human Rights, Gender and Environment*, Motilal, Shashi and Bijayalaxmi Nanda (eds.), Macmillan India Ltd., New Delhi, 2010.
3. "Gender Violence and Legal Frameworks in India: The Story of Sex Selection", in *Understanding Social Inequality: Concerns of Human Rights, Gender and Environment*, Motilal, Shashi and Bijayalaxmi Nanda (eds.), Macmillan India Ltd., New Delhi, 2010.
4. "Environmental Concerns and Human Rights: Why? How Much and By What Rules Should I Consume?" in *Understanding Social Inequality: Concerns of Human Rights, Gender and Environment*, Motilal, Shashi and Bijayalaxmi Nanda (eds.), Macmillan India Ltd., New Delhi, 2010.
5. "Campaign Against Female Foeticide: Perspective, Strategies and Experiences", in *Sex Selective Abortion in India: Gender, Society and New Reproductive Technologies*, Tulsi Patel (Ed.), Sage Publication, New Delhi, 2006.

Articles in on-line journals/Newspapers/other publications:

1. "The Real Truth Behind Sex Selective Abortions", *Deccan Herald*, June 8, 2012.
2. "Nayagarh's Wells tell you about Orissa", *the Indian Express*, New Delhi, Edit page, 8 October, 2007.
3. "MY VIEW: Why Lifting the Ban on Sex Determination is Bad News for Women in India", *Women's Feature Service*, published at the Better India, available at <http://www.thebetterindia.com/46042/sex-determination-sex-ratio-india-maneka-gandhi/>
4. "Pro-life or Pro-Women's Rights?" *India Together: The News in Proportion*, an electronic news magazine, available at <http://indiatogether.org/pcpndt-mtp-laws-on-abortion-sex-selection-pro-life-or-pro-women-women>
5. *Pre-Birth Elimination of Females: A Handbook of Guidelines*, CAPF &

CWDS, New Delhi (2004).

6. Guest Editor's note, *Girlcount, newsletter*, January-March, 2015 Issue 3.

5. Conferences, Workshops, Papers & Talks

International:

1. Participated in the 60th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-60) at New York, USA, 14th to 24th March, 2016 as an invitee on the NGO panel.
2. Visiting faculty at Women's Studies, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, USA, 15th September to 5th October, 2015 on *Public Policies, Gender and Development*.
3. Presented paper on the "Population Policies in India in the context of Global Justice" at the invitational symposium on *Global Justice: New Directions in Research and Advocacy* held on 4th & 5th September 2015 at the Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium.
4. Presented paper on "Critical Assessment of Asian Population Policies from a Demographic and Gender Perspective" at 5th Asia & Pacific Studies Congress 2015 held on 9th to 11th September, Paris, France.
5. Presented paper on "Sex Selective Abortion and State in India: Dilemmas of Gender Justice" in the conference on *Global Gender Justice: New Directions* held on 21st and 22nd May, 2015 at University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom.
6. "Sex Selective Abortion and Gender Justice: A Global Perspective", a paper presented in the International Conference on Global Justice and Global South held on 25-27 April, 2014 at University of Delhi in collaboration with the Yale University, USA and University of Birmingham., UK.
7. "The Ladli Scheme in India: Leading to a Lehenga or a Law Degree?" a paper presented at the *Academic Forum, Indo Brazil South Africa (IBSA) Summit*, Brasilia, Brazil, April 2010.
8. Presented paper on "Child Rights in India – Needs & Reforms". International Conference on Child Rights, Lund, Gothenberg and Orebro Universities, Sweden, 2001.
9. Participated in the International Conference on Child Rights in Kathmandu, Nepal (Organized by Maiti Nepal) and Dhaka, Bangladesh (Organized by BNWLA), 2001.

National:

1. "Democracy and Rights Discourse in India: Setting the Context", paper presented at the *UGC CAS-SAP National Seminar on Democracy and Rights Discourse in India: Norms, Institutions and Practices*, held on 28-29 July, 2017 at the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi.
2. "Gender Biased Sex Selection and Daughter Discrimination in India: Dilemmas of Feminist Politics", paper presented at the UGC sponsored National Seminar titled *Idea of Inclusive Development in India: Towards an Egalitarian Society and Nation*, held on 12.1.2017 at Khalsa College, University of Delhi, Delhi, India.
3. Presented a paper on "PC-PNDT Act and the State in India" in the national seminar on *Investigation of Crime against Women* held on 28th and 29th January, 2015 at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Ministry of Home Affairs, Hyderabad, India
4. "Care work and young women in urban areas", a paper in the conference proceedings of National Workshop for Advocacy on Care Work, 16th to 17th February, 2015 organized by Actionaid, New Delhi
5. Resource person on "Role of Media in the Context of Maternal Health",

Emerging Priorities: Maternal Health & Media, A Discussion organised by UK Aid, Women's Feature Service and Oxfam at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, on February 13, 2015.

6. Lecture on "Safety and Security of Women" delivered at Department of Political Science, Kamla Nehru College, University of Delhi, 10th April, 2015
7. Lecture on "National and International Measures to aid Women" and "Women Empowerment and Agencies involved" at EFICOR, New Delhi on 25th February, 2015
8. Organized a consultative workshop on *Current Structure and Status of Statutory Mechanisms under PC-PNDT Act* at India International Centre on 6th April 2015. Participants from Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, UNFPA and civil society initiatives attended the workshop
9. Organized a three week International Collaborative Programme on 'Feminism and Indian Politics' with University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, USA at Miranda House, University of Delhi from 5th to 23rd January, 2015.
10. Resource person on the session on "Gender Discrimination and the State: A case study of Sex Selective abortions" in the *Refresher Course on Women/Gender Studies: Contemporary Issues and Debates*, organised by the Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (CPDHE) on 4th Dec., 2014.
11. Consultation, Working Group on Gender & the Sex Ratio, Towards a National Policy Framework, National Advisory Council (NAC), January 19, 2012.
12. "Sex Selection and State Interventions: Tackling Daughter Dispreference in India", a paper presented at a workshop on "Undesired Daughters: The Paradox of Modern India" organized by University of Lund, Sweden and University of Delhi, India at New Delhi, 12-13 Feb. 2010.
13. Attended World Social Forum held at Mumbai, 2004.

Resource Person on Gender issues:

1. *Centre for Women's Development Studies*, New Delhi
2. *Women's Studies and Development Centre*, Delhi University.
3. *Gender Discourse*, Lok Sabha TV.
4. National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (*NIPCCD*), Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI: Special focus on orienting Local Self Government Women Representatives.

6. Creative inputs

1. Conceptualised and implemented for the Centre for Advocacy and Research (CFAR), New Delhi an initiative called "*School of Life*", a joint learning programme on gender issues where young people from underprivileged communities and college students learn together, May & June, 2016.
2. Helped in the conceptualization of the feature film "*Jalpari*", a film on sex selective abortion, 2012.
3. Creative inputs on the feature film "*I am Kalam*", a film on child rights, 2011.
4. Written the story of "*Chuppi*", a feature film produced by USAID on the issue of child sexual abuse (2007).

5. Helped in conceptualisation of a TV serial '*Atmaja*' on the issue of pre-birth elimination of females, telecast on Doordarshan (2005-06).
 6. Developed a highly successful and popular mobile exhibition called 'Nipped in the Bud' on the issue of sex selective abortion.
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