

# Webinar on the occasion of the Gender Equality Day, 2021

**Webinar Chair:** Prof. K S James, Director and Senior Professor, IIPS

**Speaker:** Dr. Sangeeta Desai, RCWS, SNDT

**Topic:** “Gender Equality: Goals, Gaps and Issues in India”

**Date:** August 26, 2021

**Time:** 5.00 PM – 6.15 PM

**Registration and Participation for Webinar link**

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**Dr. Sangeeta Desai** acquired her doctorate in Women’s Studies from SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai. She also completed her MBA from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management. She graduated from Narsee Monjee college of Commerce and Economics. She is the Co-founder of **Reight**, an organisation that focusses specifically on women’s reproductive health rights. She is a consultant to Vacha, an NGO that addresses issues of adolescent girls and women living in slums of Mumbai. She is Guest faculty at the Research Centre for Women’s studies at SNDT and teaches Gender and Development and Gender in Legal Terrain for the MA students. She brings in her corporate experience to her academic field and gives a taste of praxis and theory to her students. Before entering academia, she has spent more than 13 years as a Banking professional in Corporate Banking. She has also undertaken various research projects on gender and development, women’s health and women’s political spaces. She has worked in the interiors of Maharashtra to bring out the challenges and issues faced by the women development workers in rural areas. She has written academic papers for national and international peer reviewed journals and presented her research in various national and international conferences. She has closely worked with the Maharashtra state women’s nodal agency Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal. Dr Desai has started her own enterprise Inclusive Horizon which focuses primarily on women’s health and is passionate about issues surrounding women’s livelihoods, their economic and social empowerment. She believes that innovative development models need to be experimented for reducing the gender gap and bring in social justice for the marginalised communities.

Program Schedule	Time
<b>Welcome:</b> Prof. Usha Ram	5.00–5.05 pm
<b>Opening Remarks:</b> Chair Prof. K S James, Director & Sr. Professor	5.05–5.10pm
<b>Introducing the Dr. Sangeeta Desai:</b> Prof Usha Ram	5.10–5.35 pm
<b>Guest speaker:</b> Dr. Sangeeta Desai, RCWS, SNDT <b>Topic:</b> Gender Equality: Goals, Gaps and Issues in India	
<b>Observations:</b> Prof Vibhuti Patel Prof. K S James	5.35–5.40 pm 5.40–5.45 pm
<b>Discussion:</b> Open to all	5.45–6.10 pm
<b>Vote of thanks:</b> Dr. Manas R. Pradhan	6.10–6.15 pm