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Professor Asha A. Bhende Memorial Lecture

On

Fertility, Class, Female Education and Sex Ratio in India

By

Professor Ravinder Kaur

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

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Professor Asha A. Bhende

Dr. Asha Atmaram Bhende had an excellent academic career. She had Master degrees from the University of Bombay (1956) and from the University of California, Berkeley (1962). In 1976, she received Doctorate in Sociology from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). She joined IIPS in 1963 and served the Institute in various capacities. In 1988, she retired as a Professor and Head of the Department of Population Policies and Programmes. She was considered as one of the best teachers of IIPS. Her book "Principles of Population Studies" (co-authored with Prof. Tara Kanitkar) is well acclaimed by demographers and students. She worked as a consultant to ILO, UNFPA, Rockefeller Foundation, FRHS and National Association for the Blind. She was a Visiting Fellow at the East West Center, Hawaii in 1985. As a chairperson of the Ashish Gram Rachana Trust of the Institute of Health Management, Pachod (Maharashtra), she was active till her last breath in directing the programmes of the trust aimed at holistic development and the upliftment of marginalized groups. On her 80th birthday, her book on her life titled - "*Majhya Jagaat Me*" (In my own world, am I) - was published. Besides being an academician, Dr. Asha Bhende was a well acclaimed actress and a model. She passed away on 28th May 2010 at the age of 82. Prof. Bhende was a rare combination of artistic talent and academic brilliance.

Professor Ravinder Kaur

Ravinder Kaur is Professor of Sociology and Social Anthropology and Head on the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Sociology, University of Delhi. Prior to IIT Delhi, she taught at Delhi University and New York University. In IIT Delhi, she has received a Teaching Excellence Award. She has also been a recipient of research fellowships from the Social Science Research Council (New York) and ICSSR-NWO (Netherlands). Her areas of research are gender, kinship, family, marriage, migration, and technology. She has over 40 published articles and has recently edited two book volumes, viz. "Marrying in South Asia: Shifting Concepts, Changing Practices in a Globalising World" (2013) and "Too Many Men, Too Few Women: Social Consequences of the Gender Imbalance in India and China" (2016).

Since 2001 she has worked extensively on the causes and consequences of skewed sex ratios. She has carried out intensive field research in Haryana to study marriage squeeze consequences of the sex ratio imbalance. A book manuscript entitled "Strangers as Spouses: Skewed Sex Ratios and Marriage Migration in India" is in process, based on ethnographic data. She has also worked as a consultant with several international organizations such as The World Bank, UNDP and UNFPA. She has served on ICSSR committees, Commonwealth Fellowship Jury and is currently serving as Jury and mentor of CRY research fellows. She has been engaged with the policy world through her membership of several government committees, notably, the Central Supervisory Board constituted under Section 7 of the Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Act, 1994 and the State Supervisory Board in Delhi. In 2010, she also served on the five-member Justice Srikrishna Committee on Telangana.