

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For writing research papers



The primary goal of the research is to undertake analysis of existence of Racial Discrimination and Gender Based Violence in the country. The research papers will be awarded to research students, academicians with a background in social sciences, public policy, lawyers and grass root women leaders.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. This call for proposals targets early to mid-level youth academicians, scholars and leaders with minimum qualification of a postgraduate in the field of social sciences, public policy, gender studies and development studies.
2. Preference would be given to minimum M Phil and/or PhD Students with an understanding of conflict in Northeast India, Gender Based Violence and Racial Discrimination.
3. Proficiency in English is desirable.

Theme of the Research Paper: The theme for the research paper is “Racial Discrimination and Gender Based Violence with Special Emphasis on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones of Nagaland/ Mizoram/ Assam/ Meghalaya/ Delhi NCR/ Manipur”

Approach and Methodology

Being fully aware of the conflict and post conflict situation and women peace and security issues in India with focus on Northeast India; United Nations Security Council Resolution(UNSCR) 1325, United Nations Resolution(UNR) 1820 and United Nations Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination(CERD). Methodology should include collection of primary qualitative/quantitative data.

Timeline: Three to Five months

Key Deliverables

1. An action plan and a framework for the process
2. First draft version of the paper should be submitted for review prior to submission of final version and analysis need to be submitted to CAFI
3. Final Draft and finalization of the paper within a period of three to five months

Numbers of Positions open: 6

Applications should be sent to cafi.communique@gmail.com and kalyani.cafi@gmail.com on or before 10th February 2017 and with the following details:

1. A cover letter with updated curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages)
2. An action plan or a framework on concise description of your intended project (maximum 2 pages) based on the theme
3. Two research samples on racial discrimination and gender based violence in India
4. Two references with their contact details

Selection Process: All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Only successful applicants will be notified via email.

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Concept Note

Research Paper to be developed under Deepening Diversity, Women Rights and Democracy in India

Background

India is a land of diversity consisting of 29 States and 7 Union Territories. "Unity in Diversity" is the spirit and strength of India that binds people together as one. The Constitution of India further enforces the diverse components what helps India constitute its diverse components into one functional reality with its principles of human rights, federalism and separation of

powers. On 21st December 1965, the United Nations International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial discrimination (ICERD) was adopted. India signed and ratified the convention to reiterate and reinforce a world without any kind of discrimination.

On another spectrum, we also have the issue of rising rape and sexual violence of women and children happening in India. Every 22 minutes a woman in India is raped and there are 100,000 pending rape cases in the country. The issue of rape in conflict zones is a topic which hardly finds discussion. The Constitution of India provides for equality of all citizens and inclusive of all sexes and gender. Internationally, on 19 June 2008, the United Nations Security Council Resolution adopted a landmark Resolution No 1820 which condemns the use of sexual violence as a tool of war, and declared that “rape and other forms of sexual violence can constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity or a constitutive act with respect to genocide”.

The backdrop of our project is based on addressing the two above issues, namely increasing violence against women and girls in conflict zones and the rise in case of growing intolerance and racial violence in India. We aim to work with committed stakeholders to address the issue of deepening diversity, racial discrimination and sexual violence in conflict zones of India through improved and strengthened civil society responses and initiatives, engaging local authorities and government structures & international efforts to address the issue. This will help in ensuring inclusive, sustainable growth in India.

About the project

The aim of this project is to address the issue of racial discrimination and gender based violence in India, with specific focus on sexual violence in conflict zones of Northeast India, through improved and strengthened civil society responses and initiatives, engaging local authorities and government structures & international efforts to address the issue. The project focus is on socio-economic development and peace building processes lead by women and youth and advocacy work on reduction and resolution of GBV, racial discrimination, violation of human rights and diversity in the most disadvantaged areas of northeast India and Delhi NCR, with caste-related or tribal discriminations or internal conflicts.

The action of developing research papers deals with mapping the critical issues of various ethnicities, the conflicts surrounding the diverse ethnicities with an analysis of the causes. Also, addressing the issue of Gender Based Violence especially Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones. The analysis seeks to be result oriented, proving a way forward in sense of a State Diversity Policy of the concerned State and elaborating on mechanisms for Ending Gender Based Violence in Conflict Areas.

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