



# International Institute for Population Sciences 18th Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat Memorial Lecture

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by

**Prof. Ritu Dewan**

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on the topic

**"Macro Structural Constraints on the Gendered Labour Continuum."**

**Ritu Dewan 2025** 64th Conference President of the Indian Society of Labour Economics; Honorary Visiting Fellow, Mumbai School of Economics & Public Policy; Visiting Professor, Institute of Human Development; President of Indian Association for Women's Studies (2014-17); Vice President of Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (2019-22); Cofounder of Feminist Policy Collective; Director of The Leaflet; Trustee of The India Forum; President of Alumni Association of Mumbai School of Economics & Public Policy (2019-25). She was the first-ever woman Director of the Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, and founder-member of the first Centre for Gender Economics in Asia.



She has over 250 publications, including 56 books and monographs, encompassing a wide range of issues including Development Economics, Fiscal Policies, Gender Studies & Gender Economics, Rural and Urban Development, Infrastructure, Labour Markets, Environmental Displacement, Peace Studies, etc. She was a member of the Feminist Economists' Group for Engendering the 12th and 11th Five Year Plans as well as of the sub-group on 'Gender and Macro-policies' appointed by the Planning Commission, Government of India. She is also Consultant to UNDP, UN Women, ILO, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, World Wildlife Fund, Action Aid, etc. She is closely associated with training and capacity-building related specially to gender budgeting and gender issues, and has conducted over 300 workshops for the Central Government and also several state governments including Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, etc. Her research focus – which interlinks academics, advocacy, accountability and action – is the result of issues related to the marginalised. Her last four books are Invisible Work Invisible Workers: The Sub-Economies of Paid and Unpaid Work; Demonetisation: From Deprivation to Destitution; Pandemic, Patriarchy and Precarity: Labour, Livelihood and Mobility Rights, and the seminal India Gender Report 2024.



Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat

**Prof. P. N. Mari Bhat** (1951-2007) had a very distinguished academic career. He obtained his Ph.D. in Demography from University of Pennsylvania under the guidance of Dr. Samuel Preston, a renowned mathematical demographer. Prior to joining IIPS as its Director in 2005, Dr. Bhat worked as a Professor at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, as Director of PRC at Dharwad, and as Associate Professor at Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum and also at ISEC, Bangalore. His research works reflected a unique combination of statistical acumen and social science perspectives in demographic research. He was pioneer in providing fertility and mortality estimates for colonial India and for the early decades of independence. For a detailed discussion on Prof. Bhat's research contribution to Indian demography, see "P.N. Mari Bhat: An Intellectual Tribute" by M. Das Gupta, S.H. Preston, V. Rao and T.V. Sekher, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLII (36), 2007.