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## Editorial

#### Hearty Greetings on International Women's Day, 2025.

International Women's Day reminds us of the struggles, contributions, and achievements of women worldwide. While there is much to celebrate, there are also large areas of concern. Along with the achievements, there is a need to reflect on the pervasive gaps in equity, inclusion, regressive social practices, and gaps in the representation of women in different fields.

In the present issue of the Asha Paras International Journal of Gender Studies (APIJGS), through the contribution of authors from diverse fields, we delve into the multifaceted realities and challenges faced by women across the globe today ranging from social construction of gender; gender-based violence ;symbolic violence and women's daily lives; women issues raised in media; gendered power dynamics and digital gender based violence; women, family and law; women's status and contribution to the society and contributions of women artisans. The papers included in the present issue reflect the complexities of women's lived experiences and also advocate for solutions and transformative change.

The Journal provides a platform for academicians and researchers to express their views, ideas, research findings and insights on various women and gender based issues that drive positive change. It is hoped that the present issue of the Journal will deepen your understanding on the diverse range of issues affecting women that define the present landscape for women. It is also hoped that this issue of the Journal will be well received and appreciated by the academicians, researchers, and those working in the concerned field.

Together, we can work toward building a more equitable and inclusive society.

**Prof. Asha Shukla** Editor-in-Chief, APIJGS