

Prof. Saraswathi Govindaraj

Participation in Conferences/Symposia/Seminars:

- Represented India at international conferences and seminars in Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Sri Lanka, China, Nepal, Britain, and Switzerland.
- Represented India at the Beijing Platform of Action in 1995.
- Participated in various conferences and seminars across India, including seminars on women and political processes, women's movements, right to freedom of expression, Tamil Nadu Dalit Women's Movement, and more.
- Chaired sessions, delivered inaugural addresses, and acted as a resource person in seminars and workshops on gender and development, women's empowerment, grassroots democracy, gender sensitization, and women's representation.

Conferences and Seminars Organized:

- Organized seminars on transgender rights, violence against women, and the plight of women in conflict zones.

Awards:

- Nominated for the Alternate Nobel Prize for Peace in 2000.

Membership in Professional Bodies:

- Served as a member of the Academic Council and Senate at the University of Madras.
- Also served on the Advisory Committee of Kakatiya University, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh.
- Held positions in various educational and women's rights organizations, including as Joint Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Govt College Teachers Association, Founder President of the Tamil Nadu Govt College Teachers Forum, Vice President of PUCL Chennai, and President of the Adyar Women Consumer's Co-operative Society.
- Additionally, a founder member of Pennurumai Iyakkam and a member of Kalvi Membattu Iyakkam.

Skills and Contributions:

- Proficient orator, trainer, facilitator, and prolific writer.
 - Serialized a novel 'Malli' depicting the life of a village girl.
 - Published numerous articles on human rights and women's rights in leading Tamil magazines.
 - Actively involved in advocating for women's reservation in governance at the national level.
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Prof. Saraswathi Govindaraj has made significant contributions to academia, women's rights advocacy, and societal development through her participation in conferences, organizational activities, and her work as an orator, writer, and trainer.