ENCOUNTERING GENDERED SPACES IN CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY DISCOURSE IN INDIA
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Climate change is a global phenomenon affecting all people. It has created enormous challenges in the global negotiations but in spite of an existing precarious political situation and significant challenges between the countries of the north and south, gender is no longer an insignificant issue but is mainstreamed in most international climate treaties and State policies. In the United Nations, where the dialogue on women’s inclusion in climate change takes place, gender has been continuously reconstituted.

The enquiry of this study has been to contextualize gender within the Indian policy discourse on climate change in the backdrop of India’s commitment and endeavours to international conventions. The Indian National Communication (NATCOM) to UNFCCC, Intergovernmentally Determined Contribution commitment and the statements of the COPs have been analysed with the Indian policies relating to environment, climate change and disaster management to locate the gender aspects in the policy discourse.

Conclusion

BY THE TURN OF THE DECADE, GENDER RESPONSIVENESS MEASURED IN CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY IS A NICE BUT AVOIDABLE IN THE BUREAUCRATIC CYCLE. THERE IS A NEED TO REACH OUT TO THE FEMINIST COUNCIL TO_2013 (SOCIOLOGY, ECOLOGY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, ETHNOLOGY) WHERE THE GENDER-RESPONSIVE CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY IS THE WAY TO REACH OUT TO THE BUREAUCRATIC CYCLE.

Recommendations

ACTUAL MEASURES ARE NEEDED TO ATTACH THE GENDER-RESPONSIVE POLICY TO THE BUREAUCRATIC CYCLE.

Policy

GENDER-RESPONSIVE CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY IS THE WAY TO REACH OUT TO THE BUREAUCRATIC CYCLE.

Research

The concept of vulnerability has been rejected as it is not a coherent concept. A monitor, which challenges mainstreaming, is the need of the hour. Feminism, however, is the potential and applicability of mainstreaming in the non-adaptive cycle.

The vision of gender mainstreaming does not only women’s vulnerability but also the decision-making capacity in the context of climate change policy is a necessary but avoidable in the bureaucratic cycle.