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SUB-DOMAIN: CHILD REARING PRACTICES AND CULTURAL CONSTRUCTION OF
CHILDHOOD**

PANEL TITLE: GIRL CHILD AND CULTURAL STEREOTYPES

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ABSTRACT

Women can be considered at a demographic risk due to their restricted access to opportunities and resources as well as their systematic exclusion from positions of decision-making. More crucially, the exclusion process frequently begins at the most fundamental level—that of the family. Here, a young girl is exposed to the types of language and behaviours that patronize exclusion of various kinds at various levels. The patriarchal structure of Indian society has elevated the male character as being more revered than the female one. Urgent interventions are needed to ensure that the rights of the girl child are protected and acknowledged. Their interests and choices must be given preferences and their interests prioritized. This is the only way to avoid any adverse impact on the personality of a girl child. It is seen that perpetual discrimination impacts self-actualization of young women in early adult life. A national grass-roots effort is necessary to evolve consensus that secures rights of girls in society. Objective of the panel is to have an open discussion on the subject and bring forth operational strategies.

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