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Train the Trainers Workshop- Working with women with disabilities in rural areas; busting myths around sexuality of WwD

Nita Panchal, who works at the Gender and Disability Center in Gujarat, led us through issues they regularly face while working with women with disabilities in rural areas. Post that, Nidhi Goyal helped us bust some prevalent myths around the sexuality of people with disabilities.



Meet our participant Nita Panchal (tweets at [@Paragrpanchal06](https://twitter.com/Paragrpanchal06)), who works with WwD at the Gender and Disability Center. pic.twitter.com/cwBstStPHw

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.@Paragrpanchal06 She became paraplegic after the 2001 earthquake in Gujarat and her dream is to make an autobiographical film one day.

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Nita is taking a session about gender + disability in rural India. Starting the program for WwD in rural India was a struggle, she explains. pic.twitter.com/KFLARnzuV6

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Nita explained why it was so hard to open a program in rural areas- people are not receptive, women with disabilities are abused and exploited by their caregivers and are trapped in difficult circumstances because they are not financially independent.

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She tells us about Laxmiben, a hearing impaired woman who faced issues during her pregnancy due to malnutrition.

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Her child was born with a disability due to this but her parents blame her disability being 'passed on'.

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On the Guj-Raj border, speech and hearing impaired women and orthopedic women are employed as surrogate mothers.

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No support system for adolescent girls in rural India, explains Rekha Chauhan from the Mahila Swarojgar Samiti in UP.

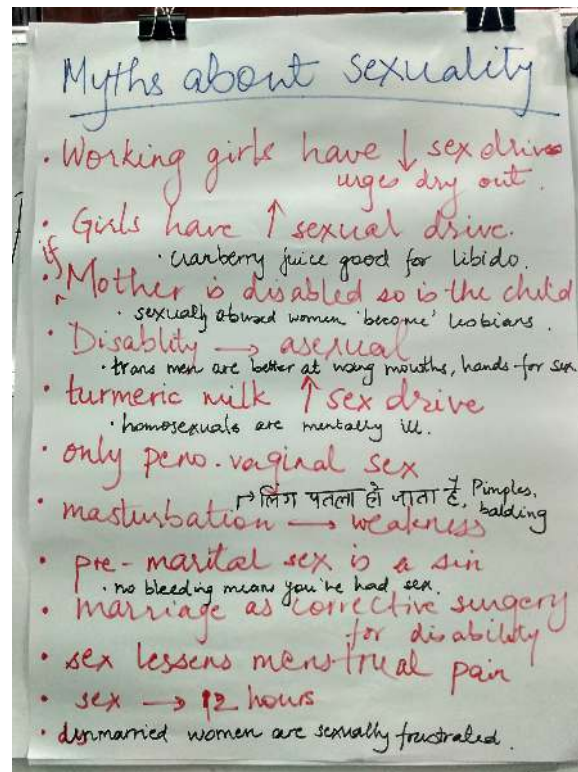
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"Parents don't support their education." How do we deal with these issues at a national level?

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Next, Nidhi Goyal discussed myths that revolve around disabled women and their sexuality. The following picture includes these myths and actual things the participants have heard.



Quick energiser where we discuss myths around sexuality. The group is opting for haldi doodh instead of tea tomorrow ;) pic.twitter.com/RV0sYUgK56

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[@saysnidhigoyal](#) is discussing myths around sexuality of WwD and the resources available on our website. sexualityanddisability.org pic.twitter.com/mtF15sZQtF

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We're ending today's session with this fantastic video about body literacy and by [@AgentsofIshq](#) [@parodevi](#): youtu.be/6ate2zf1Xhk

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