

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH ON INDIAN MASCULINITIES:
RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT^s

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The last two decades have witnessed a growing interest in the study of men and masculinities—an outcome of and complement to feminism/Women's Studies. The proposed research project seeks to critically survey the scholarly investigation of indigenous masculinities with a view to formulating an agenda for research, teaching and positive interventions in the area. It would highlight the ways in which the study of masculinities sheds new light on a wide spectrum of socio-economic and political phenomena. The project would encompass various social science disciplines and interdisciplinary fields such as Cultural Studies/Development Studies. Relevant literature generated by the media and activist groups would also be taken into account. The inquiry would be focused on uncovering the manifold thematisation of Indian masculinities within various disciplinary and theoretical frameworks. Techniques of data collection would include library/archival research, as also interviews with scholars/activists. The findings of the research project would be published in the form of a monograph and articles in academic journals.

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