

Pratigya Campaign Brings Together Leaders from Health, Rights and Development to Shape the Future of Reproductive Rights

New Delhi, 16 July 2026: The Pratigya Campaign for Gender Equality and Safe Abortion brought together leaders, advocates and experts from across India's reproductive health ecosystem for *From Commitment to Collective Action: Sustaining Momentum for Gender Equality and Safe Abortion*, a national convening to reflect on progress, examine persistent and emerging challenges, and shape priorities for the next phase of reproductive rights and safe abortion advocacy in India.

Organised by the Foundation for Reproductive Health Services India (FRHS India), which hosts the Pratigya Campaign Secretariat, the convening brought together representatives from the UNFPA India, the Packard Foundation, Ipas Development Foundation, FPA India, Love Matters India, The YP Foundation and other organisations, alongside government stakeholders, healthcare professionals, legal experts, journalists, researchers and reproductive rights advocates. A key highlight was the launch of *A Collective Journey for Safe Abortion Rights in India*, a publication tracing the coalition's shared history, key milestones, and contributions to advancing safe abortion.

Discussions highlighted the continuing gap between legal rights and access in practice, despite important legal and policy progress. Participants examined challenges related to implementation, regulatory complexity, stigma and misinformation, provider support and unequal access to quality abortion care. Conversations on medical abortion also underscored the need for accurate information, stronger support systems and greater regulatory clarity as pathways to abortion care continue to evolve. Media and digital advocacy emerged as another critical area for action, with discussions emphasising the need to counter misinformation and stigma and build more accurate, nuanced and non-judgmental narratives that position abortion as an essential healthcare service and reproductive right.

Looking ahead, the convening explored what the next generation of advocacy must look like in a rapidly changing environment. Conversations highlighted the need to move beyond legal reform towards effective implementation, engage new voices and audiences, strengthen digital and public-facing advocacy, and build partnerships capable of sustaining long-term change.

The convening concluded with a collective call to action to sustain momentum and bridge the continuing gap between rights and access. Participants reflected on the importance of purposeful, adaptive and member-driven coalitions, and the shared responsibility of the wider movement to continue building evidence, strengthening implementation, challenging stigma and creating space for new leadership and new forms of advocacy. As the Pratigya Campaign enters its next chapter, the convening served as a powerful reminder that lasting social change is built through collaboration, shared purpose, and sustained collective action.

As shared by Neha Srivastava, Campaign Lead, Pratigya Campaign Secretariat, "The last thirteen years have shown us what becomes possible when diverse organisations and individuals come together around a shared purpose. But the work ahead requires us to go further — to ensure that progress in law and policy translates into equitable, dignified and timely access in practice. Sustaining that progress will require continued collaboration, renewed leadership and a collective commitment to the unfinished agenda on safe abortion in India."

About Pratigya Campaign:

Established in 2013, the Pratigya Campaign is a multi-stakeholder coalition of 120+ organizations and individuals, committed to advancing gender equality and improving access to safe abortion in India. Over the past decade, the campaign has brought together civil society organisations, healthcare providers, researchers, legal experts, media professionals, youth advocates, and development partners to strengthen evidence-informed, rights-based approaches to reproductive health. Through collective advocacy, strategic partnerships, evidence generation, and public engagement, Pratigya has contributed to important policy dialogue, strengthened collaboration across sectors, and helped advance conversations on reproductive rights and safe abortion in India.

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