

# HIMACHAL PRADESH STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION, HAMIRPUR-177001

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personal collections to document the invisible work women do in the public sphere. We	166
are particularly interested in the women who form the crowd or work in the back rooms,	253
providing support. It is evident these constitute both experience and leadership. We ran	344
two calls for photos, both of which called on women to identify each other or better, self-	435
identify as leaders. The response was pitiful. We wondered why. It was not hard to guess,	528
considering none of us had submitted our own photos despite having records of leadership	617
in many contexts. The simpler, perhaps simplistic, explanation is that women and girls are	709
taught to be self-effacing. Most of us still grow up in patriarchal households labour and	800
interpersonal expectations are deeply gendered. Girls are raised to provide support	885
around the house without their work being acknowledge much the same way as older	966
women in the household do. The same tasks cleaning or dusting or making beds or laying	1054
the table acquire importance when performed by the men in the household, such men	1136
being seen as exceptional. Patriarchy works in two ways with regard to work. Women do	1224
work that is considered less important. Traditional women's work involves maintenance,	1312
support and care all of these are critical not just from a functional point of view, but also	1406
from the point of view of progress. Women earn either nothing, very little or significantly	1499
less than men for this work. They also get less recognition individually and from society.	1591
The more complicated reason why women do not define their work as substantial is that	1678
they internalize this dismissal. They see themselves as simply doing what needs to be done	1770
every day, unworthy of listing or elaboration. This extends to the way they see their work	1862
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