

## **CALL FOR VOLUME OF TRANSLATED SHORT STORIES BY WOMEN (FROM INDIAN LANGUAGES) ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**

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#### CONCEPT NOTE

As we live in Covid 19 times we are more than ever concerned about mental health. But otherwise, mental health is something that we do not often engage with. There is a stigma attached to issues of mental health. Mental health issues involve anxiety disorders, behavioural and emotional disorders, bipolar disorder, depression, schizophrenia and other psychoses, dementia, development disorders, autism, among others.

Mental health issues have been the focus of writers over the years in a variety of genres. Every culture has its own engagement with the issue of mental health and has negotiated with it through literary expressions. As a genre that is concerned with a brief dramatic moment or a single episode or character, the short story allows for a brief yet potent presentation of incident/incidents and character/characters. Indian languages have a rich corpus of short stories which are accessible only to that particular linguistic community. A wider range of accessibility to the stories can be made through translations. These would also help in looking at the collective expression of the issues pertaining to mental health across cultures.

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This is a call for English translations of short stories by women on the theme of Mental Health from regional Indian languages (except Hindi and Bangla) into English for a proposed volume of translated short stories by women. The focus of the stories need to be on mental health.

Translators need to get the required permission from the authors.

Please let us know of your willingness to be part of this project by the 31st January 2022 by an email at the address given below. Also include the following details in your email -

1. Name of the story you have decided on and its publication details.
2. The name of the author
3. The source language
4. The word count of the story
5. A 100 word synopsis of the story.

Please mail the translated story by 20th February 2022 to [shortstory.indian@gmail.com](mailto:shortstory.indian@gmail.com)

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