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One Day National Seminar
On

**Women's Empowerment: Contemporary Politics,
Issues and Challenges**

Organized by

UGC Sponsored **Women's Studies Centre**, J M Patel College,
Bhandara

in collaboration with

Association of Interdisciplinary Policy, Research and Action
(IPRA), Nagpur

Date - Thursday, 22 March 2018

INVITATION

It is a matter of great pleasure to inform you that the Women's Studies Centre, J.M.Patel College, Bhandara, is organizing a National Seminar on **Women's Empowerment: Contemporary Politics, Issues and Challenges** on Thursday, 22 March 2018. You are cordially invited to participate in the seminar and avail this valuable opportunity of exchange of ideas.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

After India's Independence, India's secular and democratic constitution was formulated on the principles of social justice to all. It includes laws which have secured equal rights for women. The Panchayati Raj which provided reservations for women is considered a game changer in women's empowerment. It provided women to have an important say in the decision making process of their village and blocks. This has resulted in the active participation of women in political and developmental process of the country. But, still, most of these benefits have not yet fully percolated to the women belonging to lowest castes and tribal communities.

Over the last couple of decades, the government welfare departments, non-governmental organizations and some UN agencies have started cooperatives for marginalized women to assure their participation in income generation and eradication of poverty. Many NGOs are facilitating and assisting these women to empower themselves through skill development and entrepreneurship development programs. Despite such interventions, gender equality remains elusive for many Indian women for complex reasons. These obstacles include patriarchal

cultural norms, colonial legal framework, high-caste male domination in the bastions of power, electoral politics in a multiethnic nation and globalization.

According to the Census report of 2011, the total female literacy retain the country is 65.46% as compared to 82.14% of the males. In regards to sex ratio, at present there are 940 females on average on per 1000 males and the child sex ratio is 914 females per 1000 males. These statistics, after 70 years of independence show the clear divide between men and women. Despite all the provisions in the constitution, legal protection and policy interventions the progress of women lags behind. This is an issue of concern which should force intellectuals, academicians, activists and NGOs to come together for creating an environment conducive to the social, economical and political empowerment of women.

OBJECTIVES & SUB-THEMES

This one day seminar aims to explore the women's empowerment process and progress in India. Papers are invited from academicians, activists, students etc. reflecting on the following subthemes:

- 1) Women's Empowerment : Perspectives and Practices in India
- 2) Women's Empowerment : Remedies, Realities and Challenges
- 3) Religion, Ethics and Women's Empowerment
- 4) Culture and Women's Empowerment in India
- 5) Women's Empowerment and Politics: Legal Provisions and Implementation

- 6) Women's Empowerment: Tradition and Modernity
- 7) Women's Empowerment: Social Exclusion and Inclusion
- 8) Women's Empowerment: Reflections on Education, Curriculum and Literature
- 9) Reservation Policy and Women's Empowerment in India
- 10) Women's Empowerment: Spaces, Participation and Contribution in Economy
- 11) Women's Empowerment: Caste, Class and Gender in Indian Social Structure
- 12) Women's Empowerment: Constitutional Legal Rights and Society

Guidelines for Abstract and Paper Submission:

1. Word Limit for Abstract: 150-200 words.
2. Word Limit for Full Paper: 2500-3000 words
3. Author(s)'s Name, University/ College/Organization, Paper Title, Email Address and Mobile Number, to be stated clearly on the cover page of the paper.
4. For English Papers: It must be typed in MS Word format (Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12 for text, 16 for Heading. 1.5 Line Spacing for text, justified).
5. For Marathi and Hindi Papers: Krutidev 010, font size 14, single line spacing, and heading size 20 or use Google Marathi or Hindi font with font size 12
6. Soft copies of the papers should be submitted in word format to pradeep_meshram1967@rediffmail.com on or before 19th March, 2018.

Selected papers will be published in UGC approved journal of IPRA

For more details, call –
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Registration Fees

Faculty/NGO representatives/Research Scholars: Rs. 200/-

Students: Rs. 50/-

Mode of Payment of Registration Fees: CASH: The registration fee can be paid in cash at the time of Registration.

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