

National Conference
on
Women Empowerment: Challenges
and Strategies

Date: 16th and 17th March, 2015



Organised by:

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Birbhum, West Bengal

Theme of the Conference:
Women Empowerment: Challenges and Strategies

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Venue: Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (Rural Extension Centre), Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan.

About the Conference: Women empowerment is a global issue, which has gained momentum in recent decades as the development of society or a nation depends on the social as well as economic wellbeing of women. Empowerment of women involves a multidimensional focus and envisages greater access to knowledge, social and economic resources and greater autonomy in the economic and political decision-making process, property rights, political representation, social equality, personal rights, and so on. Women's empowerment seeks change in the sexual division of labour, equal access to food, health-care, education, credit and employment, ownership of assets and now, access to media. However, over the world, either by law or by custom, the status of women is undermined by asymmetrical power relationship in decision making, personal and social rights, access to resources and entitlement.

In India, half of the population consists of women. They are the hard workers and creating greatest change in living and social conditions for the largest number of people. Hence, the empowerment of women is the key to the socio-economic development of the nation and the success lies in their development. In modern India, besides rectification of international conventions, there are provisions in the Constitution and several legislative Acts have been passed to ensure women empowerment. Also the role of women in many aspects underwent changes like participation in the development process and formation of self-help groups etc, which is essential for sustainable development in which women play a direct and exclusive role. It however, appears that on this front the situation on ground is far from satisfactory. Hence, the empowering strategies need substantial fine-tuning to ensure that they are effective and result oriented. The vision for the future should be built on gender prospective; hence there is a need for a comprehensive and holistic policy for women. This would enable the country to fulfill the constitutional mandate of women equality and the objective of women's total involvement in the development of the nation.

In this context, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (REC) proposes to organise a national conference on “**Women Empowerment: Challenges and Strategies**” to discuss in details the following sub-themes:

Sub Themes:

1. Status of Women
2. Women and Sustainable Development
3. Self Help Group and Women Empowerment
4. Women Empowerment of Marginalized Community (SC & ST)
5. Women and Governances
6. Women Health and Nutrition
7. Women and Education

Submission of Paper: Interested participants are requested to submit their Abstracts electronically as an email attachment (not as PDF File) in MS Word, front size 12, Times New Roman. The abstract should be within 500 words along with telephone number, email address and the institutional affiliation of the author(s). Please send your abstract to the following email within February 28, 2015:

vbrec.conference@gmail.com

Authors of the short-listed abstracts will be communicated for submission of full length paper within 5th March, 2015.

Registration Fee:

Students and Research Scholars : Rs. 300/-

Others : Rs. 500/-

Important Dates:

Submission of Abstract	28 th February, 2015
Intimation of acceptance of abstract	5 th March, 2015
Submission of full paper	12 th March, 2015
Conference Date	16 th & 17 th March, 2015

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