



Centre for Women's Studies

Visva-Bharati

Call for Papers from Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students

On the occasion of the International Women's Day, the Centre for Women's Studies will be organizing a One-Day Students' Seminar on "**Socio-Cultural Changes in the Villages Surrounding Visva-Bharati due to Girl Child Education**" on the **8th March, 2019**. Undergraduate and Postgraduate students of Visva-Bharati are requested to send in their abstracts for oral presentation by **26th February, 2019**.

About the focal theme

Education for girls and women is an extremely important social indicator, not only because of its immense value in intrinsic personal development but also because it creates a ripple effect of positive socio-cultural changes in the society. The hindrances of girl child education is too well known and adequately documented, such as son preference, child marriage, social taboos against working women, ill-equipped schools that lack separate toilets for girls, lack of female teachers, sexist approach of the teachers in many instances, gender-biased curriculum and so forth. The few girls who manage to attend school risk violence and abuse. This lack of safety deprives young girls of an opportunity to educate themselves and better their lives. School dropout rate amongst adolescent girls in India is as high as 63.5% (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation – MoSPI, 2012). However, several positive measures are being taken up by the government both at the Central and State level to encourage parents to send their daughters to school. This One-day Seminar will try to understand how increasing enrolment and retention of girl children in schools and thus their enhanced access to education is impacting the socio-cultural environment of the villages around Visva-Bharati.

Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts can be either submitted at the Centre office or emailed to cwsvb14@gmail.com. The abstract could be written in English, Bangla or Hindi language and must not exceed 300 words. Following information must be clearly mentioned along with the abstract:

- The title of the paper
- The name of the participant
- Department
- Programme of study (Undergraduate, Postgraduate)

There is no registration fee. Only selected participants on the basis of abstracts will be called for oral presentation.

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