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Seminar Note:

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Neglect and discrimination of women was recognized globally and controlling measures have been sprouted with UN-CEDAW which became a landmark agreement in the history of Women Development. Since then, in several spheres women were given priority and their leadership is welcomed from grass-root level onwards. In spite of Government efforts to encourage women leadership in all domains, the wide gap is persisting since decades. Low literacy levels of women are large stumbling blocks for their development. Women participation in economic decision-making is one of the three dimensions of Gender Empowerment Measure (GEM). Percentage share of women in higher technical, professional and managerial, executive positions – high percentage share of women in the positions which take vital decisions as regards the economy, indicates women’s empowerment. However the percentage share of these women in Indian economy is negligible.

Participation of women in political decision making is another indicator that determines the status of women. Though Indian women got right to vote on par with men, contesting elections and getting elected to Parliament and legislatures is an exceptional opportunity to women. Till today women representation in Parliament did not exceed 11 percent. This shows the gender discrimination nature of politics in India.

In India, considerable amount of women leadership has been extended from time to time in social, economic and political arenas to give new contours for the progress of the nation. Still, the women leadership is in its infancy. This is the need of the hour to have dialogue for plugging gender gaps in leadership.

Seminar Objectives:

In order to explore and investigate the existing areas of women’s leadership, this seminar would be a platform for presentations from Academicians, Scholars, Students, Social Activists feminists and NGOs who have been working on gender equality. Undoubtedly, since the first stirrings of the new women’s movement, the challenges of women leaderships have been discussed and yet there are tantalizing new questions that need to be asked. This seminar is an attempt to reflect and identify emerging research areas as well as methodological and epistemological concerns of women leadership. Therefore, the broad themes of the seminar are as follows:

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- Leadership of Women Luminaries in India
- Leadership and Strengthening of Women’s Studies Centres in India
- Status of women in Navya Andhra Pradesh
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Outcome:

The presentations, discussions, and publications definitely give fillip to a new generation of women who are striving to break the shackles of patriarchy and paves for their voices to be heard.

Call for Papers:

The Seminar invites papers on the broad themes of the seminar. Papers may be theoretical (or) empirical including case studies. Papers should be original (i.e., not have been published elsewhere) and relevant to the overall theme of the seminar.

Papers should be submitted as electronic attachment either in Microsoft Work (or) Acrobat format addressing to the director at Seminar e-mail: cwleadership.cwsau@gmail.com. Papers should be formatted as follows: A4 size, Arial font style, 1.5 inches spacing and justified. The full papers should have a cover page that includes the title, full name of the author(s), affiliation, e-mail id, and contact details.

Dates to Remember:

Paper presenters are requested to submit Abstract on (or) before 9th November, 2015. The abstract should be not more than 500 words and the sub-theme being taken up in the research paper must be specified.

The abstract of the paper will be reviewed by the review panel. The decision of the review panel on the paper will be intimated by 15th November, 2015 through e-mail only. The date for submission of full length papers by 22nd Nov, 2015.

Registration:

Registration is compulsory for all the participants. The registration fee should be paid after acceptance of the research paper by the review panel. All the authors for each paper must register.
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