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Madurai Kamaraj University

Madurai Kamaraj University is on its relentless journey for the past 50 years surmounting hurdles of indigenous and exotic nature on its way and has passed through the tests of accreditation towards reaching the status of excellence. University is aware that the process of achieving excellence is continuous and therefore, all efforts are in progress to keep up the momentum.

The University came into being through a bill passed in the Legislative Assembly of the State in the year 1965. Thus, it is a statutory university owned and funded by the Government of Tamil Nadu and the University Grants Commission. This University is a member of Association of Indian Universities and one of the nine universities in India with a status of University with Potential for Excellence. As on date, it covers four revenue districts of Madurai, Virudhunagar, Dindugal and Theni for its regular academic programme. Currently it holds a total of 77 renowned Departments and 20 Schools. In addition to the Departments and Schools, the University has 21 academic centres and 21 quasi academic supportive units. It has 24 autonomous colleges, 14 aided colleges, 33 self financing colleges, 18 approved institutions, 4 evening colleges, 6 constituent colleges and one University College catering to the higher education needs of large number of students from rural and urban areas.

Women's Studies Centre

The establishment of Women' Studies Centre in Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai was approved by the UGC, New Delhi during XI plan on August 2009. The main objective of the Women's Studies Centre is to build Women's Studies as an important discipline by offering courses to the students and training to the target groups. The Centre has developed sufficient infrastructure and initiated work on research, publication, documentation and extension activities. The Centre is offering M.A., Women's Studies, SSS courses (Soft Skill, Skill Based and Supportive Courses), Elective Courses and to introduce M.Phil. and one year PG Diploma and Certificate course in Women's Studies in the forthcoming years. Documentation work on the issues related to women is being carried out with special reference to 'Violence Against Women', 'Women's Achievements', 'Women and Health', 'Power of Women', 'Women and Law' and 'Women Empowerment'. The database related to women and women issues of Madurai district is being established by collecting information from the Tamil Nadu Statistical Information Centre and Women's Development Corporation – 'Mahalir Thittam', Madurai. The Centre has organized a series of Workshops, Special Lectures and Advocacy Programs on issues related to women empowerment and women's health.

Challenges Faced by Women in the Current Scenario

In the history of human development, women have been as vital in the history making as men have been. In fact higher status for women vis-a-vis employment and work performed by them in a society is a significant indicator of a nation's overall progress. Undoubtedly, without the active participation of women in national activities, the social, economic or political progress of a country will deteriorate and become stagnant. Society has started seeing women in a different perspective. They work as lawyers, nurses, doctors, social workers, teachers, secretaries, managers and officers etc. There is no profession today where women are not employed. Status of women can be broadly defined as the degree of socio-economic equality and freedom enjoyed by women. Women's economic well-being is usually enhanced by women acquiring independent sources of income that begets increased self-esteem and improved conditions of their households and the overall level of development in their communities. Women have been playing vital roles in households since ages. Now women are also recognized for their value in the workplace and are engaged in wide range of activities of work in addition to their routine domestic work. Building a society where women can breathe freely without fear of oppression, exploitation, and discrimination is the need of the hour, to ensure a better future for the next generation. Today the empowerment of women has become one of the most important concerns of 21st century. But practically women empowerment is still an illusion of reality. We observe in our day to day life how women become victimized by various social evils. Women Empowerment is the vital instrument to expand women's ability to have resources and to make strategic life choices. Empowerment of women is essentially the process of upliftment of economic, social and political status of women, the traditionally underprivileged ones, in the society.

Objective

The main objective of the seminar is to bring students, scholars, teachers, lecturers, NGO's professionals and other groups interested in challenges faced by women in the current scenario aspects to present their views in the development of women for future.

Sub themes of the seminar

- ❖ Female foeticide
- ❖ Dowry
- ❖ Gender bias
- ❖ Childhood marriage
- ❖ Domestic violence
- ❖ Honour killing
- ❖ Trafficking of women
- ❖ Women and Entrepreneurship

- ❖ Education as a tool for empowerment
- ❖ Role of ICT in women development
- ❖ Socio-cultural-economic factors
- ❖ Women and health
- ❖ Women and law
- ❖ Women and employment
- ❖ Women and politics
- ❖ Equality, Conflict, Pluralism and Women's studies
- ❖ Women, Peace and security
- ❖ Women empowerment and usages of common property rights
- ❖ Research in Women's studies

Papers from other relevant areas will also be considered for presentation.

Call for papers

Original papers are invited from the students, scholars, academicians, teachers, lecturers, NGO's, policy makers and practitioners working in the field of women's studies and allied other disciplines.

Submission of Research papers

The research papers should be sent to the Convenor in both soft and hard copy on or before 22nd September 2017.

- ❖ A soft copy in MS-Word format, Times New Roman Font 12 with 1.5 line spacing, restricted to A4 size, containing a maximum of 6 pages should be sent along with the registration form and Demand Draft to the Convenor of the Seminar.
- ❖ The research papers should be based on the original work and not presented and published before.
- ❖ The author and co-author should register separately. All the papers will be put in a blind review process.
- ❖ Late submission of papers will not be entertained.

Publication

- ❖ All the accepted papers will be published in the UGC approved Journal

Registration Fee

- ❖ Participants are expected to send the Registration form duly filled in, along with the registration fee.
- ❖ Faculty and Others : Rs.1000/-
- ❖ Research Scholars & Students : Rs.500/-
- ❖ Publication fee : Rs.750/-