

Conference Report

International conference on

‘INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH IN CONTEMPORARY WOMEN’ STUDIES’

Organised by

Tagore Government Arts and Science College- Puducherry, Grand Academic Portal and ISAC

On 14th and 15th April 2018

Introduction:

Women empowerment refers to increasing the spiritual, political, social, educational, gender or economic strength of individuals and communities of women. Women's empowerment in India is heavily dependent on many different variables that include geographical location (urban / rural) educational status social status (caste and class) and age. In the Western societies, the women have got equal right and status with men in all walks of life. But gender disabilities and discriminations are found in India even today. The paradoxical situation has such that she was sometimes concerned as Goddess and at other times merely as slave. There is a commonly adapted belief that women's studies are for the sole benefit of women and women's rights. There are many issues which are never spoken of, simply as they are not seen, and in order to educate and to be able to put into practice things in a genuinely better way from an equal rights point of perspective, those who are able to critically review what they are looking at from a gender perspective are desperately needed in order to bring us forward and work against a cultural conformity which is generally accepted without question.

The Programme:

To create awareness amongst Student, teachers, Corporates, NGOs, Civic & Government Bodies regarding the value and importance of Womens’ Studies, this international conference was proposed and held. The Conference aimed at bringing the views of experts,

researchers, academia and students to the forefront, with the purpose of creating substantial positive change in the field of Women's Studies.

Participation

The conference witnessed a participation of nearly 150 delegates including academicians, NGO activists, government officials from various Institutions around the country like Pune, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Hyderabad, Bangalore, West Bengal, Assam, New Delhi, Bihar, Rajasthan, Gujarat, U.P, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh. There was a special delegation from Egypt having 6 delegates. The Conference created a lot of excitement in the research fraternity which was reflected in the form of 90 abstracts and 60 full-length research papers received from all over India. During the two day conference there were 5 sessions and 49 papers were presented.

Inaugural Session:

The inaugural session was graced by Dr. Kiran Bedi , Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Puducherry. In her inaugural address madam raised many issues about the women's' safety in India and especially shared her concerns about the treatment given to the young girls by the society. She has coined a new slogan 'BETI BACHAO- BETA SAMJHAO' which was lauded by the audience.

The inaugural function was graced by Thiru. V. NARAYANASAMY- HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF PUDUCHERRY. Respected Chief Minister announced his complete support to the cause of 'Women Empowerment' and shared his invaluable suggestions with the audience.

The Hon'ble Education Minister of Puducherry, Thiru. R. Kamalakannan had graced the occasion and supported the conference by being present throughout the conference.

The programme was honoured by the gracious presence of Thiru. M.O.H.F. Shahjahan- Hon'ble Revenue Minister, Government of Puducherry.



Release of Conference Proceedings:

Release of the Conference proceeding was done by Dr. Kiran Bedi - Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Thiru. A. Anbarassu. I.A.S. , Secretary (Education), Govt. of Puducherry, Mrs. Jahanzeb Akhtar, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Puducherry, Thiru. Yasamlakshmi Narayan Reddy, Director of Higher and Technical education, Puducherry and Prof. Gurmeet Singh- Vice Chancellor, Pondicherry University.



Kiran Bedi added 4 new photos.



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Lt. Governor Dr Kiran Bedi inaugurating the 7th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Research in Contemporary Women's Studies held at Hotel Mass, Puducherry. The Conference was organised by Tagore Government Arts and Science College, Puducherry in association with Grand Academic Portal (GAP) and International Society of Applied Commerce (ISAC).



Key Note address:

The key note address was delivered by Prof. Rekha Pande- Director, Centre for Women's Studies, Central university, Hyderabad.

Day- 1

The day 1 of the conference had two technical sessions having deliberations by scholars and delegates and they presented their research papers in front of the esteemed audience.

Day- 2

The Principal of the TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE- Dr. Sasi Kanta Dash had very generously organised a visit to RAJ BHAVAN for all the delegates of the conference, Dr. Kiran Bedi - - Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Puducherry was very kind to interact with the audience on various issues. The delegates also visited many heritage places in and around Puducherry , which was organised by the Principal of the TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE- Dr. Sasi Kanta Dash and his team comprising of the faculty members of the host college.



Conclusion:

The contribution of luminaries from diverse fields has added a new dimension to the study of Contemporary Women's Research. The organisers of the conference- Grand Academic Portal (GAP), ISAC and TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE, PUDUCHERRY thank all the delegates, supporters, well-wishers, sponsors and the Government of Puducherry.