INTRODUCTION

Women’s Studies emerged in India in 1970s as a result of diverse efforts of women through their movement of democratic struggle. This was a State initiative developed as an academic statement of a political ideal of education. It was introduced in the University system with an aim to make University Education more meaningful and relevant to social realities. An important goal of Women’s Studies (WS) is the advancement of women’s rights. Over the years, the women’s studies scholarship has developed in multiple and different directions. From understanding the roots of women’s subordination, political confrontations of women’s movements with an aim at making the State more accountable for welfare of women, it concretized the concepts of sex, gender, power, identity, agency etc. Issues of violence – domestic and social, sexual exploitation in old and new forms, identification of complex structures of domination and their reassertion in new form in the ideology of revivalist, fundamentalist communal and ethnic movements- are some of the most significant of these new dimensions that the Women’s movement has brought into domains of women’s studies. Investigation into women’s marginalization and exploitation in various sectors have turned women’s studies into one of the major critic of the pattern of ‘development’ and the choice of strategies. One of the most essential objectives of women’s movement is to change social perceptions, attitudes, values and structures that obstruct or deny gender equality as a value.

The present two days seminar envisages a meaningful dialogue, discourse and deliberation on the emerging areas of feminist concern, which should help in creating a roadmap to create spaces for women which are safe, devoid of discrimination, free from violence, and a State more responsible.

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Papers are invited on the themes of the Seminar. Extended abstract and papers to be presented should be sent through E-mail with a hard copy (A-4 size)
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