

### About the “Centenary Arts College”

Government College for men, Ananthapuramu called in past as “Grand Old Lady of Rayalaseema” and popularly as “Arts College”, established in 1916, is one of the most prestigious Government Institutions in Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh State. It has grown steadily in academic programs, strength and today it is the biggest College in Andhra Pradesh with student strength of nearly 8000, with 140 Teaching Staff offering 33 different combinations under the UG courses and 14 PG Courses.

The College has a Galaxy of distinguished Alumni. It has contributed many civil servants, politicians, doctors, scientists and social workers. The College has been reaccredited at “A” grade by NAAC in 2011, selected as College Of Excellence by CCE and is preparing for Autonomy and CPE status.

### About Women Empowerment Cell

Women Empowerment Cell in the college has been constituted in the year 2008 with to ensure gender equality and gender friendly environment. With a magnanimous strength of about 2000 girl students in both UG and PG course along with about 50 teaching and non-teaching members staff, the college is marching ahead to tap and capitalize the capacities inbuilt in women.

WEC has the specific objective of sensitizing women students on various interests and issues giving valuable suggestions and motivating them to dream big and realize their dreams. The cell aims at intellectual and social upliftment of girl students striving to redistribute the power and resources in order to make them realize that they are equal partners of the society.

### About Ananthapuramu district:

Ananthapuramu is the second largest district in India and is located in South-Western part of

Andhra Pradesh state. Ananthapuramu city is well connected to Hyderabad and Bangalore by NH-44 and also by train route. The nearest airport is Bengaluru. Places of interest near the city are Prasanthi Nilayam (Abode of Sri Lord Satya Sai Baba), Thimmamma Marrimanu (World’s largest Banyan tree), Lepakshi (Nandi idol), Belum Caves etc.

### About the seminar:

***“Gender equality is not a woman’s issue, it is a human issue. It affects us all.”***

This seminar will have focus on development planning, law reform, budgetary allocation, policy measures to accelerate the momentum of gender equality and other concerned issues. The aim and objective of this seminar is primarily to sensitize people belonging to various sections of society on all aspects relating to gender issues.

### Objective of Seminar:

This seminar will be serving dual purpose; firstly, it will enrich the knowledge of the academicians through interaction with each other and to highlight Gender Equality and Feminism as an instrument of ordering and social transformation in the modern India.

Secondly, in this event some strong suggestions will be given for positive reforms towards Gender Justice and Feminism regime prevailing in India so that these laws not only meet the requirements of international commitments and revolutionary development but also to meet the needs of the Indian society as well.

There is a need to create awareness about Gender Equality Laws and Policies. This awareness will be strengthening the position of the women in the society thus the seminar topic pose a lot of challenging area to be covered during technical sessions under difference **sub-themes** such as:

- Gender related violence
- The role of education in removing gender inequality.
- Caste base social exclusion and discrimination.
- Reservation for linguistic & religious minorities’ women.
- Women rights protection and judicial response
- Plans & Programs undertaken for the welfare of SCs/STs /OBCs & Minority’s women in India.
- Multiculturalism and Gender equality
- Cyber Space and Women

Reproductive Technologies and Rights of Women  
Political rights and political empowerment  
Any other Topic related to main theme or Sub-themes.

**Call for Papers**

Papers are invited in the areas related to the focal theme and sub-themes for oral as well as poster presentation. Participants are requested to send their abstracts in about 350 words in English typed in MS word, Times New Roman, 12 Font with 1.5 spacing on A4 paper with author affiliation and e-mail id. Selected full length papers (in about 2500 words with key words and references) will be published in the form of proceedings with ISBN number. The abstracts and full length papers may be sent to the following mail ids:

[wecatpgdcm@gmail.com](mailto:wecatpgdcm@gmail.com)  
[sreedevi.basireddy@gmail.com](mailto:sreedevi.basireddy@gmail.com)

### Important dates

Submission of abstracts: 20.12.2015  
Submission of full papers: 25.12.2015

Acceptance of selected papers will be intimated within 3 days of submission.

#### Registration Fee

Research Scholars & Students : Rs 200/-

Academics & Organizations : Rs 300/-

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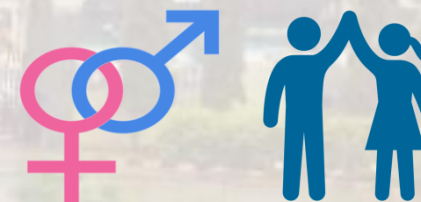
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### Gender Equality in Contemporary India: Issues and Challenges



2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016

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