

Human Rights & Women Empowerment: Challenges & Recent Development

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UGC FUNDED ONE-DAY SEMINAR

ON

**"HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT :
CHALLENGES & RECENT DEVELOPMENT "**

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**Teachers' Council
Khatra Adibasi Mahavidyalaya
NAAC Accredited : B+ (2nd Cycle)
Khatra, Bankura,**



15th February 2017, Wednesday

Programme

15th February 2017 (Wednesday)

10.00-10.30 a.m Registration

10.30 -11.30 a.m Inaugural Session

Venue : Seminar Hall (Vivekananda Hall)

Reception : By our College Students & Teachers

Inaugural Song: By our College Students.

Welcome speech: **Dr. Parthasarothi Hati**, Teacher-in-Charge

Inauguration : **Professor Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay**, Hon'ble
Vice-Chancellor, Bankura University

Presidential Address : President, Governing Body, (SDO, Khatra).

Keynote Address : **Professor Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay**, Hon'ble
Vice-Chancellor, Bankura University

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Tuhin Majumdar, Asst. Prof. & Head, Dept. Of English,
Khatra Adibasi Mahavidyalaya

Tea Break: 11:30-11.35

First Session: 11.35-1.45 pm

Chairperson: **Professor Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay**,
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Bankura University

Speaker : **Prof. Jayanta Kumar Saha**, H.O.D., Dept. Of Law, Bankura University

Topic : Empowerment of Indian Women : Challenges of 21st Century

Speaker : **Prof. Bimal Sankar Nanda**, Associate Prof., Dept. Of Political Science
Charuchandra College, Kolkata.

Topic : Human Rights and Women Empowerment in India: A Cosy Relationship

Speaker : **Dr. Saswati Ghosh**, Associate Prof. & H.O.D., Dept. of Economics,
City College, Kolkata.

Topic : Gender & Human Rights : Invisible to Visible

Lunch Break 1.45-2.25 pm

Second Session: 2.25-3.25 pm

Paper Presentation

ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION

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Human Rights and Women Empowerment : Challenges & Recent Development

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The genesis of the concept of women empowerment is traced within the discourse of gender equality. Empowerment may be related at three levels: individual, societal groups/community, and the interaction between the two. The levels are inextricably intertwined and mutually reinforcing. Women who are emancipated on an individual level will most likely empower or inspire the other level. On the other hand, women strategically essentialized for a common agenda is likely to have positive effect on the individual in the form of a sense of agency.

Over the millennium, the status of women in India has been subject to many changes. In Vedic era, women enjoyed equal status with men. Women sages and seers, notably Gargi & Maitrey, came into prominence. However, the situation deteriorated with foreign invasion of Mughals. Reformatory movements by Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar and positive laws enacted by the British Raj like Abolition of practice of Sati, Widow Remarriage Act did give some relief. The Constitution of India guarantees equality to women (Article 14). Feminist activism gained momentum in India as many groups and NGO's have been working tirelessly for women emancipation.

We are proud that in India women got voting right much before USA or women occupying highest offices of President, Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Lok Sabha Speaker, Chairman of Financial Institution but the ground reality is that we still witness dowry deaths, domestic violence, rapes, molestation, acid attack, *daini* (witch) killing, child marriage and female foeticide. The urban elite class women have no doubt been benefitted by the efforts of women empowerment, but the women from rural areas and deprived sectors are still facing deprivation, degradation, dehumanization and death.

This Seminar is an endeavour to spread awareness regarding the concepts of Human Rights laws and Women Empowerment among the youth, academia and even the common masses and to suggest measures for achieving this end.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Seminar papers are invited from academicians, practitioners, researchers, scholars and students. The sub-themes may deal with issues like:

- Genocide and Humanitarian Intervention
- Life Imprisonment and Capital Punishment
- Right to Health and Treatment
- Counter Terrorism and Human Rights
- LGBT Rights
- Women Rights
- Child Rights
- Human Rights to Refugees
- Human Rights vis-a-vis Labour Laws
- Social Responsibility of Multinational Corporations
- Right to Environment
- Right to Education
- Right to Information

The sub-themes are not restricted in scope and may vary keeping in mind the main theme of the seminar.

INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Sir/Madam,

We feel immense pleasure to inform you that Khatra Adibasi Mahavidyalaya is organizing a UGC-funded One-Day Seminar on "Human Rights & Women Empowerment: Challenges & Recent Development" on 15th February, 2017. Renowned speakers will participate in this seminar. You are, therefore, requested to kindly give it the widest possible circulation and participate in this seminar as delegate or contribute papers for presentation, thereby making the seminar a grand success.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Tuhin Majumdar

Convener

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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Full paper on the related topics of the seminar are invited from the contributors around 3000 words with an abstract not exceeding 200 words by e-mail (pdf format). A hard copy of the same should also be send to the Organizing Secretary of the seminar. Both the abstract and full paper should contain the title of the seminar, the name of the author(s), mailing address, e-mail ID and the contact number of the author(s). The last date of submission of abstract is on 12-02-2017 and please bring the full paper on the day of seminar.

Formal acceptance of paper for presentation in the seminar will be intimated, after a thorough review by the Review Committee, by e-mail / telephone within 13-02-2017. Language of paper will be either English or Bengali.

Please submit the soft copy to the following emails:-

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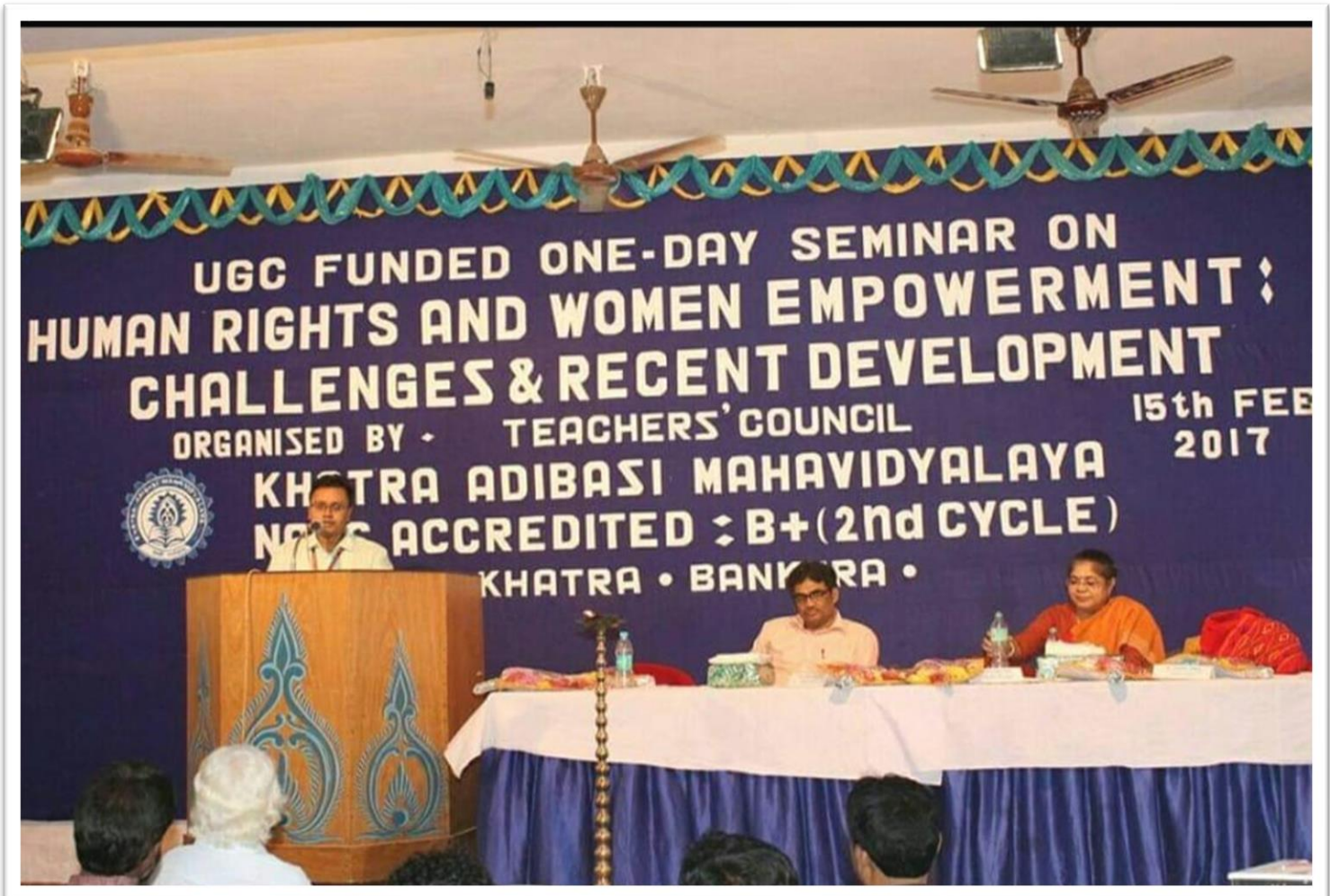
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Topic: Seminar Concept Note

Snapshot









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Report:

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Outcomes: The Seminar focussed on the concepts of Human Rights, laws and Women Empowerment among the youth, academia and even the common masses and suggested measures for achieving this end.

