



# Anand Law College, Anand

(Managed by Shri Ramkrishna Seva  
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*National Seminar*

*On*

*WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN INDIA IN  
21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY: A JOURNEY JUST BEGUN*

*8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016*



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# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN INDIA IN 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY: A JOURNEY JUST BEGUN

## Introduction

1. Down the ages, the women have been downtrodden and relegated to an inferior position in the society. She has been pitiable in all aspects of life and her subjugation by males has been throughout a matter of history. The discrimination being a female are obvious in the Indian Society, such as the lower life expectancy, minimum education, poorly paid jobs, crimes against women, harassment at work place, and very few rewards than men in comparable situations. Even today, the struggle for establishing her independent identity is being pursued.

2. There is no denying the fact that the Indian women are becoming more and more conscious of their rights, political, social & economic and a considerable progress has been made in this regard, however, they still have to struggle against many handicaps and social evils in the male-dominated society. It is ironical that a country, which has acclaimed the status of the first Asian country to accomplish its Mars mission in the maiden attempt, is positioned at the 29<sup>th</sup> rank among 146 countries across the globe on the basis of Gender Inequality Index. In order to bring India to the list of the developed countries, there is a need to ensure that the vast majority of the women force of the country is transformed into an effective human resource which is possible only through their empowerment. Swami Vivekananda once quoted that, ***“There is no chance for the welfare of the world unless the condition of women is improved, it is not possible for a bird to fly on only one wing.”***

## Women Empowerment

3. Empowerment is the process by which one can gain control over one's destiny and the circumstances of one's lives. Women empowerment means emancipation of women from the vicious grips of social, economic, political, caste and gender-based discrimination. It means granting women the freedom to make life choices. As per the United National Development Fund for women (UNIFEM), the term women's empowerment means:

- (a) Acquiring knowledge and understanding of gender relations and the ways in which these relations may be changed.
- (b) Developing a sense of self-worth, a belief in one's ability to secure desired changes and the right to control one's life.
- (c) Gaining the ability to generate choices, exercise bargaining power.
- (d) Developing the ability to organize and influence the direction of social change, to create a more just, social and economic order, nationally and internationally.

## **About the Seminar**

4. The seminar with the theme and title “**Women Empowerment in India in 21<sup>st</sup> century: a Journey just begun**” is proposed to be a National Seminar to be conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, i.e on **the International Women’s Day**. The seminar is aimed at analysing the progress achieved towards the Women Empowerment in particular & gender equality in general and also the road ahead in this regard apart from highlighting the challenges & hurdles and suggesting remedial measures in order to achieve women empowerment in India.

## **Objectives of the Seminar**

5. The **objectives** of the seminar are as follows:-

- To analyse the progress achieved towards the goal of women empowerment in India.
- To highlight the existing social legislation, government enactments & policies and gaps in their implementation.
- To highlight the importance of women empowerment in bringing gender equality, enhancing the social status of women and achieving the social and economic growth of the country.
- To identify the road blocks in the path of women empowerment and suggest remedial measures.
- To examine the role of various civic societies and NGOs working in the field of women empowerment.

## **Themes of the Seminar**

6. With the above aim and objectives, the sub themes of the seminar are as follows:-

- Social and Political dimensions of the issue of Women Empowerment in India.
- Women Empowerment – The key to achieve Social & Economic growth of the country.
- Social legislation, Government policies and enactments to achieve women empowerment.
- Attitude and biased perspective of society – a major hurdle in achieving women empowerment.
- Role of Judiciary in Empowering Women in India.
- Crimes against women- a blot on gender equality and women empowerment.
- Role of civic societies and NGOs in achieving women empowerment in India.
- Challenges and hurdles in the journey of women empowerment and suggested measures to overcome these hurdles.
- International women’s Day- its relevance in the Indian Perspective.

Above themes are only illustrative but not exhaustive. The paper presenters may select the related topic covered under the main theme.

### **About College:**

7. Anand Law College is a legal establishment recognized by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi since 1964 and is motivated by highly enthusiastic professionals under the guidance & supervision of the great visionary Late Dr. GordhanbhaiShanabhai Patel (VakilSaheb). College is being managed by ShriRamkrishnaSevaMandal,Anand and has been rendered an authenticity for permanent recognition to offer various Law Programmes. Its affiliation is with Sardar Patel University, VallabhVidyanagar, Anand.

### **Courses Offered:**

8. 5-year Integrated Law Courses –B.A.; LL.B; & B.B.A.; LL.B; Three Year Course - LL.B. (CBCS), Master (Business Law) - LL.M (Part – I & II), Diploma Courses - D.T.P. & D.L.P.

### **Registration Fees:**

<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Up to 25thFebruary, 2016</b>	<b>After 25<sup>th</sup>February, 2016</b>	<b>On the Spot</b>
Faculties, Lawyers, Social Activists & Others	<b>500/-</b>	<b>800/-</b>	<b>1000/-</b>
Research Scholars	<b>300/-</b>	<b>500/-</b>	<b>800/-</b>
Students	<b>200/-</b>	<b>350/-</b>	<b>500/-</b>

9. The registration fees have to be sent along with delegate registration form. The registration fees cover-kit, snacks, Tea/coffee and lunch.

Note: Fee does not include accommodation charges. All the payment should be made by demand draft or Cheque. The Cheque/DD should be drawn in favour of **ANAND LAW COLLEGE, ANAND.**

### **Call for Papers:**

10. Seminar papers are invited from faculties, lawyers, social activists, research scholars and students on any sub thematic areas or it could be submitted on the main theme in general. All the papers will be submitted to the panel of editorial board to examine originality and contribution to academics. Every author has to submit an undertaking of its originality and no copyright violation. Best three papers in the each category will be rewarded suitably.

### **Guidelines for Paper Submission:**

11. Research paper presenter is expected to apply research skill and use appropriate research methodology. It is necessary that every paper is confined to thematic or sub-themes of seminar. It should have proper research questions and also suggest the outcomes of research with the findings. Paper should not be of more than 4000 words.

It must be typed in Times New Roman Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1” margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS Word.

Submission of empirical research papers is appreciated. But researcher is expected to submit analysis of substantive data and sample report.

### **Submission Details:**

12. Kindly send your abstract or full papers soft copy/electronic form only on following email id: [alcseminar@yahoo.com](mailto:alcseminar@yahoo.com)

Every paper presenter is required to submit an abstract of 350 words with keywords stating the Statement of problem, research questions, and methodology applied in the paper with major expected findings.

### **Important Dates:**

<b>Abstract Submission</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016</b>
<b>Confirmation of Abstract</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> February, 2016</b>
<b>Submission of Paper</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016</b>
<b>Registration Closes on</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016</b>
<b>On the Spot</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016</b>

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