

OSMANIA UNIVERSITY

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

1. INTRODUCTION

Development of Women Studies Centres in Indian Universities & Colleges is meant to help India achieve her UN Sustainable Development Goal of Promoting Equality & Empowerment of Women. Gender Equality, Empowerment of women and addressing diverse needs of women requires enabling communities, enabling policies and enabling programmes of the government. Women Studies Centres have special focus on most marginalized /disadvantaged women in the society. These include women from Schedule Caste and Tribes, women with disabilities, women living in unsafe environments, exploited sex workers, women living in conflict areas, Women in conflict with law, Homeless, destitute & abandoned women, uneducated & unskilled single women, elderly & sick women etc.

A Womenstudy centre must pursue a comprehensive, critical and balanced understanding of India's socio economic realities & *governance*. Its essential components include:

- i. Women's contribution to society & social processes
- ii. Women's perception of their own lives, the broader social reality and their struggles and aspirations

2. THE SCHEME

a. Vision: To empower women in India to live with dignity so that they can contribute as valued partners in sustainable development of the self, families and the nation.

b. Mission: To support efforts of the state to create an environment for women that is inclusive, free from violence and discrimination and one that promotes social and economic empowerment of women by creating awareness amongst women about their rights.

3. FOCUS AREAS OF WOMEN STUDIES

- i. Build new knowledge on Women in National and Global Perspectives
- ii. Build Curriculum in Women Studies to meet the diverse needs of Indian women with focus to develop inclusive society.
- iii. Suggest methods to build a conducive environment for women to take up positions of leadership in diverse sectors.
- iv. Conduct evidence based research on 'Women and Economic Development'.
- v. Strengthen existing knowledge and build new knowledge on 'Women in Indian Perspective' (to address current and future challenges).
- vi. Conduct research on Women's contribution to Science and Technology & suggest methodology to enhance it.
- vii. Suggest methods to promote inclusion of women in development of all sectors including disadvantaged women, women with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.
- viii. Measures to strengthen Urban/Rural linkage and slum development.

4. OUR ACTIVITIES

Centre for Women's studies, OU works from the RUSA building (CFRD) located opposite to law college, Osmania university campus. This office has a Director and a Joint Director to look after the year-long activities which include: training, empowerment, employment etc.

DIRECTOR



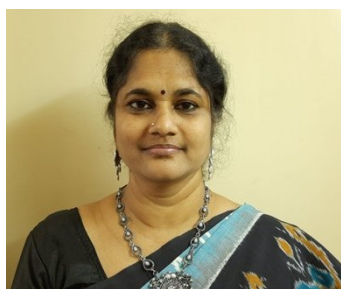
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