

**Celebrating
International Women's Day**

Two Days National Seminar

on

**INSPIRE INCLUSION:
Promoting Women's
Agency in Nation
Building
(March 08 – 09, 2024)**



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UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

(NAAC ACCREDITED A+)

Hazratbal, Srinagar – 190006

(Jammu and Kashmir)

CONCEPT NOTE

In the intricate tapestry of societal evolution, women have been the silent architects of change, shaping communities, and influencing destinies. However, the pages of history often fail to adequately document or celebrate the pivotal role played by women in nation-building. The Department of Sociology and Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) at the University of Kashmir recognize this historical oversight and aims to rectify it through a seminal initiative - a National Seminar on 8th March 2024, International Women's Day. The theme, "**INSPIRE INCLUSION: Promoting Women's Agency in Nation Building**," underscores the need to unravel and acknowledge the latent power of women in the socio-economic and political fabric of a nation.

Historical Perspective: Throughout history, women have been instrumental in shaping the destiny of nations. Whether through their roles in nurturing families, preserving cultural heritage, or silently challenging societal norms, women have been agents of change. Yet, their contributions have often been relegated to the margins of historical narratives, eclipsed by patriarchal structures that permeate societies globally. The seminar seeks to delve into this historical background, shedding light on the diverse ways in which women have influenced the trajectory of nations, despite systemic challenges that have historically hindered the recognition of their agency.

Contemporary Realities: In the contemporary landscape, the discourse on gender equality and women's empowerment has gained momentum. While progress has been made, persistent challenges and disparities persist. The seminar aims to critically examine the current state of women's agency, taking into account the complexities of the 21st century. Issues such as economic disparities, political underrepresentation, cultural stereotypes, and the intersectionality of various identities are integral components of this exploration. It is an opportunity to bridge the gap between historical contexts and present realities, providing a nuanced understanding of the challenges that women face in asserting their agency in diverse social, economic, and political spheres.

International Women's Day as Catalyst: The choice of International Women's Day as the backdrop for this seminar is symbolic and deliberate. This globally recognized day not only commemorates the struggles and achievements of women throughout history but also serves as a catalyst for advocacy and action. It provides a poignant moment to reflect on the progress made and the road ahead, urging societies to envision a future where women's agency is not just acknowledged but actively promoted and celebrated.

University of Kashmir as a Cultural Nexus: Situated in the culturally rich region of Kashmir, the University serves as an ideal backdrop for this discourse. The region, known for its

diverse cultural heritage, has its own stories of resilient women who have played pivotal roles in shaping the social and political landscape. The seminar, therefore, seeks to draw from this cultural nexus, intertwining the historical context with contemporary realities. It aims to create an environment that fosters a deeper understanding of the role of women in the ongoing narrative of nation-building, acknowledging the unique challenges and opportunities presented in the Kashmiri socio-cultural milieu.

Towards Inclusive Nation-Building: By addressing historical oversights and contemporary challenges, the seminar aspires to contribute to a broader dialogue on gender equality and women's empowerment. It aims not only to acknowledge the contributions of women but also to propel actionable insights, policy recommendations, and collaborative efforts. The ultimate goal is to forge a path toward inclusive nation-building, where women's agency is recognized, nurtured, and actively integrated into the fabric of societal development.

In conclusion, the National Seminar on "**INSPIRE INCLUSION: Promoting Women's Agency in Nation Building**" endeavors to be a milestone in the ongoing journey towards gender equality and social justice. By exploring the historical context, engaging with contemporary realities, and envisioning a future of inclusive nation-building, the seminar seeks to inspire meaningful change, fostering a society where the agency of women is not just acknowledged but becomes a driving force in shaping the destiny of nations.

SUB-THEMES

- Women in Leadership and Decision-Making
- Inter-sectionality in Women's Empowerment
- Innovations in Education for Women's Empowerment
- Promoting Women's Economic Inclusion
- Media Representation and Women's Narratives
- Healthcare Access and Women's Well-being
- Legal Reforms and Gender Equality
- Women's Agency in Peace Building and Stability

CALL FOR PAPERS

Presentations on theoretical and methodological aspects of identified themes on related areas as well as case studies are welcomed. We would be receiving abstracts only at hodsociology@uok.edu.in

The abstract body should be short (300 words), clear, concise, and written in English language with correct spelling and sentence structure. Mathematical symbols and equations can be typed in or embedded as images. The sequence of the abstracts shall be as follows:

- Title of the paper

- Author(s) name(s)
- Affiliation, address
- Email ID
- Abstract body

Abstracts should clearly indicate the research problem, the methodology and results of the work and should be carefully compiled and thoroughly checked, in particular with regard to the list of authors, before submission in order to avoid last-minute changes. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Committee to ensure that the topic of the submission is consistent with the scope of the seminar. Successfully submitted abstracts will be acknowledged with an electronic receipt including an abstract reference number, which should be quoted in all correspondence. Abstracts will be accepted until Monday, January 15, 2024 till 11:59 p.m. only.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Abstract Submission	January 15, 2024
Last Date for Notification of the acceptance	January 21, 2024
Last Date for the Registration for the Seminar	January 26, 2024

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Registration link for the Seminar shall be active from January 15, 2024 to January 26, 2024

Please register using the following link

<https://forms.gle/XymN2DX7jpznEif76>

or scan the Bar Code



REGISTRATION FEE DETAILS

With Accommodation	Rs. 4500
Without accommodation (Faculty)	Rs. 1500
Without accommodation (Research Scholars/ Students)	Rs. 1000

Bank Account Details

The registration fee has to be paid through Net Banking on the given as follows:

Name of the Account	H.O.D. of Sociology, KU
Account Number	0007010100000831
Name of the Bank	Jammu and Kashmir Bank
Branch	Hazratbal
IFSC Code	JAKA0NASEEM (0 – Zero)

After paying the registration fee, you need to take the **screen shot and upload it in the registration** form along with the

transaction ID. This would enable us to locate the registration details of the participants hassle-free.

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

The University of Jammu and Kashmir was founded in the year 1948. In the year 1969 it was bifurcated into two full-fledged Universities: University of Kashmir at Srinagar and University of Jammu at Jammu. The University of Kashmir is situated at Hazratbal in Srinagar. It is flanked by the world famous Dal Lake on its eastern side and Nigeen Lake on the western side. The Main Campus of the University spread over 247 acres of land is divided into three parts – Hazratbal Campus, Naseem Bagh Campus and Mirza Bagh Campus (serving residential purpose). Additional land has been acquired at Zakura near the main campus for further expansion of the University. The tranquil ambience of the Campus provides the right kind of atmosphere for serious study and research. Over the Years University of Kashmir has expanded substantially. It has established Satellite Campuses at Anantnag (South Campus), Baramulla (North Campus) and at Kupwara, to make higher education more accessible to people living in remote areas of Kashmir valley.

The University has also established a Sub-Office at Jammu to cater to the needs of the candidates enrolled with the University from outside Kashmir. The University is committed to provide an intellectually stimulating environment for productive learning to enhance the educational, economic, scientific, business and cultural environment of the region. The University offers programmes in all the major faculties. It has been constantly introducing innovative/ new programmes to cater to the needs and demands of the students and the society. Over the years, the University has marched towards excellence in its programmes and activities. It has been re-accredited as Grade-A+ University by the National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) of India. This is recognition and reflection of the high standard of quality in teaching and research at the University of Kashmir. The University of Kashmir is eulogized for its exceptional contribution towards teaching, research, and service in nation-building.

It also provides equal opportunity for students from different streams at various levels of education. To meet the challenges in higher education, University has accepted from time to time the Semester system, Choice Based Credit System and now New Education Policy (NEP).

HOW TO REACH SRINAGAR

By Air: the nearest airport to reach Srinagar is international airport). This airport is well connected and airlines offer regular flights from Srinagar to Delhi, Mumbai, Lucknow and

Bangalore. The airport is placed just away from the center of the city.

By Rail: To reach Srinagar by train, one has to reach either Banihal railway station. From the Srinagar Railway / taxis to reach this center of the city / University of Kashmir

By Road: Srinagar is the capital of the Jammu and Kashmir UT. The city is well connected with major cities like Delhi and Jammu. There is good Bus service and Cab service available.

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