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ICSSR Sponsored a Two-day National Conference
On

WOMEN AS CHANGE MAKERS FOR A VIBRANT SOCIETY

- Understanding the changing role of women in the social context

WCMVS-2015

Organised by

Department of Social Work
Mangalore University
Mangalagangothri, Karnataka
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Venue: Mangala Auditorium

About the University

Mangalore University campus located at the picturesque hillock, spread over 350 acres of land at Mangalagangothri located 20 KM to the south-east of the historic coastal town of Mangaluru, set the tone for the educational endeavour of the three districts under the jurisdiction of the University. It is a pleasing campus and grew out of a modest Post Graduate Centre of the University of Mysore to become the focal point of an independent University in 1980. The University has 25 Post-Graduate Departments on the Campus with 208 affiliated colleges/institutions. The University has a P. G center at Chikka Aluvara, Kodagu district. The University also has two constituent colleges, 4 law colleges, 18 education colleges and 5 autonomous colleges. The University receives financial support from different funding agencies for the 29 ongoing Research Projects.

University (**A Grade from NAAC**) has excellent infrastructure facilities like University Library, MANGALA Auditorium, Cyber Lab with one Gbps Internet Connectivity, Sports facilities and Hostels for Men and Women. University is ranked 24 among top 50 Universities in terms of publication output. There are two National Research Facilities namely Microtron Centre and Ocean & Atmospheric Science and Technology Cell. University has 19 Endowment Chairs on areas like Banking, Rural Development, Yoga, Environment, Literature, Fine Arts, Culture, Religion and Regional languages. The University collaborates with several premier national and international institutions.

About the Organiser

The Post-Graduate course in Social Work was started under the Mother Department of Sociology in 2003. Since, then the department has been offering MSW course with four major specialisation such as Community Development, Medical and Psychiatric Social Work, Personnel Management and Industrial Relations and Criminology and Correctional Administration. From 2010-2011, Mangalore University has introduced Choice Based Credit System under which social work students can study an interdisciplinary subject on their choice. An intensive curriculum is designed to impart the theoretical knowledge and practical training for social work students. Besides, the department is offering Ph.D programme and consultancy service to stakeholders in Societies. The Department has offered consultancy services to the Government of Karnataka in skill gap analysis in Dakshina Kannada District.

Background of the conference

In many respects the features of women's day-to-day lives have been almost invisible and often taken for granted. The women's movement and feminist research have been important in helping to highlight what women do and the ways in which gender relations help to perpetuate the disadvantage women experience. (Waring M, 1990). Women are certainly more likely to be working outside the home than ever before. To some extent the increase in women's labour force participation rates is a statistical artifact—it reflects better ways of recording seasonal, unpaid, and casual wage labour, although it should be acknowledged that much of women's work still goes un-recorded (Charmes 1998). In today's economic context, more women must now work to ensure family survival—in the face of declining real wages and the increased monetary cost of subsistence resulting from cutbacks in public services and subsidies (Pearson 1999). Besides the economic reason, the further cause of the increase in women's labour force is that the participation has been the greater demand for women workers in particular sectors of the economy,

particularly in export sectors that have in some countries experienced considerable growth. Much of this has been in low-skilled manufacturing—notably in garments, footwear and electronic products.

As women's contributions toward a strong and vibrant society are increasingly well documented, there is also growing understanding of why women's meaningful participation is essential to building and sustaining democracy. Women's political participation results in tangible gains for democracy, including greater responsiveness to citizen needs, increased cooperation across party and ethnic lines, and more sustainable peace. Women lawmakers tend to see "women's" issues more broadly as social issues, possibly as a result of the role that women have traditionally played as mothers and caregivers in their communities (O'Connor, K) When women are empowered as political leaders, countries often experience higher standards of living with positive developments in education, infrastructure and health, and concrete steps being taken to help make democracy deliver.

In India, research showed that West Bengal villages with greater representation of women in local councils saw an investment in drinking water facilities that was double that of villages with low levels of elected women, and that the roads there were almost twice as likely to be in good condition. The study also revealed that the presence of a woman council leader reduces the gender gap in school attendance by 13 percentage points. (Beaman, L. et al. 2007)

Despite these positive indicators and gains, considerable challenges remain to women's meaningful political participation. And while no ideal environment currently exists to jumpstart the advancement of women's political advancement, there are certain conditions that make it easier. Moreover, there must be the willingness of citizens to accept new ideas about gender roles in society. There are still many countries that discourage women from competing directly with men or consider childcare and housekeeping to be the exclusive domain of women. As such, it is common throughout the world to see women activists supporting democratic activities at the grassroots level, yet to see few women in leadership positions, thereby creating an absence of women from whom to draw for higher levels of political leadership. Concerted efforts must be made to raise awareness of gender inequality and the ways in which stereotypical gender roles create both formal and informal barriers. There is now growing consensus that women's equal rights and opportunity are inexorably linked to peace, prosperity, human development and democracy. How a country taps the talents and capacity of its women will, in large measure, determine its economic, social and political progress.

Beneficiaries of proposed conference

This conference caters to the need of current burning topic on women's day-to-day lives by focusing on emerging issues pertaining to positive and negative scenarios that we see in society today. Hence the conference sensitizes the budding professional social workers, Social Scientists, social research scholars, NGOs, GOs, Social activists, Panchayath representatives, Democrats and students of humanities stream

Call for Papers

Abstracts of not more than 300 words and full paper of not more than 4000 words are invited from Academicians, Practitioners, Research Scholars and Students on sub themes or any topic related to the conference. The paper contributors are advised to send an abstract along with the full papers (Font size 12 and line spacing 1.5) in MS word times new Roman on or before 15th April 2015. There will be a separate paper presentation session for student delegates.

The abstracts and full paper should be sent by email to the organisation secretary at musocialworkcon2015@gmail.com. Selected papers will be included in an edited book with ISBN number to be brought out by the organisers for which contributors will be requested to pay a publication fee.

Sub themes:

1. Emerging role of women in the a vibrant society
2. Blending Roles of women-Home makers to change makers
3. Emerging women – women over the decades
4. Women’s health initiatives – Consideration and importance
5. Legislative provisions for women in India
6. Political participation and women
7. Managing women in the workforce
8. Role of Civil Society, NGOs and CSR in Women’s empowerment
9. Women’s social inclusion in development of institutions
10. Breaking Barriers of the traditional society
11. Atrocities against women- Need for social action/ Change
12. Women and welfare-Policy implications and intervention

Registration:

Registration is compulsory to all the participants. Demand Draft for prescribed fees should be drawn in favour of Organising Secretary, payable at Mangaluru. The details of registration fees are given below:

Academicians and Practitioners: **750/-**

Full-time Research Scholars: **500/-**

PG Students: **300/-**

Important dates:

Last date for submission of Abstracts and Full papers: 20th April 2015.

Intimation of Acceptance: 25th April 2015

Registration for the Conference: 25th April 2015

Accommodation and other

Accommodation will be provided for outstation participants on twin sharing basis on prior request and availability on payment basis. No TA/DA will be paid for paper presenters. The Co-author need to register with prescribed fee for certificate.

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Signature: _____

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