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Concept Note

The year 2025 marks unveiling of five decades of *Towards Equality Report*, authored by the Committee on the Status of Women in India. Ever since the publication of the historic document that underscored all aspects of women's life and concerns in independent India, the lens is turned towards women issues in a sharper way that got reflected in women's movements, grassroots struggles, women centric research, studies, policy initiatives and strategies. The scope is wide as women's struggle and studies is about exploring the past, the present while connecting with the future. It needs to be done without any break as discrimination faced by women is endemic and patriarchy pervasive.

The publication of the *Towards Equality Report* marked the watershed moment in women's progress in many ways. It institutionalizes the need for change, set the ground for future research and articulated the involvement of the state in gender practice. The five decades since its publication have witnessed several ups and downs in women's struggle for equality, equity and justice in the swiftly changing scenario of globalization, privatization and liberalization and the digital ecosystem. While there have been many significant milestones achieved in terms of legislative, administrative and legal interventions and policy initiatives, there are still many questions that need to be answered and milestones to be achieved as women struggle for greater rights, change and empowerment progresses in a society ridden with culture of discrimination, violence and apathy.

The two day seminar endeavours to explore the impact of the *Towards Equality Report* on women's issues, gender relations, policy perspectives and initiatives. What targets can be set and what can be further done with regard to enhanced women rights and balanced gender ecosystem. The thrust would be to look into women's efforts, initiatives, experiences and the challenges faced in their tryst for justice, equality and equity. Women trudge path of complexities also making space for collaborations without compromises to ensure a secure fabric where rights of women are respected, reforms initiated and empowerment is assured. The need for constant engagement is imperative to understand how the efforts in the past translate in present and what needs to be the trajectory for a secure future for women. With these underpinnings, the Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia proposes to hold a two day seminar and the themes to be engaged with women in helm are enumerated. We invite papers around but not limited to the following themes.

Broad Themes

- Women's Movement and Gender Politics
- Gender Based Violence
- Women's Health, Education, Literature
- Gender and Development
- Gender Rights, Law & Religion.
- Green Initiatives & Climate Action.
- Collaborations and Policy Initiatives
- Women and STEMM
- Women and Disaster Management.
- Gender, Media, Cyberspace and AI
- Women in Sports
- Empowerment Policies, Perspectives & Initiatives
- Women Entrepreneurship.

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts of a maximum of 250 words must be submitted on or before 15 October 2025. Papers should be original and not previously published or presented elsewhere. Submissions must be in .doc or .docx format and follow the APA citation style. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be given by 18 October 2025. Upon acceptance, full papers of a maximum of 6,000 words must be submitted on or before 23 October 2025.

All submissions and queries should be sent to:
towardsequalitysnews@gmail.com

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 October 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: 18 October 2025
- Full Paper Submission: 23 October 2025
- Conference Dates: 29 & 30 October 2025

Note: Travel and accommodation will be the responsibility of the participants.



Registration Details

Teachers/Academics @ Rs. 1500.

Researchers @ Rs 700.

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