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VIDYA PRASARAK MANDAL'S
**K. G. JOSHI COLLEGE OF ARTS &
N. G. BEDEKAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE
THANE (W)**

UGC SPONSORED
TWO DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

**Women's Quest for Equality in India
Promises, Problems and Prospects**

9th and 10th January 2015.

Venue

Thorale Bajirao Peshawe Sabhagruha,
"Jnanadweepa", Thane College Campus,
Chendani Bunder Road,
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About the College

K.G. Joshi & N.G. Bedekar College of Arts & Commerce was the first institution of higher learning to be established in Thane City in 1969. Strategically located, the college is at walking distance from Thane Railway Station on the Central Railway line. It is well connected by bus services to every part of the city including Navi Mumbai.

The College received permanent affiliation, in January 1988 with effect from June 1982. The college is Re-accredited by NAAC and allotted 'A' grade. It was awarded B++ grade in January 2004 by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) set up by UGC. The college was reaccredited by **NAAC and awarded 'A' grade in January 2011.**

The College is also one of the Community Colleges of the University of Mumbai and has got the Best College Award of University of Mumbai.

Women Development Cell

Women Development Cell was established in our college in the year 2003. The primary responsibility of the cell is to operate as the redressal mechanism against sexual discrimination at the college level. The cell is playing a positive role by inculcating a sense of gender equality among the students of the college. In the last one decade the cell has organized a number of programmes to that effect. A Two Day National Conference is being organized by the Cell to address issues related to women.

About the Conference

One of the most pervasive and widespread codes of organization that affects all aspects of social functioning is the gender system. The practice of male-female differentiation forms the core of a gender –based system. This practice of male-female differentiation results in structural deprivation of the females-of life expectancy, access to health and medical services, inheritance, education etc. Female discrimination at the behavioural level-unemployment, low productivity skills, health care, public life etc. and infliction of atrocities like dowry harassment, eve teasing, wife beating, rape etc.

Indian society is essentially a male- dominated society, in which the ascribed status of women has been low. While the Constitution provides safeguards and legal measures, women are yet to achieve equal status.

The Two Day Conference will raise number of problems faced by women and find answers to some of these problems. It will also seek to address how women can overcome barriers of society and empower themselves.

Papers may be presented on any of the following themes.

1. Constitutional and legal safeguards for women to ensure equality
2. The unequal status of women manifested in the following arenas:
 - Demographic Inequality
 - Health Related Issues
 - Educational Opportunities
 - Personal space
 - Employment
 - Political Participation
 - Safety and Security
 - Representation in Media.
3. Policy initiatives to ensure equality and role of civil society in Empowering Women

Additional Details:

A Two day Pre-Conference Workshop will be held to encourage participation from various academic groups. The schedule is as follows

- One day workshop for Students in mid August, 2014
- One day workshop for Teachers in mid November, 2014

Call for Papers and Participation

Participants are requested to submit abstracts of their paper in the following format:

- 1) Abstracts not exceeding 300 words should be submitted in MSWord, version 2007. The text should be in Times New Roman with font size 12 and double spacing.
 - 2) The abstract should include Title, name of the presenter, affiliation details, mailing address and key words.
 - 3) An e-mail version of abstract must be sent at **wdcvpmconference1415@gmail.com**
 - 4) The paper presenters are also required to register as delegates for the conference.
 - 5) Decision of the Editorial Committee will be final regarding the selection of papers.
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Prospective Delegates

- 1) Members of various academic bodies and institutions.
- 2) Academicians of various University and Colleges.
- 3) Members of WDC in universities and colleges.
- 4) University and College Students.
- 5) Library Professionals

Important Dates:

- Last date for submission of abstracts : 20th August, 2014
- Notification of acceptance : 1st October, 2014
- Last date for submission of paper : 15th November, 2014
- Date of the Conference : 9th & 10th January, 2015

Mode of Payment:

The payment should be made in the form of crossed demand draft/ cheque of a nationalised bank drawn in favour of **‘Principal, VPM’s Joshi – Bedekar College, Thane’ payable at Thane.** The payment can also be made by paying in cash.

Registration & Fees :

Delegates	Rs. 800
Student Delegates	Rs. 400

Accommodation :

Accommodation will not be provided by the conference organizers. But detailed information regarding the same will be displayed on the college website.

Address for Correspondence:

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- Dr. Bedekar Vidya Mandir**
- Sou. A.K. Joshi English Medium School**
- B.N. Bhandodkar College of Science**
- K.G. Joshi College of Arts**
- N.G. Bedekar College of Commerce**
- VPM's TMC Law College**
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- VPM's Academy of International Education and Research**
- VPM's Maharshi Parshuram College of Engineering, Velneshwar Ratnagiri District**
- VPM's Institute of Distance Education**

Registration Form

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Name : _____

Designation: _____

Age : _____ Gender : Male Female

Organization/College: _____

Address: _____

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E-mail: _____

Registration as Delegate Student Delegate

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