A State Level Seminar

"Challenging Norms, Championing Equality:

A feminist Tribute to International Women's Day"

Organized by, **Dept. of Philosophy** in collaboration with Women Cell, JRM

: **08.03.2025** (Saturday)

Venue: Seminar Hall, JRM

Time: 11 a.m. onwards

Keynote Speakers:



Topic: বৌদ্ধধর্মে নারীর

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Topic: Redefining **Roles: Accelerating** Gender **Equality in** Work-Life **Dynamics**

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About the Department MARCH 8

Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya is a general degree arts college, established in 1986 and is affiliated to the University of Kalyani and accredited with grade "B" by the NAAC in 2024. The college is situated on the western bank of river, Jalangi at the village of Amtala in Nowda block in the district of Murshidabad, West Bengal. The Department of Philosophy in the college initially offered undergraduate courses in general stream and it started offering Honours Course since 2005. In respect to the provision of Faculty engagement, the department has three permanent faculties, and one government approved SACT faculty. The department runs general programme courses as well as honours courses, and has implemented the New Education Policy (2020) since 2023. Besides the core course and generic elective courses, there are also varieties of courses offered in the department such as DSE, Value Added Courses (VAC), MDC, AECC, and highlighting diverse cross-cutting issues like gender sensitization, environment centric and sustainability.

Vision and Mission of the Department

The department undertakes the vision and mission of the college as the following:

- •Building Human Resources, Developing Philosophical Thinking and Transforming rural Muslim community, especially women.
- •Developing Students by applying required knowledge, facts, techniques and rules of philosophical methods.
- Synthesizing philosophical knowledge and ethical values into the social outlook of the students.
- •Evaluating social conduct, intellectual competencies and emotional stability.

Theme:

International Women's Day is not just a celebration of women's achievements but a call to action for gender equality and justice. The theme "Challenging Norms, Championing Equality" underscores the need to dismantle patriarchal structures and redefine societal expectations that have historically marginalized women. Feminism, at its core, is about advocating for equal rights, opportunities, and respect for all genders, and this theme embodies the spirit of resistance and progress.

For centuries, women have been confined to rigid roles, their worth often measured by their adherence to societal norms. Feminism challenges these norms by questioning the status quo and demanding systemic change. It calls for the eradication of gender-based discrimination, violence, and inequality in all spheres—be it the workplace, home, or public life. From fighting for equal pay and reproductive rights to challenging toxic masculinity and cultural stereotypes, feminism seeks to create a world where women are free to define their own identities and futures.

Championing equality, however, is not just about uplifting women; it is about creating a society where everyone, regardless of gender, can thrive. It requires men and women to unite in solidarity, recognizing that gender equality benefits humanity as a whole. This International Women's Day, we honour the trailblazers who have paved the way—suffragettes, activists, and everyday women who have dared to challenge injustice. But we also acknowledge the work that remains undone and needs to be executed in their future for female agency and autonomy.

The fight for equality is far from over. Women, especially those from marginalized communities, continue to face disproportionate barriers. This theme reminds us that feminism is not a passive ideology but a movement of action. It calls on us to amplify marginalized voices, advocate for inclusive policies, and challenge the norms that perpetuate inequality. Together, we can build a future where equality is not just an ideal but a reality. This International Women's Day, let us recommit to challenging norms and championing equality, for a just and equitable world is within our reach.

Registration Details:

Faculties
Scholars/Researchers
Students

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Sub-Themes:

- 1. International Women's Day: it's relevance in the Indian perspective
- 2. Women's Journey towards Empowerment: A myth or a Reality?
- 3. Conceptualizing women's empowerment in the eyes of great Indian thinkers
- 4. Women and Health, Maternity and Paternity leave, Constraints for single mother
- 5. The Role of Family and Kinship in Women's Empowerment
- 6. Gender Equality: Issues and Challenges
- 7. Religion, Culture, and Women's Rights
- 8. Work-Life Balance and Social Expectations
- 9. Feminism in Cinema and Literature: Rewriting Narratives
- 10. Gender Stereotypes in Media and Advertising

Publication Details:

- Abstract Limit 200 Words
- Paper Limit 4000 words
- Paper Format Abstract, Key Words, Body of Paper, References
- Follow API (7th Edition) Style of Referencing
- Use Microsoft Word
- Font style Times New Roman
- Font Size 12, Title Size 14 in Bold, Line Space 1.5

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Important Dates:

• Last Date of Registration via Email: 06.03.2025

• Last Date of Abstract Submission: 06.03.2025

• Confirmation of Abstract : 07.03.2025

• Last Date of Articles Submission : 08.03.2025

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