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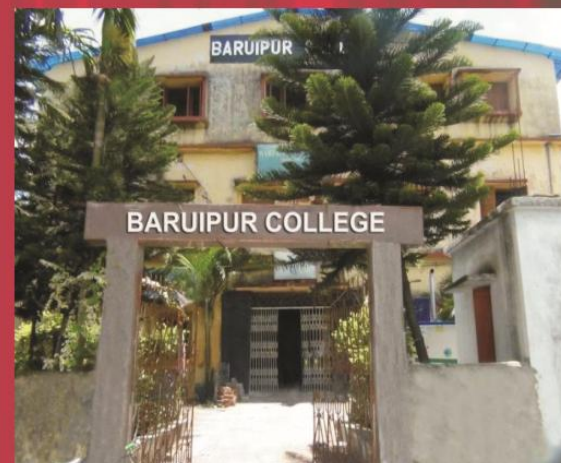
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# BARUIPUR COLLEGE



UGC Sponsored State Level  
Seminar on Empowerment of  
Women : Change & Challenges.

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## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The college is situated besides Amtala road, a semi urban region in the District of South 24 pgs and is 1 km away from the Baruiপুর railway station. Since 1981 Baruiপুর College had been providing its students of first degree learner a space for learning and overall development. The students are coming from the rural background, belonging to reserved categories and minority communities. Students are provided with infrastructural facilities within the colleges limit and a library with enriched collection of books. The college has come a long way with progressive result and atmosphere and is continuing its journey, which we believe will continue as long as time runs on its course.

## CONCEPT NOTE

Despite plentiful programmes and public policies avowed for advancing empowerment of Indian women, substantial and critical clefs persist between the objectives and outcomes and Indian women, in generic sense, continue to languish as 'prisoner of gender'. Undoubtedly a plethora of public policies have been charted out for the advancement of position, dignity and rights of Indian women like the Domestic violence Act (2005), provisions for reservation of seats and posts in local-self governments. However, the hiatus between the proclamation and practicality is widespread and all evident.

Empowerment of women depends on many variables like location, age, education, caste and class. The patriarchal structure that governs society and family, as in India, is a key determinant that entrenches socio-economic (and other) discrimination, marginalizes and accentuates violence against women. Women and girls have controlled mobility, constricted access to education, health facilities and decision-making roles.

Women empowerment is negatively impacted by the pervasive gender based discrimination in the family and the community and such prejudices limits women's choices and freedom. These choices are further dependent upon structural factors like caste and class. Access to education for girls is a part of a larger structural concern, including the practice of 'son preference', which creates inherent discriminatory ethos. Mobility restrictions for women are dependent upon how the family and community view women's rights.

Hence, empowerment of women demands a multifaceted approach encompassing diverse social structures that influence and govern women's lives. Empowerment efforts therefore is not only about delivering services, but also about recognizing multiple layers of discrimination that obstruct women's access to 'human' rights and entitlements. The gender equality and empowerment in a developing country like India squarely depends on comprehensive plans, recurring investments and above all fruition of the intention and efforts.

In this context, we intend to engage with questions concerning the status and future

challenges towards women's empowerment in India through the following prisms.

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| a) Empowerment of Women; the Concept and its Nuances;                           |
| b) Employment and Livelihood of Women   |
| c) Women and Education, Culture and Family;                                     |
| d) Women, Health and Hygiene;   |
| e) Women and Political Leadership, Democracy and Governance                     |
| f) Women and Mass Media   |
| g) Gender-based Violence: Nature, Cause and Course;                             |
| h) Women in Conflict Situation;   |
| i) Public Policies (like Reservation & Gender Budgeting) A Critical Estimation. |

### Conference Participants :

We propose to review the intervention, observable limitation and challenges in the context of empowerment of India women. Gender professionals, development, practitioners, women cooperatives, NGOs, researchers and academicians will deliberate on the various facets involved in the promotion of women's empowerment. The conference will follow the participatory approach, putting emphasis on experience sharing, discussion and dialogue creating an eco-system in which we would hopefully enrich the scholarship and course of action.

### Conference Outcomes :

The dialogues and diagnosis are expected to generate pragmatic appraisal and strategic recommendations concerning the situational and perceptible gaps in policy implementation and the positive outcomes. An effort will be made to disseminate the knowledge as widely as possible among women networks and the eventual recommendations arising out of the conference will be conveyed to Central and State Governments for policy redirection and / or re-strategising.

**Last date of abstract submission : 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Last date of full paper submission : 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Last date of registration : 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Registration fees : Rs 200/- & Rs- 150/- (for Students & Scholars)**

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