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Two Day National Seminar
On
**Indian Society and Women: Perspectives on
Past, Present and Future**

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Mode of presentation: Online and Offline

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CONCEPT NOTE

Understanding women's position in a given society can be marked as a crucial part of contemporary researches which seek to re-examine and re-define the myths and stereotypes associated with the subject. New readings of the way the role and status of a woman in patriarchal societies have been recognized and represented show how women have been discriminated and granted a marginalized position throughout history.

Pythagoras, the renowned founder of Pythagorean concept, stated: "There is a good principle which created order, light, and man, and an evil principle which created chaos, darkness, and woman". Pythagoras has been quoted by Simone de Beauvoir, the French feminist critic, in her book, *The Second Sex* (1949), to show how the biased and prejudiced custom of positioning women in the margin must be addressed as a longstanding ingrained problem.

Women, all over the world, have been treated unequally on various grounds. Examples of women's struggles even for basic rights are numerous. Even though the endeavors to secure equal shares for women in the orientation of power relations have been rewarding to a certain extent in introducing reforms in social, cultural, and political modes of locating a woman's individuality, there is still much to be done. Although the lived experiences of Indian women are different in many aspects, they also fight oppression (both mental and physical) and discrimination resulting from the patriarchal gender norms. But the diverse and distinct circumstances that create the socio-cultural ambience of an Indian woman make the issue a complex one which requires specific means for addressing the problem.

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, in her essay called "Three Women's Texts and a Critique of Imperialism", critically looks at the Western *feminist* lens as an inadequate framework to be applied in the context of a *Third World* country. The National Seminar, "Indian Society and Women: Perspectives on Past, Present and Future", proposed by the Department of English, Bongaigaon University, will provide scholars with a medium to shed lights on unique features of Indian society which condition the existence of women.

SUB-THEMES

- ✧ Women, Society and Education
 - ✧ Women: Leadership and Team building
 - ✧ Women, Social Policy and Politics
 - ✧ Women's Writing and Narratives
 - ✧ Women in Indian Literature and Folk Literature
 - ✧ Women's Movements and Women in History
 - ✧ Women, Nature, Environment and Climate Change
 - ✧ Women and Culture/Cultural Representation
 - ✧ Sexuality and the Female body
 - ✧ Law, Women Trafficking and Human Rights
 - ✧ Women and Religion
 - ✧ Globalization and Women
 - ✧ Sports, Physical Education and Women
 - ✧ Women: Motherhood, Health and Family
 - ✧ Trade, Commerce, Entrepreneurship Development and Women
 - ✧ Indian Economy and Women
 - ✧ Gender, War, Peace and Power
 - ✧ Literature, Language and Gender
 - ✧ Science, Technology and Women
 - ✧ Social Media and Women
 - ✧ Film Studies and Women

(The sub-themes are not limited to the above list, the paper presenter can write a paper on topic / theme related to the main theme.)

Registration Details

Faculty Member:	1000.00 INR
Research Scholar:	800.00 INR
Student:	500.00 INR
Participants:	300.00 INR

Important Dates

Last Date of Abstract Submission: **24th October, 2025**

Date of Acceptance: **28th October, 2025**

Submission of Full Paper: **4th November, 2025**

Last date of Registration: **4th November, 2025**

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Submission Guidelines

✧ Submission must include:

- A title page clearly stating the title of the paper, the author(s) name, institutional affiliation, contact email and phone number
- An abstract of 200-250 words, including 5-7 keywords

✧ Participants whose abstracts are selected should submit the full papers by adhering to MLA 9th edition guidelines with font size: 12 and font style: Times New Roman.

✧ Abstracts should be sent by email to: englishdepartmentbngc@gmail.com

✧ All submissions will undergo a single-blind peer review

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