

**UGC Sponsored State Level Seminar**  
**On**  
***EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN: ROLE OF PANCHAYAT IN WEST***  
***BENGAL***

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

**Organised by: Dept. of Political Science**  
**Egra S.S.B. College**  
**Egra, Purba Medinipur**

**Venue: Egra S.S.B. College Seminar Hall**

In Collaboration with  
Dept. of Political Science  
Belda College  
Belda, Paschim Medinipur

Political status of women implies a degree of equality and freedom enjoyed by women in sharing of power and importance given by the society to the role of women in the political system. The equality and active political participation are inseparable. Participation of women in political arena is integral to the advancement of women. The political empowerment of women is considered as a powerful and indispensable weapon for their upliftment and providing them an equal status with men. A notable and concrete step in the direction was taken by the Narsimha Rao government when 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment were passed which paved the way for empowering women by reserving 33 per cent seats for them in rural and urban local bodies. The 73<sup>rd</sup> amendment

to the constitution was the milestone in the history of PRIs in India, which gave statutory status to the Panchayats and provided for 33 percent reservation of seats for women in all the three tiers of Panchayati Raj system.

The need of the hour is a holistic effort from all sections of the society to join hands and strive for success of women empowerment through panchayats. Teachers, Scholars, experts, policy makers and the layman can come together and share their views and experiences on the subject. The organisation of the seminar is a step towards meeting our obligations to the society. Your participation will enable the event to become a grand success and will hopefully move us a step towards our goal.

**Rudra Prasad Roy**  
*Convener & Organising secretary*  
*Seminar Organising Committee*

**Dr. Dipak kumar Tamili**  
*Principal & President*  
*Seminar Organising Committee*

### **Contacted Recourse Persons**

**Prof. Anil Kr. Jana**, Professor, Vidyasagar University  
**Prof. Apurba Kr. Mukhopadhyay**, Professor, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies  
**Prof. Deb Narayan Modak**, Professor, Netaji Subhas Open University  
**Prof. Soma Ghosh**, Associate Professor, Sorojini Naidu College  
**Prof. Subir Samanta**, Associate Professor, Prabhat Kumar College  
**Prof. Eyasin Khan**, Assistant Professor, Vidyasagar University

### **Registration and Paper Presentation**

**Registration fees: For Students – 100/-, For Scholars/ Teachers- 300/-.**

#### **Sub themes of the Seminar:**

1. Women Empowerment: Theoretical Issues.
2. Women Empowerment and participation in Panchayat Institutions.
3. Changing Status of women in West Bengal in 21<sup>st</sup> century.
4. Position of women in present context.

5. Women and Society.
6. Women Empowerment and Development Issues.

**Call for papers:** send your abstract in [rudra.roy82@gmail.com/](mailto:rudra.roy82@gmail.com)  
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Last date of submission of abstract- 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

Accommodation will be provided on request. Accommodation charge will have to be borne by the person concern.

\*Selected papers will be published in book with ISBN.

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### **:Programme schedule:**

<b>26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015</b>	
Registration	: 9.30 a.m.
11 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.	: <b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b>
Welcome Address	: Dr. Dipak Kr. Tamili Principal, Egra S.S.B College
Key Note Address	: Dr. Anil Kr. Jana Professor, Dept. of Political Science with Rural Administration, Vidyasagar University, Medinipur
Vote of Thanks	: Dr. Nirmal Kr. Hazra, Secretary, T.C., Egra S.S.B College
12.00 – 12.45 p.m.	: <b>TECHNICAL SESSION- I</b> <b>‘Women Empowerment: Theoretical Perspectives’</b>
Chairperson	: Dr. Anil Kr. Jana
Speaker	: Dr. Deb Narayan Modak Professor & Director, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open Univesity, Kolkata
Vote of Thanks	: Dr. Jonesh Ranjan Bhattacharyya Associate Professor, Egra S.S.B. College
12.45 – 12.50 p.m.	: <b>Tea Break</b>
12.50 – 1.40 p.m.	: <b>TECHNICAL SESSION -II</b> <b>‘Women Leadership in Gram Panchayats: Prospects and Constraints’</b>
Chairperson	: Dr. Deb Narayan Modak
Speaker	: Dr. Soma Ghosh Associate Professor, Sorojini Naidu College, Kolkata
Vote of Thanks	: Dr. Kakali Singha Associate Professor, Egra S.S.B. College

1.40 – 2.30 p.m. : **Lunch Break**

2.30 – 4.00 p.m. : **TECHNICAL SESSION - III**

Chairperson : Dr. Anil Kr. Jana

Paper Presentation : By Teachers and Scholars

Vote of Thanks : Prof. Indrani Maji (Shit)  
Assistant Professor, Egra S.S.B. College

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**TECHNICAL SESSION –IV**

Chairperson : Prof. Apurba Kr. Mukhopadhyay  
Professor, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata

10.30 – 11.30 a.m. : **‘Impact of Women Empowerment: West Bengal Experience’**

Speaker : Prof. Subir Samanta  
Associate Professor, Prabhat Kumar College, Contai

11.30 – 12.30 p.m. : **‘The Changing Status of Women in West Bengal in 21<sup>st</sup> Century’**

Speaker : Prof. Eyasin Khan  
Assistant Professor, Vidyasagar University, Medinipur

Vote of Thanks : Prof. Bimal Narayan Nanda  
Associate Professor, Egra S.S.B. College

12.30 – 1.30 p.m. : **Lunch Break**

1.30 – 3.30 p.m. : **TECHNICAL SESSION – V**

Chairperson : Prof. Apurba Kr. Mukhopadhyay

Paper Presentation : By Teachers and Scholars

Vote of Thanks : Prof. Rudra Prasad Roy  
Assistant Professor, Egra S.S.B. College

3.30 – 4.00 p.m. : **VALEDICTORY SESSION**