

**A
Project Concept Note
on**

**1st Students' Seminar on Women
Empowerment
(SSWE 1.0)**

In collaboration with Colleges and Universities

*Theme: A students' perspective of the state of Indian Women by
2030: What Women Want?*



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‘The Youth is the Hope of our Future-JoseRzal’

SHORT BACKGROUND

The 1st Students Seminar on Women Empowerment (SSWE 1.0) is a platform conceptualized by the students for the students of all backgrounds to assemble together as a unit. The purpose is to create a platform for the students to generate bright intellectual ideas to facilitate the course of women future in India.

Since time immemorial, women have been the preservers and nurturers of life. They are responsible for molding, creating and shaping citizens. Women are the torch-bearers of the nation. Mothers raise citizens, be it men or women, who are equally responsible for the sustainable development of any nation. However, women have not been given their due status in the society. They have not been accredited with the appreciation they deserve. Today, India has emerged as the epicentre of all atrocities, discrimination and sufferings which women are subject to. A woman is a survivor of war. The war starts from the womb itself and does not end even after death. It is disheartening to note the amount of women who have not been able to see the light of day or they were just murdered.

WERP-India is honoured to organize the 1st Students Seminar on Women Empowerment in collaboration with colleges and universities in India. The uniqueness of this on-campus event is that it is conceptualized by the students, organized by the students and designed for the students. As we all know that having the opinion of the youth on any issue of development is the true way to sustainable development, as youth are the strength and future of any nation. The student seminar has been designed to meet the desire and aspiration of students to share their ideas, opinion, and workable solutions on the pathway forward to empowering Indian women.

It is noteworthy to understand how students can be the agent of change. The students have the capacity to facilitate the desired change to the course of women by getting involved in thinking through and proffer solutions, creating awareness, sensitizing the society, and actively engaged in various activities to facilitate solutions to the issues against women. With this background, we are organizing this seminar for the student by the student with the theme “**The Student Seminar has been titled " A students’ perspectives on the State of Women by 2030: What Indian Women Wants?"**”

About WERP-India

WERP-India is a students' initiatives for women empowerment, a project of Forum of Financial Initiatives (FFI) India. More than 50% of the world population is women. Their contributions to wealth and asset creation are substantial and can be inferred as same as that of men, though there is no precise estimate of such macro variables on the basis of gender. Despite this, in almost all societies, there is gender bias against women. The gender bias against women start from the conception in the womb till lifetime. The war against women is largely influenced by policies and issues of justice as well as the social construct that influence the mindset of the public against women.

However, WERP-India has taken up a developmental project on multi-dimensional project approach to women empowerment in India through social research techniques. The social research project is expected to facilitate the reconstruction of the Indian society towards a favorable mindset and appreciation for women

About Forum of Financial Initiatives (FFI)

The Forum of Financial Initiatives (FFI), setup in 1997, is a Non-Profit Organization committed, among other things, to social welfare activities. The organization is actively involved in women empowerment through creation of self-help groups, micro financing and undertaking other development works across the country.

Event Objectives

1. To create a platform for student of all background to share their thought, perspectives and ideas to facilitating the pathway for women empowerment in India
2. To cross-fertilize ideas and facilitate the knowledge of the students on their responsibility in facilitating women empowerment.
3. To create a conducive platform for the student to express themselves in a formal way
4. To sharpen and develop students' leadership and interpersonal relation skills to prepare them for the future task of leading the nation towards a sustainable development

Event Model

The analyses of the development trajectories over the years have showed that the success of sustainable development model is hinged upon a participatory mode as well as the active engagement of the stakeholders in channelling development pathway to their future. Over the years, academic institutions have always consulted experts to facilitate and share with students' expert knowledge and opinions on any issues of interest. However, it is noteworthy to know that having a feedback from the students and allow them to enjoy freedom of expression to share their thought and creative ideas will bring a balancing upon which any process of imparting knowledge can be successful.

Moreover, when it comes to issue against women in Indian society of today, the first and most affected section of the society are students. On this thought process, the on-campus event has been designed to give room for the students to share their ideas to their student mates on the same frame of reference. The blueprint for this unique event is for students to take the lead in facilitating the event.

These include students as Keynote Speakers, Ordinary Speakers, and Presenters, Theatre groups, Music groups etc to serve as facilitator and experts for the day. Your Faculty and Guest speakers will serve on the event day as “documentator” and sum up the suggestions and thoughtful creative ideas that students will be offering during their seminar talks.

Event Agenda

We proposed to have a one full day event of two (2) broad sessions namely; Morning and Afternoon Sessions.

Proposed Partners

-On-campus students group, local NGOs working on women, students based NGOs, students societies

Proposed Sponsors

-Corporate Organizations to utilize students' platform to share their contributions, products and services for facilitating women empowerment.

-Start up companies to promote their brand among students

Expected Event Output

1. Indian students become more aware of the workable panacea to the issues against women in India

2. Increase leadership and interpersonal relation skills of the students
3. Call to action for students to actively get involved in programme and activities that can result to improving the status of women in India. Volunteer for Women (V4W).

Benefit Check list – Students

Benefit Check list – College and universities

Benefit Check list – Corporate bodies/organization

Benefit Check list – Start up companies

Benefit Check list – Women and Men in the society at large

Benefit Check list- Government of India (GoI)