

Mother Teresa Women's University Campus Pallapatti.

Mother Teresa Women's University is a State University of Tamilnadu, which was established in the year 1984 by the enactment of Tamilnadu Act 15. It bears the name Laureate and the global servant and the humanitarian Mother Teresa . Mother Teresa Women's University aims to extend its service to women students of all communities. The Department and Centre for women's Studies functions at SIPCOT Industrial Complex , Nilakottai-Pallapatti. The Department and Centre for Women's Studies works to empower women through various capacity building measures including Feminist theory building, inculcating gender sensitivity on Women's Studies perspectives, Gender Literacy, Gender Education and Enhancement, Communication and Leadership skill etc., to bring Social, Economic, Political and Cultural Empowerment and Gender Equality. 'Women's Studies' as a discipline of academia, helps to transform other disciplines by integrating feminist perspectives. The various activities of the scholars and activists in the Department and Centre for Women's Studies paves way to bring out more visible research and policy debates which would be raised by women from dalit, tribal, labouring, sexual and other minority communities including religion. The Centre for Women's Studies plays a vital role to bring out change in the society understanding more about women and highlighting participation of women in the formulation of policy in establishing a just and secular society in India.

Department and Centre for Women's Studies

Faculty Details:

Dr. S.Meena priyadharshini, Director & Head i/c

VISION

- Empowering women through Education and Training programmes, tapping their potential, and elevate their life style and social status.

MISSION

- Strives to create a more equal world by empowering women to understand, recognize and exhibit their multi-dimensional roles.
- Motivate Women to take strenuous efforts to reach out the society to bridge the inequalities that confront women today.

OBJECTIVES

- To incorporate knowledge , relevance importance of Women's Studies in all the disciplines of the University and affiliated Colleges
- To reach out to rural tribal women in order to enhance their status through skill training and to bring out their potentialities through productive employment services to the Tribal and marginalized Women of particular areas.
- To empower women leading to Self–employment opportunities, train in Entrepreneurial Skills, promoting Socio-economical independence.
- To promote Women in Development (WID) and Women and Development (WAD) realizing their career goals, leadership qualities and to choose proper effective life options.

- To promote research in Women's Studies and contribute to family, society and nation
- To provide access to vital services to the Tribal and marginalized Women of particular areas
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ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE

Teaching

- Ph.D. Women's Studies
- M. Phil. Women's Studies
- M.A. Women's Studies
- Diploma in Women's Studies
- Certificate Course in Law and Gender
- Foundation Course in Gender Studies
- Skill Based Programme on EDP for all Final PG student of Arts & Sciences as Non Subject Elective.

Teaching Strategies

- Lecture
- Discussions
- Interactive Sessions
- Seminars
- Debates
- Tutorials
- PPT Presentations
- Field study

- Demonstrations
- Role plays
- Survey Mapping

Major Thrust Areas

- Teaching
- Training
- Research
- Field Action
- Documentation
- Publication
- Advocacy
- Seminars / Workshops/Symposia
- Networking
- Clustering and Mentoring

Extension Activities

- Gender Sensitization Programmes
- Awareness Programmes
- Skill Development Programmes
- Formation of women Self Help Group
- Family Counseling
- Environment Conservation
- Health and Hygiene
- Women's Rights and Legal Rights
- Government Programmes for Women
- Voters Awareness Campaign

Training Programmes

- Entrepreneurship Development Programme
- Skill Training Programme
- Vocational Training programmes for Rural women
- Training on Business Plan and Banking practices
- Faculty Development Programme
- Training programme on Mushroom Cultivation
- Residential Vocational Training Programme On” Mushroom Cultivation, Vermi Composting, Vegetable And Fruit Processing And Bee Keeping
- Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp For Women
- 25 days EDI Training Programme on Manufacturing of sanitary napkins
- Leadership Training For Women Officials among women leaders
- Gender Sensitisation Programme for Tribal women
- Fabric Painting to Empower Rural Women

Awareness programme

- Health Awareness Programme For Adolescent Girls
- Awareness Programme on Cervical Cancer among Women Workers
- Awareness Programme on Vaccination for Adolescent girls
- Awareness Programme on Health, Nutrition and Immunity level of Women
- Sexual Abuse and preventing Techniques for School Children and Adolescent Girls
- Sexual Harassment and Women Rights
- Yoga : Therapy for Women Health Issues

Field Research

- Field Research on Vaccination for Girls by puberty
- Field Research on Immunity level of Women at different levels
- Field Research on Cervical Cancer and other preventive measures for women health hazards
- Desertion of Women in Tribal Community of Kodaikanal
- Dimensions in Socio Economic analysis of Gender Disability
- Rally for Violence Against Women through the programme “One Billion Rising”

Conferences / Workshops / Seminars

- Two day National Seminar on “Empowerment of Women through Political Rights”.
- International Conference on “Social Exclusion and Inclusion of Women” in Collaboration with Alagappa University, Karaikudi.
- National Workshop on “Designing World Class Curriculum For Gender Studies”.
- A two day National Conference on “Child Abuse : Causes, Consequences and Preventive Measures” in collaboration with C.S.I. College of Education, Madurai.
- One day National Seminar on “Women Empowerment” in Collaboration with CED, Madurai and Gnanamani College of Engineering, Namakkal.
- National Seminar on “Legal Rights And Prevention Of Violence Against Women And Children”- in Collaboration with St.Joseph’s High School, Perumalmalai.

- National Seminar on 'Health Problems Of Women Workers And Guidance For Preventive Measures' in Collaboration with Maagrita Exports Limited, Sipcot Industrial Complex, Pallapatty.
- A two day National Conference on 'Child Abuse: Gender disparity in protection of girl Children' in collaboration with Dhan Foundation, Madurai.
- National workshop on "Disease Prevention and Health Promotion of Women and Adolescent girls".
- National workshop on "Managerial Skills and Leadership Styles of women Entrepreneurs in the present Scenario".
- One Day National Seminar on Status and Progress of Development – De-Notified Nomadic, Tribal Women and Children in Tamilnadu
- One Day State level workshop on "Sanitation and Dissemination of SACOSAN-6 Declaration
- A Three Day Workshop on Empowering Women Through Fabric paintings:Create your Own Style
- A One Day National Seminar on "Gender Parity and Women Employability in Present scenario"
- ICSSR sponsored one Day national conference on WAV: Therapy for VAW
- One Day seminar on Women Rights and Empowerment at Kodaikanal
- One Day National Conference on Women Issues in the Digital Era
- ICMR sponsored National Seminar on Innovative Smart Technology for Public Health Care
- ICSSR sponsored One Day national Seminar on Tribal Women empowerment Through Technologies:Issues and Challenges
- Awareness programme on Violence against Adults

- ICSSR sponsored Two Day Workshop on Self Protecting Techniques for Adolescent Girls from Sexual Abuse
- Awareness programmes on Sexual Harassment and Women Rights
- One Day Workshop on Mushroom Cultivation and Entrepreneurship Development for Rural Women
- One Day Awareness programme on Yoga: Therapy for Women Health Issues
- Awareness programme on Sexual Abuse and Preventing Techniques to School Children
- Two Day Training programme on Fabric Painting to Empower Rural Women
- One Day Workshop on Gender Sensitization Towards Equality.



