



**VEERANARI CHAKALI ILAMMA
WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, Koti, Hyderabad**



National Seminar

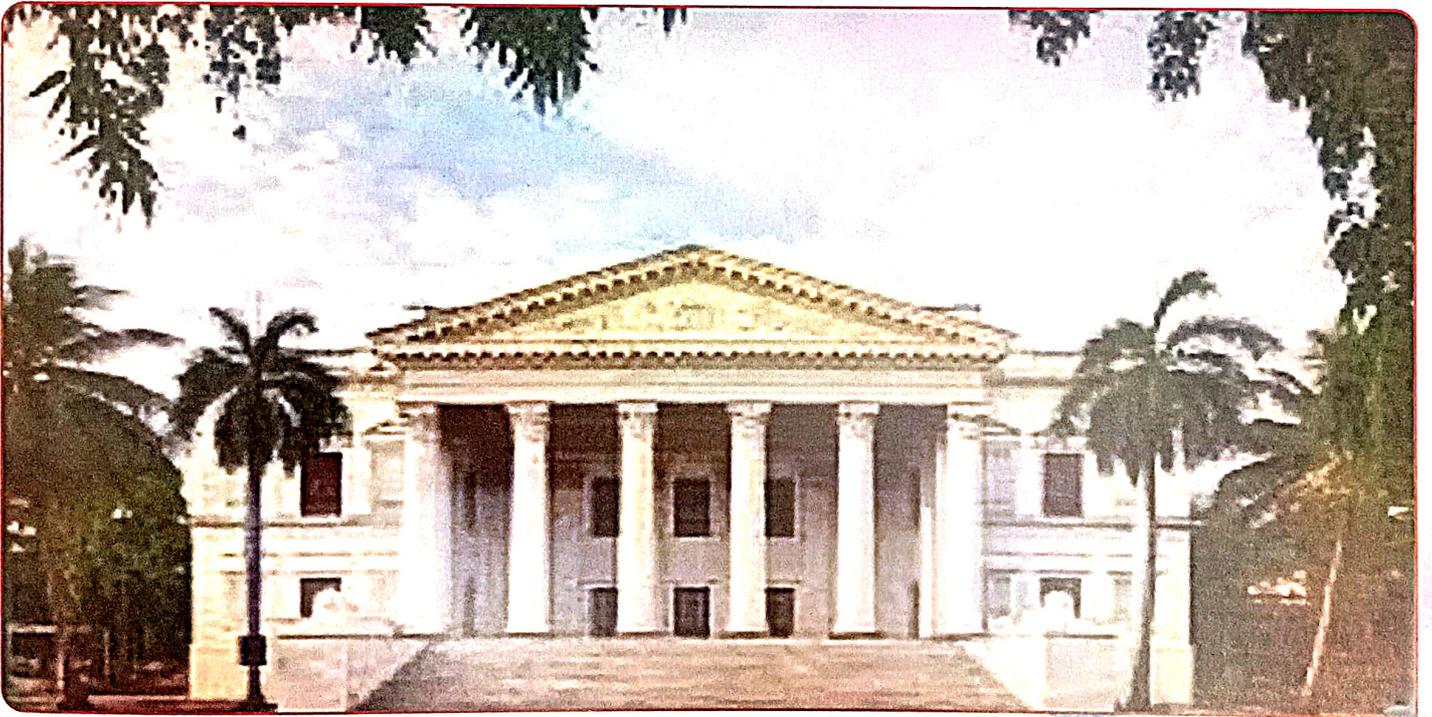
on

**“Women's Contribution to Viksit Bharat:
Opportunities & Challenges”**

On

5th & 6th March 2026

Sponsored by



Organized by

**Women Study Centre in Collaboration with
SC/ST Cell, BC Cell & Minority Cell
Veeranari Chakali Iamma Women's University,
Koti, Hyderabad**

About the University:

Veeranari Chakali Iamma Women's University is Telangana State's first Women's University, established in 1924 and located in the historic British Residency in Koti, Hyderabad. Formerly known as Osmania University College for Women, the institution has evolved over the decades into a premier centre for women's higher education and has played a pioneering role in advancing academic excellence and women's empowerment for over a century. Spread across a 42-acre heritage campus, the university seamlessly blends architectural legacy with contemporary academic infrastructure. It offers nearly 50 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, fostering holistic learning, research, and skill development across disciplines.

Renamed in 2022 in honour of Veeranari Chakali Iamma, a revered freedom fighter of Telangana, the university embodies the spirit of courage, social justice, and empowerment. Recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the institution is committed to academic excellence, women's empowerment, and societal transformation. The university's iconic main building, British Residence is a protected heritage structure listed by INTACH and gained international recognition by being featured in the 2025 World Monuments Watch, underscoring its cultural and historical significance.

About the Women's Study Centre (WSC)

The Women's Study Centre (WSC) of Veeranari Chakali Iamma Women's University is committed to promoting an equitable, inclusive, and gender-just society through education, research, advocacy, and community engagement. Serving as an important academic and social platform, the Centre works towards advancing gender equality and nurturing women's leadership across diverse spheres of life. It seeks to empower women by creating awareness, building capacities, and encouraging informed dialogue on issues affecting women in contemporary society.

The WSC actively organizes training programmes, workshops, public lectures, research seminars, and awareness initiatives focusing on women's rights, gender equality, health, safety, and social justice. Special emphasis is placed on understanding and addressing the concerns of women from marginalized and backward sections, while fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for women students, faculty, and staff. Through collaborations with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions, the Centre contributes to gender-responsive policies and community-oriented interventions, reinforcing the university's commitment to women's empowerment and social transformation.

About the Seminar

The National Seminar on "Women's Contribution to Viksit Bharat: Opportunities & Challenges" seeks to critically examine the pivotal role of women in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, as envisioned under the Viksit Bharat framework. Women constitute a vital force in shaping India's social, economic, political, and cultural progress, and their meaningful participation is essential for achieving inclusive, sustainable, and equitable development. The seminar provides a multidisciplinary platform to reflect on women's contributions across sectors while engaging with the structural and societal challenges that continue to limit their full potential.

The Viksit Bharat program is the ambitious aim of the Government of India to transform the nation into a developed country by the year 2047, which coincides with the centennial of the nation's independence. This ambitious attempt, which hopes to achieve comprehensive and sustainable development, is summarized by the motto "Bold Vision. Brighter Future." Its goal is to mobilize efforts across a variety of sectors, including economic, social, environmental, and governance. Obtaining the title of a developed nation would have huge repercussions for India, as it would promise an improved stature in the international community, increased economic prosperity for the country's residents, and an overall improvement in the well-being of the people.

Viksit Bharat aims to build India into a prosperous, progressive, sustainable, and well-governed nation. This vision envisions India as a worldwide power with high living standards and equitable growth for all. Building a self-sufficient nation with a strong economy is a priority.

To achieve this comprehensive vision, Viksit Bharat has numerous goals. GDP targets of USD 30 trillion to USD 40 trillion by 2047 are a major economic goal. This economic boom is predicted to raise per capita income to USD 15,000–\$18,000. Socially, the initiative seeks zero poverty through inclusive development and financial empowerment. Ensuring decent education and healthcare for all is another priority.

Environmentally, Viksit Bharat aims for net-zero carbon emissions and green growth across all sectors. The initiative seeks transparent, efficient, and citizen-centric governance. The strategy also includes making India a technology and innovation leader. This vision emphasizes health, education, women's empowerment, and social justice to empower citizens. Finally, Viksit Bharat seeks to boost India's international standing. These objectives are interrelated, so progress across them will reinforce each other and help India achieve its goals.

The Viksit Bharat program is supported by numerous fundamental frameworks that direct its execution. The foundation comprises four pillars designated by the government:

1. Yuva (Youth),
2. Garib (Poor),
3. Mahilayen (Women),
4. Annadata (Farmers).

These pillars signify the essential demographic and occupational cohorts whose empowerment and advancement are pivotal to India's development. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has delineated six pillars for Viksit Bharat, highlighting key areas: establishing India as a global manufacturing hub, revitalizing Indian knowledge systems, ensuring the international presence of Indian products, advancing green energy, enhancing tourism, and fostering inclusive global development. This framework emphasizes the economic and cultural aspects of the vision.

As a result of the rise in female labor force participation to 41.7% in 2023-24 and the fact that fifty percent of DPIIT-registered firms feature women directors, women are shifting from being beneficiaries to leaders of India's progress. There are also obstacles such as engrained gender biases, safety concerns, and the digital gap, despite the fact that key drivers include efforts such as Lakhpati Didis and Mudra Yojana loans. 33% Lok Sabha and state assembly seats reserved for women and quotas for SC and ST women promote women's leadership. Why Criminalizing triple talaq has improved Muslim women's rights and security. Over 28 crore women have opened Jan Dhan accounts during financial inclusion efforts, and most beneficiaries of PM Mudra Yojana and Stand-Up India are women. Initiatives like Jal Jeevan Mission, Swachh Bharat Mission, and PMMVY maternity benefits encourage inclusivity and empowerment of women in India.

Objectives of the Seminar:

The two day seminar aims to foster informed dialogue among academicians, researchers, policymakers, industry professionals, civil society organizations, and students on issues such as women's leadership and decision-making, workforce participation, entrepreneurship, education and skill development, health and well-being, governance, and social justice. By highlighting best practices, policy interventions, and grassroots initiatives, the seminar seeks to identify strategic pathways for strengthening women's empowerment and leadership, thereby contributing meaningfully to the realization of Viksit Bharat as a gender-inclusive and progressive nation. The seminar aims to explore the multifaceted roles women play in shaping India's journey towards becoming a developed nation (Viksit Bharat) by 2047. It will examine opportunities for women's empowerment and address challenges hindering their progress.

Key Themes:

- Economic Empowerment: Women's workforce participation, entrepreneurship, and financial inclusion.
- Education and Skill Development: Bridging the gender gap in education and promoting skill development for women.
- Health and Well-being: Addressing women's health concerns and promoting their overall well-being.
- Leadership and Decision-making: Enhancing women's representation in leadership positions and decision-making processes.
- Social and Cultural Barriers: Overcoming societal norms and stereotypes that limit women's progress.

Sub-themes:

- Impact of government initiatives on women's empowerment
- Role of technology in empowering women
- Women's contribution to sustainable development
- Challenges and opportunities for women in rural and urban areas
- Best practices and success stories
- Women development in Telangana
- Social, Cultural, and Environmental Impact.
- Health, Well-being, and Social Infrastructure.
- Governance, Leadership, and Policy Frameworks.
- Education, Skill Development, and Future-Ready Workforce.
- Economic Empowerment and Women-Led Development.

Target Audience:

- Academicians and researchers
- Policymakers and government officials
- Industry leaders and entrepreneurs
- NGOs and civil society organizations
- Students and young professionals

Expected Outcomes:

- Identify key areas for women's empowerment and development
- Develop strategies to address challenges and leverage opportunities
- Foster networking and collaboration among stakeholders
- Publish a report with recommendations and policy suggestions.

Call for papers

Papers are invited in the areas related to the theme and sub-themes for presentation. Participants are requested to send their abstracts in about 300 words in English typed in MS-word, Times New Roman, 12 Font with 1.5 spacing on A4 size paper with author affiliation and e-mail id. Selected full length papers will be published in the form of proceedings with ISBN. The author will be required to send in a paper not exceeding 3500 words including references. The selected papers will be published as seminar proceedings after peer review. All interested participants are requested to send abstracts and full-length paper to the following, **E mail ID: womenscentrens2026@gmail.com**

Last date to submit abstracts:

03.03.2026

Last date to submit full paper:

05.03.2026

Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/p6Hs6J1Bc2RDFcfA7>

Selected full papers will be published in Peer Reviewed Journal

Chief Patron

Prof.Surya Dhanajay

Vice Chancellor,

Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University, Koti, Hyderabad.

Patron

Prof.Loka Pavani

Principal,

Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University, Koti, Hyderabad.

Convener

Dr.K.B.Ratna Kumari

Director,

Women Study Centre & Associate Professor of Economics,

Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University, Koti, Hyderabad. Mobile Number: 9948504024

Advisory Committee

Dr.B.Shailaja, Director, BC Cell, Director Infrastructure and Assistant Professor of Commerce

Dr.Rajani Malathi, Director, SC/ST Cell & Assistant Professor of Physics

Dr.Vijaya Lakshmi, Director, Hostels, Director CSR & Associate Professor of Chemistry

Dr.Narender Babu, Director Admissions & Associate Professor of Physics

Dr.Aruna, Assistant Professor of History

Dr.Ameena Kauser, Director, Minority Cell & Assistant Professor of Genetics (C)

Dr.Vinitha Pandey, Youth Welfare Officer & Assistant Professor of Sociology (C)

Dr.Deepika, Director NCC & NSS & Assistant Professor of Physical Education (C)

Dr.Krishnaji Rao, PRO & Assistant Professor Mass Communication (C)

Organizing Committee

Dr.M.Karuna Sree, Department of Economics

Dr.E.Srivalli, Department of Chemistry

Dr.D.Swapna, Department of Mathematics

Dr.P.Hamsamma, Department of Telugu

Dr.S.Jyothi, Department of Telugu

P.Divya, Department of Political Science

Dr.B.Mamatha, Department of Mathematics

Dr.J.Srilatha, Department of Botany

Dr.Jayalaxmi, Department of Hindi

Dr.G.Sreenija, Department of Mass Communication

Dr.M.Rani, Department of Political Science

Dr.K.Sri Nikhila, Department of Commerce

Dr.L.Govardhan Reddy, Department of Economics

Dr.T.Ravi Kumar, Department of Political Science

Padma, Department of Telugu