



St. Xavier's University Kolkata



2nd ONE DAY

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

14th January, 2026

Organized by:
Research Development Cell
St. Xavier's University Kolkata
Action Area IIIB, Newtown, Kolkata-700160, West Bengal.

CHIEF PATRON
Rev. Dr. J. Felix Raj, S.J.
(Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata)

PATRON
Rev. Dr. Xavier Jeyaraj, S.J.
(Registrar, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata)

CONVENOR:
Prof.(Dr.) Mononita Kundu Das
(Professor, Xavier Law School)

Organising Committee:

1. Dr.Swapan Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Faculty of A&SS
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5. Dr. Maria Joseph Israel, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science
6. Dr.Afkar Ahmed, Professor, Xavier Law School
7. Dr.Gitu Singh, Associate Professor, Xavier Law School
8. Dr.Utpal Raha, Assistant Professor, Xavier Law School
9. Dr.Asif Iqbal Shah, Assistant Professor, Xavier Law School
10. Dr.Rajdip Bhadra Chaudhuri, Assistant Professor, Xavier Law School

About The University

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata (S U K) was born out of a vision to create a centre of excellence in higher education in West Bengal. In 2011, Rev. Fr. Dr. John Felix Raj, S.J., and the St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association conceived 'SXC Vision 2020', which paved the way for the establishment of SXUK. The University's journey gained momentum in 2012 when the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, proposed the establishment of a university under the Jesuit banner. The Government of West Bengal generously allocated 17 acres of land for the University campus at Rajarhat. A significant milestone was achieved in December 2016 when the St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Act 2016 was passed. The Act came into effect on February 8, 2017, marking the beginning of a new era in higher education. Father Felix Raj, S.J. took office as the first Vice-Chancellor on February 15, 2017. The university was formally inaugurated on July 7, 2017, by Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal. Today, SXUK stands as a testament to academic excellence, innovation, and social responsibility. SXUK offers a diverse range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. programmes through its faculties of Commerce and Management, Arts and Social Studies, and Science. The University's academic programmes are designed to foster intellectual growth, critical thinking, and creativity. Xavier Business School (XBS) and Xavier Law School are two specialized schools within SXUK. XBS offers an AICTE-approved two-year MBA programme, while Xavier Law School provides BCI-approved five-year integrated law programmes. As a Jesuit institution, SXUK is committed to forming "men and women for others" who embody ethical leadership, social responsibility, and compassion. With its strong emphasis on academic excellence, innovation, and social commitment, SXUK is poised to become a leading centre of excellence in higher education in India.

About the Conference

Structural impediments to gender equality exist and gender-based discrimination persists inspite of the efforts by the government, democratic institutions and other key stakeholders. The one-day conference focuses on providing a single platform for experts from various fields like social thinkers, academicians, research scholars and the legal fraternity to put forward their views. This conference aims to tackle some of the pertinent issues relating to gender equality and women empowerment keeping in mind goals of the sustainable development. It aims to serve as a platform for academicians, scholars, students, civil society organization to discuss, deliberate, and brainstorm feminist jurisprudence and exchange of ideas related to the gender equality and women empowerment for a sustainable future.

Objectives

- To prevent and combat gender discrimination.
- To provide knowledge, techniques and tools to develop skills and changes in attitude and behaviors.
- To raise awareness of gender equality concerns by providing the participants with basic facts, evidence, and arguments on various topics relating to gender women empowerment and sustainable development.

Themes of the Conference

- Women empowerment in tribal communities: Status of Indigenous People
- Media and Women
- Women in leadership
- Men's role in gender equality
- Women and Religion
- Sex Trafficking
- Role of society in curbing gender injustice
- Judicial Activism and Women Empowerment
- Rights of Women in Conflict Zones
- Constitutional Rights and Safeguards provided to the vulnerable groups in India.
- Gender sensitivity and Indian justice delivery mechanisms
- Women Empowerment and Sustainable Development

Note: the abovementioned sub themes are illustrative and not exhaustive. Entries beyond the suggested subthemes but under the ambit of the broad theme of the conference are welcome.

Registration:

Practitioners, professionals: INR 2000, each author

Academician: INR 1500, each author

For Research Scholars and Students: INR 1200, each author

Participants without paper presentation: INR 800

Account Details for Payment of Registration Fees

Beneficiary Name: ST. XAVIER'S UNIVERSITY KOLKATA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Publication:

Selected Papers to be published in Edited Book.

Mode of Programme and Certificate

This National Conference will be conducted in hybrid /offline & online, mode by St. Xavier's University Kolkata.

The one day program is scheduled on 14th January 2026.

E-Certificates will be provided to online participants.

Hard Copy Certificates will be provided to the offline participants.

Travel and Accommodation of Participants attending programme:

There is no travel and accommodation allowance provided by the University.

Application Process

Participants are requested to send the screenshot of the transaction details along with the abstract to director.rdc@sxuk.edu.in

Important Dates

Last date to submit the Abstract: **Dec 20th 2025.**

Intimation of Acceptance of Abstract: **Dec 23rd 2025.**

Last Date of Registration: **Dec 29th 2025.**

Last date to submit the Final Draft Paper: **January 02nd 2026**

Date of Conference: **January 14th 2026**

For any query and submission, please e-mail: director.rdc@sxuk.edu.in