



## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL**

**Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, New Delhi - 15**

### **Interdisciplinary National Seminar**

on

### **DIMENSIONS OF DISABILITY STUDIES: EVOLUTION AND PROSPECTS**

**March 06, 2019 (Wednesday)**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Disability Studies is a new emerging area in academia. Exploration of its various dimensions from literary, cultural, social and political perspective is continuously going on. At the same time, interpretations of the dimensions from the new scholarship are also an imperative task in order to understand challenges and issues of the studies. On the basis of this understanding, literature, politics, policy makers and society construct the discourse of disability. It is a matter of great concern to revisit and broaden the scope of disability studies time to time. This is also in agreement with scholars like Simi Linton who write that such academic ventures are 'to weave disabled people back into the fabric of society, thread by thread, theory by theory. It aims to expose the ways that disability has been made exceptional and to work to naturalize disabled people - remake us as full citizens whose rights and privileges are intact, whose history and contributions are recorded, and whose often distorted representations in art, literature, film, theatre, and other forms of artistic expression are fully analyzed (*PMLA*, 120:2, 518).

Without a doubt for the interpretations of dimensions of disability studies from the new scholarships, a combined effort of all the academia, professionals and other stake holders becomes the imminent need of the contemporary world. Therefore, we find an interdisciplinary seminar to generate novel thoughts from different disciplines of knowledge, and invite papers from the students, research scholars, professionals and teachers in the various fields of humanities and sciences.

In view of these issues and challenges, the Equal Opportunity Cell of Rajdhani College (Univ. of Delhi) propose to convene a one-day interdisciplinary national seminar on *Dimensions of Disability Studies: Evolution and Prospects* in order to provide a forum for scholars to review/understand the emerging issues in this realm and to explore concrete solutions which can emerge as an eye opener for the government and policymakers.

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### **OBJECTIVES AND SUB-THEMES:**

One day seminar aims at providing following insights into issues related to dimensions of disability studies:

1. To obtain a first-hand view of researchers with disabilities who are working in diverse branches of knowledge.
2. To understand the engagement of scholars who are not disabled themselves but are working on the issues of disability studies.
3. To have reflexive account from those who began researching on the issues of disability studies.
4. To assess the potential of disability perspective in opening newer avenues for rethinking on research methodologies and strategies.


In the light of the above, the Conference attempts to focus on the following themes:

1. Exploring Disability Experiences and Its Constructions
2. Representations of Disability (Literature/ Cinema/ Culture/History)
3. Correlations of Disability and Gender Disability Rights Movement
4. Disability Studies Pedagogy
5. Debating Disability in Law, State Policies and Technology
6. Disability and diversity

### **TRAVEL:**

The venue is **Seminar Room, Rajdhani College**, which is situated at **Raja Garden, MG Road (Ring Road), West Delhi – 110015 (Delhi)**. **Ramesh Nagar Metro Station** and **Rajauri Garden Metro Station** on Blue Line is approximately 2 km away from the college.

### **CONTACT:**

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