FOREWORD



I am extremely happy to note that the Department of English is bringing out a special edition of INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND TRANSLATION STUDIES (IJELR) on the pressing issue of the day – Gender Understanding in all its various contours. The papers presented and published throw light on the importance and the necessity of creating an awareness regarding the globally most poignant concern. There is no doubt that the deliberations during the seminar will sensitize the stakeholders in the right perspective to bring about an attitudinal change to make the world a better place to live in.

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The Department of English offers UG, PG, and Research programmes and is one of the oldest departments of the college. The department constantly updates its curriculum as per the latest and current trend that is needed. The department is not only proud of its academic achievement but also of its alumnae who hold key positions in academia as well in entrepreneurial ventures. The International Seminar on "Gender Identity and Equality through Cultural and Social Scape" is an outcome of the joint effort of the department.

CONVENOR'S MESSAGE



It is a matter of pride that the Department of English is organizing an International Seminar on "Gender Identity and Equality through Cultural and Social Scape". Society, culture and gender are the three interrelated words which have gained attention in the era of Artificial Intelligence. Creative writers, lawmakers and social activists contribute to the meaningful relationship among the three which will envisage a society where human beings will all be considered equal without gender disparity. The various papers presented in the seminar are a testimony to the gravity and the need for a proper understanding of various issues related to gender studies. I am sure that the seminar will be a platform to bring about the desired change. We do not decide the gender but we can nurture all genders as,

"All things bright and beautiful

All creatures great and small

All things wise and wonderful

The Lord God made them all".

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