



National Seminar on

Lifelong Learning for Digital Inclusion of Women: Issues and Strategies for Sustainable Development

27th to 28th July, 2026



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Women constitute half of the total population in India and receiving the minimal dividends from the developmental fruits added to their ignorance, semi/illiteracy, lagging behind in all spheres of life including excluding practices prevailing in the society. Keeping their plight in view, the government has been implementing several programmes particularly for uplifting of women resulting to their move ahead in all arenas. This is the 21st era we are witnessing now which is also the digital era, access to technology is essential for education, employment, healthcare, and civic participation. However, a significant digital gender divide still persists in the society in developing countries like India.

Women, particularly in rural and marginalized communities do face barriers such as limited access to devices, low digital literacy, socio-cultural restrictions, and affordability issues. Not only among rural, in majority of the second grade towns also this the reality at ground level.

The Lifelong learning, strongly promoted by the United Nations under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) articulates in its SDG goal 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality) for a powerful approach to bridge this gap and requested all the countries to take necessary steps to promote women empowerment and digital literacy among them. It also suggested that the continuous learning opportunities can equip women with digital skills, confidence, and access to resources needed for empowerment. In the light of

the above, it is proposed to organize two-day national seminar on Lifelong Learning for Digital Inclusion of Women: Issues and Strategies to achieve Sustainable Development with the following objectives.

Objectives of the Seminar

1. To identify the status of women in society
2. To examine the status of women in digital inclusion
3. To examine key issues affecting digital inclusion of women
4. To analyze the role of lifelong learning in reducing the digital gender gap
5. To explore strategies and best practices for enhancing digital literacy among women
6. To suggest policy recommendations aligned with SDGs

Sub-themes

1. Status of women in India
2. Digital Divide and gender gap
3. Digital Divide and gender gap among elderly and persons with special needs women.
4. Socio-Cultural and Economic Barriers affecting the digital gender gap
5. Safety and Security Concerns such as Online harassment, privacy risks, redressal mechanism
6. Problems associated with the digital gender gap
7. Role of lifelong learning for reducing the digital gender gap
8. Programmes for inclusion of women in digital divide

9. Role of institutions / higher education institutions in bridging the gap in digital gender gap
10. Case studies / best practices to reduce the digital gender gap among women.
11. Strategies for women empowerment and inclusion.

Proposed dates of seminar

It is proposed to organize the 2-day national seminar on 27th to 28th July, 2026 at Women's Studies Centre, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati in collaboration with Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and Sarvodaya Women Welfare Society, Tirupati.

Participants

The seminar is intended for a diverse group of stakeholders, including: Academicians and researchers working for the women and women empowerment, Social workers and community development practitioners, Policymakers and government representatives, Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) Practitioners involved in lifelong learning and adult education programmes, and other social science researchers.

Important Dates to remember

Abstract Submission : 30th June, 2026
Submission of Full paper : 15th July, 2026

The authors can submit their papers to the dumadevi@spmvv.ac.in

Registration fee

NGO representatives – Rs. 1500/-
Faculty – Rs. 1000/-

Research scholars – 700/-
Students – 500/-
The registration fee could be paid at the venue of the conference.

Travel & Hospitality

The participants are requested to meet their travel from their own institutions due to paucity of the funds. However, sleeper class fare will be reimbursed to the research scholars and students subject to the availability of the funds. (Not sure)

Accommodation

Moderate accommodation on twin sharing basis and hospitality will be provided to the participants by the organizers. However, the participants should have to give prior intimation to avoid last minute hurry and confusion as the limited accommodation facilities are available at the premises of the SPMVV, Tirupati

Weather at Tirupati

The weather in Tirupati during July will be little hot and rainy. No need for bringing for cool weather clothes. It will be moderate and suggested the participants to be ready with rains.

Darshan of Lord Venkateswara

As it became everything online, the organizers could not give you assurance for the darshan of Lord Venkateswara and the participants are requested to make their own arrangements. However, the organizers could guide you the possible ways (but not sure)

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