

ABHAYAM

AIL CENTRE FOR GENDER EMPOWERMENT (ACGE)

“Gender equality is more than a goal in itself. It is a pre-condition for meeting the challenge of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance.”
- Kofi Annan

Gender as a social construct has an important bearing on the physical, emotional and social well-being of an individual. The term gender has often been misconstrued as promotion of women's interests to the relegation of other genders to the background. Further, the stereotypical idea of gender, limiting it to the binary of men and women and the challenges they face is a notion that is increasingly being contested.

The 21st century is marked by rapidly changing perspectives towards gender with a reawakened desire to comprehend the hitherto ignored issues pertaining to non-binary people. **Abhayam, AIL Centre for Gender Empowerment** is an endeavour to promote awareness about gender issues and widen the scope of discourse on gender in society fostering a spirit of inclusivity.

Abhayam, which means fearlessness in Sanskrit, is an initiative to empower all genders that are marginalised in the society by promoting the principles of justice, equality and fraternity.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- To promote gender equality and spread awareness through sensitisation programmes.
- To spread awareness about the existing laws and promote their critical evaluation.
- To promote research in gender studies.
- Organise debates, seminars and conferences/workshops on gender related issues.
- Expanding the base and scope of the society by collaborating with similar interest groups across the world.



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