

Symposium:

**'Indian Women: Tradition, Continuity and Modernity'**

A symposium titled '*Indian Women: Tradition, Continuity and Modernity*' was organized under the aegis of the Nari Samvaad Prakalp of IGNCA as a part of the 30<sup>th</sup> foundation day celebrations of establishment of IGNCA on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. For holding the symposium, eminent ladies from various fields were invited to present their views on the women centric issues and themes.

Alongside finding many problems related to women issues, the symposium in contrast, stressed on finding solutions, as 'Enlightened woman is a source of immense strength; Education and awareness are roots of empowerment. Most women are self-taught and are bereft of formal education but they should also be considered as equally educated and modern.'

The symposium highlighted the oral cultures of women. It emphasized on women who have not been tutored but have brilliant education in terms of being the best cooks, seed preservers, etc., which may be called the '*genetic education*'. Several thought-provoking questions, such as "which traditions are we continuing in modern India? What are we seeking freedom from and from whom are we seeking this freedom?" etc.