

# **National Conference on Social Transformation Through Women Empowerment**

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

The National Conference on “Social Transformation through Women Empowerment”, organized by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP), Dharmasthala was successfully completed with over 350 delegates and 68 paper presentations, apart from the Key Note Address and a plenary session where experts from the field shared their success stories of social transformation through women empowerment.

The Conference was inaugurated by Smt. S. Manjula, Chairperson, Karnataka State Women’s Commission on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2011 in Sri Visvesvaraya Auditorium, University College of Science, Tumkur University.



**Smt. S. Manjula inaugurating the Conference. Dr. Y S Siddegowda, Dr. L H Manjunath, Sri N. Lakshmikantha, Registrar (Evaluation), Faculty members of Dept. of Social Work are seen.**

Smt. S. Manjula, in her inaugural address, said that the educated and wealthy women often forget their social responsibility towards their less fortunate sisters, making us wonder if they are empowered in the true sense of the term. She stated that the Karnataka State Women's Commission is all willing to join hands with the progressive institutions like Tumkur University in implementing research and action projects meant for all-round development of women, leading to social transformation.



**Smt. S. Manjula delivering the inaugural address**

Dr. L.H. Manjunath, Executive Director, SKDRDP, Dharmasthala delivered the Key Note Address on the occasion. He opined that only when a woman is capable to take decisions pertaining to all aspects of her life can she be said to be fully empowered.

Dr. Y.S. Siddegowda, Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Mysore, Mysore was the Chief Guest for the function. Sri N. Lakshmikantha, Registrar (Evaluation), Tumkur University presided over the function.

The Conference was well-attended by academics, research scholars, Government officials and NGO functionaries from all over the country. The National Conference was very

successful in documenting and disseminating valuable knowledge on new models for social transformation through women empowerment, converting women SHGs and cooperatives into engines of social transformation, and using microfinance and social entrepreneurship among women for social development.