

Background of the Conference

Where do we see women after 75 years of Independence? Do we see a substantial progress, or are there nuances involved which are indistinct to the larger audience? It has been 75 years since everyone could live and work independently. However, are these 75 years enough to proclaim, “Women are free from patriarchy,” “Women have education,” “Women live a healthy life,” “Women can choose their work over forced marriages,” and so on? Is it still feasible for a daughter to choose her career after reaching a marriageable age and yet avoid being pushed to marry? Can women break the glass ceiling and defy the relentless pressure of occupational stereotypes? Gender-based discrimination, trafficking, under-representation in politics, unequal employment prospects, and similar barriers continue to impede women's progress.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 states that “gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world”. There has been progress over the last decades, but the world is not on track to achieve gender equality by 2030.” Yet, despite the challenges, an increasing number of women are contributing significantly to our society. We view women as powerful change agents with far-reaching potential to contribute to the society. This National Conference on the 75th year of India's Independence will celebrate the achievements of women and strive for more considerable momentum towards their extraordinary deeds in developing India. We will also focus on the loopholes that otherwise go unnoticed when discussing their position on a larger scale.

About the Department

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences has been functioning as a full-fledged department catering to both undergraduate and postgraduate students since the inception of the institute. The faculty has wide experience in teaching and research and in communicating with students of diverse backgrounds. The Department offers a full-time PhD programme in the disciplines of English, Psychology, Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, and Sanskrit, an MA Programme in Development Studies, in addition to compulsory HSS courses for all Undergraduate students.



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN@75: WORK, LIFE AND FREEDOM

17 - 18 MARCH 2023



Organized by

**Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
National Institute of Technology Rourkela
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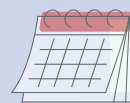
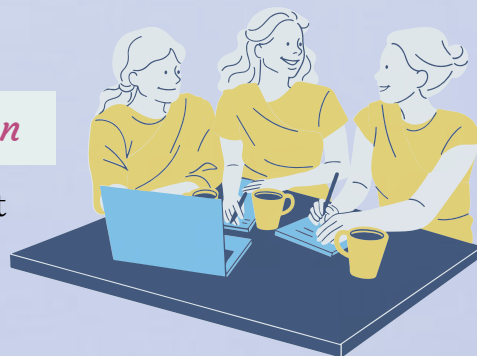
Objectives of the Conference

- Generate awareness on the need for women empowerment in the current social and cultural context.
- Encourage stakeholders to share their experiences and the lessons learnt.
- Prioritise women's participation in all aspects of social, cultural, and economic arenas.
- Improve public perception about the significance of women in growth and development.
- Focus on the stereotypically gendered biases that women face in all sectors and emphasise the ways they break the glass ceiling to succeed.

Themes for Paper Presentation

- Education and Skill Development
- Autonomy and Equality
- Health and Reproductive Rights
- Power and Decision-making
- Politics and Social Movements
- Representation of women in Media and Popular Culture
- Rights & Access to Resources
- Women in Industries and other Workforce areas
- Violence and Discrimination against Women
- Women in Unorganised Sectors
- Women and Migration
- Mind, Mindset, and Social Conditioning

Note- The paper should be related to but not restricted to only these themes.



Important Dates & Participation Details

Extended Abstract - **10th January 2023;**

Word limit: 1200-1500

(Kindly, mention the theme name)

Intimation and Acceptance of Abstract -
30th January 2023

Submit to the Email ID - womenat75@gmail.com

Registration fees for participants-:

- Students (researchers & post-graduate) - **500**
- Faculty members - **1500**
- Others (NGO/policy practitioners etc.) - **1500**

Bank Details-:

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Eligibility

Faculty members, Research scholars, Post-graduate and Graduate students can apply. Working professionals from NGOs and related organisations are also eligible to apply.

Call for Abstracts

Authors should submit the abstract on or before the deadline through the email provided. Our committee will review the abstract and notify the acceptance of the same through the mail. The full paper can be submitted after the completion of conference on or before the given date, to be notified later.

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Who should attend?

This conference will benefit researchers, faculty members, SHGs, policymakers, NGOs and members from women's organisations from all over the country. The conference will be particularly useful for those interested in understanding the stance of women as individuals free from prejudices, biases, discrimination, and violence. It will also explore how far their progress is disseminated throughout the country and how they have set examples to encourage other women.

Resource Persons

Experts from industry and academia will be invited for plenary sessions.

How to reach NIT Rourkela

Rourkela is one of the well-developed steel townships with connectivity to the major cities. Daily AC/Non-AC bus services are available for all districts of Odisha. The NITR campus is about 8 km from Rourkela railway station. It takes around 2.5 hours from Jharsuguda airport and 4.5 hours from Ranchi airport by car.

Certificate & Publication

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Rourkela, will provide a certificate to all registered participants after the successful completion of the conference. Selected papers will be submitted for publication in an edited volume by reputed publishers or in a Scopus-indexed journal or similar.

Accommodation Details

National Institute of Technology Rourkela (NITR) will provide accommodation in the guest houses on double sharing basis depending on the availability of funds (first come first serve basis due to limited rooms). Accommodation will be free of cost for research scholars and Post-Graduate students. However, accommodation will be available in many hotels of Rourkela city. Further information will be provided in due course of time.

Organizing Committee



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