

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, 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.

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. 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, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Anthropology, and Sanskrit, an MA Programme in Development Studies, in addition to compulsory HSS courses for Undergraduate students.



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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

17 - 18 MARCH 2023

Supported by

**Indian Council of Social Science Research
(ICSSR), New Delhi
&
UNICEF**



Organized by

**Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
National Institute of Technology Rourkela
Odisha - 769008**

WOMEN

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

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

Important Dates & Participation Details

Extended Abstract - 30th January 2023; Word limit: 1200-1500 (*Kindly, mention the theme name*)

Intimation and Acceptance of Abstract - 10th February 2023

Full papers: Submission after the completion of conference on or before the given date, to be notified later.

Submit to the Email ID - womenat75@gmail.com

Registration fees - For all categories - **NIL**

Eligibility

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

Why you 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 useful for those interested in understanding the stance of women as individuals free from prejudices, discrimination, and violence.

Certificate & Publication

Certificates - On successful completion of the conference, certificates will be given to all paper presenters in the valedictory function. Certificates will have logo of ICSSR, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and NIT Rourkela.

Publication - Selected papers will be submitted for publication in an edited volume by reputed publishers or in a Scopus-indexed journal or similar.

Travel & Free Accommodation

Travel - Travel reimbursement up to III Tier A/C in the shortest route will be provided to all paper presenters.

Accommodation - Free accommodation to all paper presenters in the NITR guest houses on twin sharing basis.

Resource persons

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

How to reach NIT Rourkela

Rail: Rourkela is one of the well-developed steel townships with connectivity to the major cities. The NITR campus is about 8 km from Rourkela railway station.

Flight: Connectivity from Jharsuguda, Ranchi and Rourkela. It takes around 2.5 hours from Jharsuguda airport and 4.5 hours from Ranchi airport by car.

Organizing Committee

Chief Patron

Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao (Director NITR)

Chairperson

Prof. Narayan Sethi (HoD)

Convenors

**Prof. Seemita Mohanty
Prof. Jalandhar Pradhan**

Co-convenors

**Prof. Ramakrishna Biswal
Prof. Ipsita Roy**

Contact Persons

For further queries, kindly contact:

Ms. Pallavi Kanungo
Contact: +91-8596884241

Ms. Shraddha Chatterjee
Contact: +91-7008619558

Or mail us: womenat75@gmail.com

