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National Conference on Science and Technology for Women Empowerment and Rural Development in coloration with National Academy of Science

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The National Conference on “Science & Technology for Women Empowerment and Rural Development”, will be jointly organized by Centre for Women’s Studies, University Institute of Pharmacy, and School of Studies in Biotechnology Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, and National Academy of Sciences (NASI), Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, during 13-14 October 2023. Women empowerment refers to increasing the spiritual, political, social or economic strength of women. An important factor in achieving these reforms will be a greater presence of women in decision-making bodies, be they scientific or political. The voice of women in governance is essentially required to create the political will essential to bring about changes that will benefit all of society. India is celebrating progressive 75 years of India after independence with “Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” and promulgating mission of warranting women as “Empowered Women Empowered Nation”

India is an agrarian economy with about 54.6% of total workforce engaged in agriculture. According to an estimate, about 41.8% of rural females participate as workforce, while only 35.3% of urban women. Hence, rural women can be tagged as “torchbearers” for social, economic and environment transformation for the New India. There are roughly 350 million women in rural India, who move from the villages to the cities in search of jobs now-a-days, hence; are left behind to fend for themselves and their families. Such women have the potential to contribute to the economy, besides generating an income for themselves and their families. In India, reforms have been underlined for holistic development of women, enabling socioeconomic and health security. Since Independence, several flagship schemes and programmes have been initiated by the Government to improve status of rural women in society by creating livelihood opportunities. Even though, a lot effort has to be still done to make the rural women

technoempowered and scientifically skilled, which will make this country an “Empowered Nation”, in real sense.

Keeping in mind, proposed Conference has been planned with objectives like; exploring roles/ priority areas of science & technology for women empowerment and rural development in terms of enhancing livelihood opportunities, quality of life, new opportunities in agriculture and farm production, relieving burdens, prioritizing health safety, fostering entrepreneurship opportunities, and improving occupational health. In this Conference, a total of one Keynote address and eight different Invited Lectures covering both the theme will be delivered by eminent scientists and academicians from all around India. A significant number of faculties, research scholars, postgraduate and graduate students will deliver poster presentations. We hope that all the delegates and concerned persons will have a technically rewarding experience during this Conference.



— Women in Agriculture
Invisible Daughters of the Soil



- Multiple roles as labourers, cultivators, entrepreneurs
- Produce 60% to 80% of food
- Earn 2/3rd of what men earn for same work
- Not recognized as farmers in India Policies