

**NATIONAL WEBINAR ON CHOOSE TO CHALLENGE ON THE OCCASION
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S
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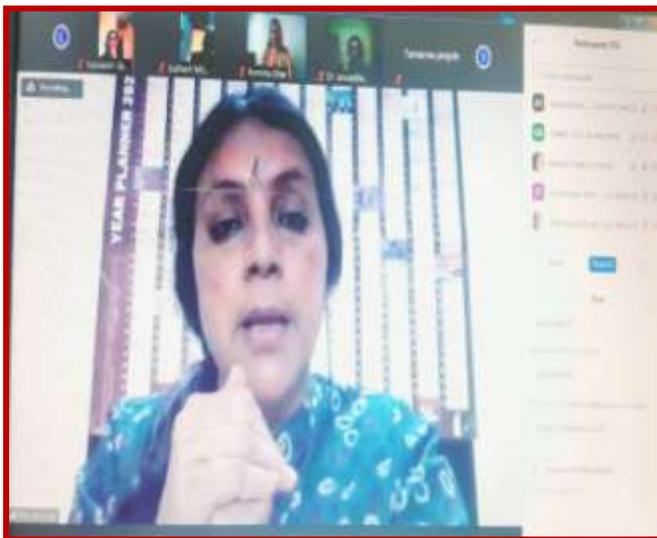
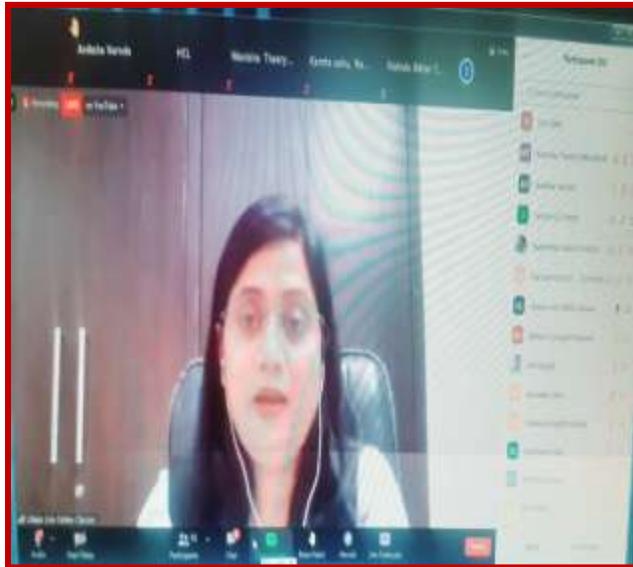
28th Feb. 2021 to 6th March, 2021

Theme	Date	No. of Participants
<p>Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's laws/rights and Governance • Advocacy, inclusive mindsets and tangible action required from all. 	28 th February, 2021	140
<p>Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage of Women's/ gender Issues in mainstream media, • Scope for availability of other platform to bring Women's Rights issues in the centre of discussion; • Everyone can play a role to forge gender parity; 	2 nd March 2021	120
<p>Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender balance is not solely a women's issue, but also an economic issue. • Challenges in way of women empowerment. 	4 th March 2021	115
<p>Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy, inclusive mindsets and tangible action required from all; • The rise of women is not about the fall of men • Integration is key indicator of performance of Social Sector Schemes. 	6 th March 2021	150

International Women's Day

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the second episode of the national webinar on "Women's Issues and Their Presence in Media" was organized by Centre for Women's Studies Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur and Aman Movement, New Delhi on March 2, 2021. The webinar started with the deliberate lecture of Delhi-based journalist Ms Bhasha Singh, who is known for her liberal views in national journalism, said that women's issues are related to other issues of the country, so women's problems cannot be seen in isolation. She further said that after reaching out to the journalism community and understanding them, it is the first and the foremost task of conveying their message to the people and not just sitting in the news studio and reading the news. She told that generally the media remembers women only when there is an increase in the prices of LPG, whereas in today's situation women have other the issue too such as issues concerning their citizenship, matters related to agriculture, but the media does not talk about them. After her lecture, our next speaker Ms Kavita Suri, who is Journalist and Director of Department of Lifelong Learning, Jammu-University, in her presentation, elaborated on how today's media portrays film personalities as strong women, while the hard work of the working women and their Empowerment never highlighted in a newspaper. Next to her, the Chhattisgarh based Senior journalist said that Indian media mainly belongs to the upper caste and the upper class, and in such a situation neither weaker sections nor the women get equal status and a place in the news. He said that nowadays social media is shaking the mainstream media to cover the topics of social concern. The Co-Director of the Centre for Women's Studies Prof. Aditi Poddar shared her views that gender equality should start from our homes and media should give a big place to the incidents of gender equality in its news. She said that some Indian films like Ki & Ka, The Great Indian Kitchen etc. are vocal about women's freedom and more such films should be made. Well-known journalist of Chhattisgarh, Sari Subhash Mishra said that our point of view of looking at women is different, while women are very powerful in themselves. He said that it is necessary that we change our traditional way of looking at women. He questioned the role of the media and said that it is the responsibility of the media to properly evaluate the importance of the domestic woman and her presence. The Editor of the newsletter of Centre for Women's Studies Prof. Preeti Suresh said that to reach the position of gender equality, all women need to come forward collectively and at the same time there is a need to support men as well. Prof. Priyamvada Srivastava, Co-director Centre for

Women's Studies, Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University welcomed the guests present in the program while Ms Poornima Dhar from Aman Movement Jammu and Kashmir conducted the program and the vote of thanks has been delivered by Dr. Anuradha Chakraborty.



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The Center for Women Studies, Pt.RSU,Raipur and Aman Movement organised a National Webinar on the occasion International Women's day 2021 on the topic Women's Economic Empowerment Key to gender Equality on Thursday.

Decorated with Padamshri in 2021. Birubala Rambha from Assam who joined the webinar as women achiever narrated her journey of dedicating her life of fighting against the evil practice of witch hunting she said that many years ago when she saw that the women in Assam were harassed on the pretext of witch hunting she was deeply hurt and she decided to take stand against the same. She said that years later any other activists and organisations joined in the cause and organisations joined in the cause and turned into a movement.

fashion designer from Almora Uttarakhand. Vasanthi Veluri who supports economic empowerment of women by utilising their ingenious skills of craft, said that she observed that when women receive economic opportunity their power to challenge the difficulties become multifold. She added that the organisations that work with community must remain flexible with regard to their rules and norms of work as per the social and family structures, to encourage more women's participation in economic activity.

Prof. Kavita Thakur from Pt.RSU, Raipur said that our conventional mindset towards women is primary impediment in way of gender equality. She said that work places must be safe so that women can work freely and fearlessly.

Prof. Priyamvada Srivastava said that in household work, the working women can truly experience gender parity at economic and social level and experience better growth. She added that there is need to combat violence against women so that they can progress.

Dr. Hemlata Barkar from Pt.RSU, Raipur sharing facts from history said that women are slowly marching towards breaking stereotypes and younger generation play a good role in challenging the conventional norms and perceptions which must be encouraged. Neelakshi Sharma and Purnima Dhar from Aman Movement introduced and facilitated the programme respectively. Aniksha Varoda proposed a vote of thanks.

