



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

28<sup>th</sup> FEB-1<sup>st</sup> March, 2025

## RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY,

Vidya Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751022, Odisha

**Theme: Women's Journeys of Resilience and Empowerment Stories and  
Strategies: Spiritual Strength**

### **About Conference Theme:**

Maa Rama Devi Chair is going to organize an International Conference supported by IIMT on **28<sup>th</sup> Feb-1<sup>st</sup> March, 2025** on the theme "Women's Journeys of Resilience and Empowerment Stories and Strategies: Spiritual Strength".

Resilience is an intrinsic quality that enables individuals to overcome challenges and thrive despite adversities. Women, as nurturers, leaders, and change-makers, have historically exhibited remarkable resilience rooted in their cultural and spiritual identities. The interplay of culture and spirituality often acts as a source of strength, empowerment, and guidance for women across diverse societies and contexts.

This conference aims to explore how cultural practices, traditions, and spiritual beliefs contribute to fostering women's resilience. By examining historical narratives, contemporary case studies, and emerging perspectives, this event will provide a platform to discuss the dynamic role of culture and spirituality in empowering women to navigate personal, societal, and global challenges.

The conference seeks to create a multidisciplinary dialogue by bringing together academicians, policymakers, researchers, social activists, and spiritual leaders. Together, the conference will provide a platform to explore the strategies for sustaining and nurturing women's resilience in an ever-evolving socio-political landscape.

*The conference is being organized in collaboration with the Interscience Institute of Management & Technology (IIMT), Bhubaneswar.*



## Objectives

1. To examine the cultural and spiritual frameworks that contributes to women's resilience.
2. To highlight the role of traditions, rituals, and beliefs in shaping women's responses to adversity.
3. To analyze contemporary challenges to women's cultural and spiritual identities.
4. To promote cross-cultural understanding of women's resilience from a global perspective.
5. To foster actionable insights for integrating cultural and spiritual dimensions into women's empowerment programs and policies.

A special issue will be published with selected papers either **Springer Book Series** or **Scopus Indexed Journal**.

## Sub-Themes:

### 1. Cultural Dimensions of Women's Resilience

- Women in folklore, mythology, and traditional narratives.
- The role of festivals, rituals, and community traditions in empowering women.
- Indigenous knowledge systems and women's resilience.
- Art, craft, and storytelling as mediums of cultural preservation and resilience.

### 2. Spiritual Dimensions of Women's Resilience

- Spiritual practices and their impact on mental and emotional well-being.
- Women leaders in spiritual movements: Historical and contemporary perspectives.
- Meditation, mindfulness, and resilience in modern contexts.

- Religion and spirituality as sources of empowerment and liberation for women.

### 3. **Inter-sectionality in Women's Resilience**

- The intersection of gender, caste, class, and culture in resilience-building.
- Marginalized women and their cultural/spiritual coping mechanisms.
- Role of family, community and women's collectives in nurturing resilience.
- Feminist spiritualities and their contributions to global gender equity.

### 4. **Technology and the Globalization of Women's Spiritual Networks**

- Online communities and virtual spaces for women's spiritual engagement.
- Digital tools and apps supporting mindfulness and meditation for women.
- The role of social media in amplifying women's spiritual leadership.

### **Global Target Audience**

- Academicians and researchers
- Social activists, Individual & scholars associated with culture & art
- Spiritual practitioners and leaders.
- Policymakers and governance experts.
- Students and young researchers.

### **Organizational Structure**

It will be a two-day International Conference, with two plenary sessions on the first day and paper presentations and panel discussions on the second day. The best paper will be awarded in the valedictory session.

### **Submission Guidelines:**

Abstracts are called for the theme- **“Women's Journeys of Resilience and Empowerment Stories and Strategies: Spiritual Strength”**. Abstract must clearly define the objectives, methodology, findings and significance of the study and should not be more than 500 words typed in Times New Roman, font 12 size with double spacing, paper size-A4, preferably with margins left 1, right 0-8, top 1, bottom 0-8. Only word files will be accepted. It must contain Key-words. A sample of the same will be uploaded along with the Call for Papers notice.

The abstract should be sent to Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini, Convenor at [ramadevichair@rdwu.ac.in](mailto:ramadevichair@rdwu.ac.in)

### **Full Paper Contains (within 5000-6000 words):**

Full Paper consists of (i) Title of the Paper, (ii) Name & Designation of the Author(s), and Name of the Institution, (iii) Abstract and Keywords. (1) Introduction; (2) Literature Review; (3) Research Gap, (4) Research/ Study/ Project Objectives and Hypothesis (if any); (5) Methodology; (6) Body; (7) Results/ Findings; (10) Conclusion; (11) References.

**Note-** Citations are must within the Body of the Article. Permissible limit of Plagiarism of your Article is 10%.

The registration fees for scholars/researchers/PhD & M.A. students is be Rs. 500/- and for Teachers, Faculties & Professionals is Rs. 1000/- and it will be free for RDWU students and staffs. Accommodation will be provided on the basis of request.

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<https://forms.gle/yHu3pknYr2X7GJbn7>

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RDWU Students and Staff: Fee Exempted

Accommodation may be arranged upon requested on limited basis upon payment of a nominal fee (Breakfast & dinner included).

### **Important Dates:**

Deadline of abstract Submission: 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

Notification of acceptance of abstracts: 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

Deadline for submission of final paper: 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

Notification of acceptance of final paper: 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

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**Format:-** Keynote addresses, Panel discussions, Paper Presentations, Networking and Interactive session, Book/Journal Publication

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