

NATIONAL SEMINAR
ON
“ENRICHING LIFE AND LIVELIHOOD: KEY TO
ACHI VE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS”

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NATIONAL SEMINAR REPORT

PRELUDE

With rapid globalization, technological advancements, and environmental challenges, fostering sustainable development is crucial for the well-being of present and future generations. Enriching life and livelihood is key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), focusing on personal fulfillment, societal resilience, and sustainable economic prosperity.

The 17 interconnected SDGs by the United Nations aim to address global challenges by 2030, providing a blueprint for a sustainable and equitable future. Home Science education plays a pivotal role in advancing the SDGs by promoting family well-being, food sustainability, health, economic empowerment, gender equity, and overall well-being.

This National Seminar aimed to explore how enriching life and livelihood can drive progress towards the SDGs. It also intended to foster collaboration among educators, policymakers, researchers, and industry practitioners, highlighting the role of personal well-being and community prosperity in shaping a sustainable future.

THEME

Enriching Life, Enhancing Livelihood: A Holistic Approach for a Sustainable Future

Sub-Themes:

1. Holistic Well-being for Sustainable Living
2. Family Dynamics, Social Equity, and Inclusive Development
3. Nutrition and Food Security
4. Digital Innovations for Enriching Lives and Livelihood
5. Entrepreneurship through Technological Interventions & Innovations in Home Science
6. Quality Education and Gender Equality

AGENDA

The seminar was inaugurated on March 18, 2024, at 10 am. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury of RDWU, chaired the meeting. Prof. Chandrashree Lenka, Convenor, gave the welcome address and introduced the theme of the seminar. Prof. Neeru Sharma was the Chief Guest; Prof. V. Vijayalaxmi and Prof. Puspita Dash were the Guests of Honour. Prof. Chandi Charan Rath, Chairperson of the P.G. Council, RDWU, was among the dignitaries on the dais. The Souvenir was inaugurated by the guests, and Dr. Suryamani Patro, Organising Secretary, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

The inaugural meeting was followed by technical sessions, featuring two plenary talks on March 18 and four plenary talks on March 19 and as many as 95 paper presentations both on physical and on line mode.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

1. Prof. Neeru Sharma, Professor, Department of Home Science, University of Jammu
Title: Family, Child Development, and SDGs: Some Reflections on the Developmental Niche of the Children
2. Prof. V. Vijayalaxmi, Professor and Dean, College of Community Science, PJTSAU, Saifbag, Hyderabad
Title: Sustainable Livelihood – Challenges and Strategies
3. Prof. Puspita Das, Professor and Head, Dept. of Extension Education & Communication Management, College of Community Science, CAU, Tura, Meghalaya
Title: Inclusion of Homestead Technology in Integrated Farming System: An Innovative Approach for Sustainable Livelihood
4. Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini, Chair Professor, RDWU
Title: Understanding the Livelihood and Challenges of Women Migrants in the Slums of Bhubaneswar
5. Prof. Rita Raghuvansi, Professor, Department of Food and Nutrition, Govind Ballabh Pant

University of Agriculture and Technology

6. Dr. Sabita Mishra, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIWA, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Title: Enriching Livelihood Through Women-Friendly Technology

TECHNICAL SESSIONS OVERVIEW

The event featured five technical sessions, including four oral presentation sessions and one poster presentation session.

Details of Technical Sessions

a) Number of Technical Sessions Conducted:

- Oral Presentations: 4
- Poster Presentations: 1

b) Number of Presenters (offline, online, and poster): 95

Titles and Sub-Themes of Technical Sessions:

Technical Session I

Sub-Themes:

- Holistic Well-being for Sustainable Living
- Family Dynamics, Social Equity, and Inclusive Development
- Quality Education and Gender Equality

Chairperson: Dr. Sasmita Kar

Rapporteur: Dr. Madhusmita Dash, Lecturer, Kamala Nehru Women's College, Bhubaneswar

Session Coordinator: Ms. Monalisha Munda, Assistant Professor, RDWU

Technical Session II

Sub-Theme: Nutrition and Food Security

Chairperson: Dr. Sikha Singh

Rapporteur: Vijayeta Priyadarshini, Assistant Professor, Dhenkanal Mahila Mahavidyalaya

Session Coordinator: Ms. Anushriya Sahu, Assistant Professor, Rama Devi Women's University

Technical Session III and IV

Sub-Theme: Digital Innovations for Enriching Lives and Livelihood

Chairperson: Dr. Jyotirmayee Udgata

Rapporteur: Mr. Suprit Panigraphy, Assistant Professor, Gender Studies, RDWU

Session Coordinators:

- Dr. Sarita Mishra, Assistant Professor, RDWU

- Ms. Abha Ayushree, Assistant Professor, RDWU

Session-wise Brief Reports

Technical Session I:

The session focused on various aspects of holistic well-being, sustainable living, family dynamics, social equity, inclusive development, quality education, and gender equality. The presentations highlighted the importance of a comprehensive approach to improving life quality and promoting equity in society.

Technical Session II:

This session delved into the crucial topic of nutrition and food security. Presenters shared research findings and practical insights on ensuring adequate nutrition and food security, particularly in the context of vulnerable populations.

Technical Sessions III and IV:

Conducted online, these sessions provided a platform for participants to present their research on a diverse range of topics. The virtual format allowed for broader participation and interaction among attendees.

CONCLUSION

The event successfully addressed various facets of sustainable living and holistic well-being. The technical sessions facilitated rich discussions and the exchange of valuable knowledge, contributing to the overarching goal of enriching lives and enhancing livelihoods for a sustainable future. The collaboration and insights shared during the event are expected to inspire further research and initiatives in these critical areas.

PHOTO GALLERY

