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Title of the Event	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025
Date & Time	28.02.2025 & 01.03.2025
No of Participants	400+
Venue	New Auditorium
Theme	Women's Journey of Resilience and Empowerment Stories and Strategies: Spiritual Strength
Brief Report	<p>A two-day International Conference 2025 was organized by the Maa Rama Devi Chair on 28th February and 1st March 2025. The inaugural ceremony was held on 28th February 2025. The Chief Guest of the ceremony was Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, Hon'ble MP, Bhubaneswar. The Chief Speaker of the session was Ms. Tamasin Ramsay, an anthropologist from Australia. The Guest of Honour was Smt. Kasturi Jal, a social activist from the Kalahandi district of Odisha.</p> <p>Other dignitaries present at the inaugural session included the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/C), Prof. Chandi Charan Rath; Maa Rama Devi Chair Professor, Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini; and the Organizing Secretary of IC 2025, Dr. Sasmita Kar. The abstracts contributed by eminent academicians, scholars, and social activists for the conference were compiled into a souvenir (Abstract book) named <i>Sankalp</i>, which was launched on the occasion along with the MRDC logo. The inaugural session was followed by a plenary session chaired by Prof. Sasmita Mohanty, Director, CDC. Prof. Jaesup Park, Professor and Dean of International Affairs at Midwest University, USA joined the session online and spoke on the theme. The session also had prominent offline guests, including Dr. Tamasin Ramsay, an anthropologist from Australia; Annie Whitman from New York; and Dr. Ghadeer Elmayah from Egypt. Ms. Swatee Saberi Upadhyay of Dept. Of Biotechnology was rapporteur for the session. This was followed by Technical Session 1, which was chaired by Mrs. Nadia Moghbelpour from the Baha'i Office of Public Affairs and Smt. Renuprava Nayak, Registrar, OUTR. It was co-chaired by Dr. Madhusmita Pati from the Department of English. The rapporteur for the session was Ms. Prajna Jagadev from the Department of English. A total of six papers were presented during the session. Both technical sessions, along with the inaugural ceremony, were hosted by Dr. Navneet Kaur. In the Technical Session-2, 20 papers were presented. The session was chaired by Prof. Jyotirmayee Acharya and co-chaired by Prof. Aparajita Biswal. The rapporteur for the session was Fatma Tabassum, Dept. of English. The online session was graced by Prof. Francesco Vigliarolo, (Director; UNESCO Chair Professor, National University of La Plata, Argentina). Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini, MRDCP gave the welcome address and the online session was conducted by Prof. Sakti Kant Rath and Mr. Suprit Panigrahi.</p> <p>On 1st March, 2025, the second day of the conference, Technical Sessions 3 and 4 were conducted online, featuring a series of research presentations from scholars across various disciplines. Prof. (Dr.) Sandra Gudino Paredes from Mexico, Dr Nidhi</p>



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Srivastava, Doctor, and Prof. Dr. Kerem Karabulut (Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Department of Economics Atatürk University) were the guest speakers. The session was chaired by Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini and co-chaired by Prof. Sakti Kant Rath and Mr. Suprit Panigrahi. The rapporteur for the session was Ms. Prajna Jagadev.

The offline paper presentation session-2 was graced by Ms. Sadhana Mishra, a social activist and a transgender rights advocate. The session was chaired by Prof. Jyotirmayee Acharya and co-chaired by Dr. Jyotirmayee Udgata. The rapporteur for the session was Ms. Mita Rani Subudhi from Dept. of Gender Studies.

The conference concluded with a valedictory session, which featured prominent speakers, including Prof. Dr. Sanghamitra Pal, Director, RCM; Dr. Sangeeta Gosain, a renowned classical singer; Prof. Maria Cecilia DeSousa, President of the California Federation for Business and Professional Women (CFBPW); and Mr. George Fadel, Founder of Davinci Art Academy, Egypt. Mr. George also painted a picture justifying the theme of the conference. The session was hosted by Dr. Jyotirmayee Udgata. The event concluded with a cultural program by the students of RDWU, hosted by Dr. Sasmita Kar, celebrating the rich heritage and artistic expressions.

The International Conference 2025 was a resounding success, fostering insightful discussions and collaborations among scholars worldwide. It provided a platform for intellectual discourse on women's empowerment, resilience, and the role of spirituality in their journeys, furthering the mission of Maa Rama Devi Chair and Rama Devi Women's University.



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