

POST-EVENT SUMMARY REPORT

Name of the event :- Launching of Maa Rama Devi Chair

Date of event:-July 4th, 2023

Location:-New Auditorium, RDWU

No. of persons attended :-300

Maa Rama Devi Chair was successfully inaugurated in Rama Devi Women's University on 4th July, 2023. A beautiful photo exhibition was organised to celebrate Maa Rama Devi's legacy. All the photographs were collected from Maa Rama Devi's residence and workplace at Cuttack and Bari. Some rare pictures were collected from her grandson Prof Jnanadev Maharana. The launch event was graced by Hon'ble Minister of State, Women & Child Development & Mission Shakti, Smt. Basanti Hembram. In her address she said," In our lives, our mothers are our first teachers, She emphasized on the importance of education of women by saying, “଼ିଶିକ୍ଷିତ ହେଲେ ଗୋଟେ ପରିବାର ଶିକ୍ଷିତ ହୁଏ”.

Dr. Manju Kak, Secretary General of All India Women's Conference, New Delhi also shared her ideas on women and enlightened the gathering on various feminist issues. Prof. Asha Hans, Former Professor of political science & Founder Director, Women's Studies, Utkal University was the veteran grace for us, who shared her insights on women safety, security and on women related technological issues. The esteemed Vice-Chancellor of the University was very optimistic about the agenda of the launching of the chair and expressed her support for women centric research. Prof. Chandi Charan Rath, Chairperson PG council of Rama Devi Women University also addressed the gathering and talked about contribution of women in modern India. Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini, Chair Professor of Maa Rama Devi Chair, welcoming the guests and the gathering, provided the road map for the future events of the chair.

The grandson of Maa Rama Devi, Prof. Jnanadev Moharana also graced the occasion. There were more than 10 renowned NGOs present there who work on women issues. Around 200 students, faculties & NGO organizations/ corporates attended the event. The formal session was followed by a brainstorming and information sharing session on the topic “Equity & social justice: Women's contribution to Modern India”. NGO participants and few syndicate members present in the session shared their views and requested holding of similar such sessions in future.

Every single event in our life teaches us something. Although the program was a success but there are a few things which need to be addressed:-

1. Presence of professional photographer and Videographer or Journalism & Mass Communication dept.to do photography and videography as well.
2. More volunteers for smooth management
3. Forming a committee for MRDC for organizing the events.

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