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## 7.1.1 Institution has initiated Gender audit and measure for the promotion of gender equity

1. Report on the National Seminar entitled '**Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development**' held on 29 February 2020.
2. **Virtual International Webinar** entitled "Need for Gender Research on COVID-19 Global Pandemic: Challenges and Prospects" held on Dt. 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 organized by the Department of Gender and School of Social Sciences, Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.
3. State level webinar on '**Traversing the Ridge: Connecting Menstrual Health Research, Perception and Practice**'. Date and Duration: 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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1. Two days National level seminar entitled '**Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development.**' PG Department of Gender Studies, Vidya Vihar, Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar - 751022, Odisha, India, Website: [www.rdwuniversity.nic.in](http://www.rdwuniversity.nic.in) Background

The two days National level seminar will be the first of its kind to be organized in Odisha on the theme 'Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development.'. The 2030 Agenda and the associated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set the foundation for comprehensive and integrated action on gender equality. However, development approach is still overseeing some complex social, digital and communication and representation dimensions without adequate acknowledging gender concerns. In the transition towards the goal of sustainability, women and men have emerged as forces, not only in support of proper environmental management, but also demands for better quality of life and greater social equity. Increasing knowledge about the ways in which women in different groups and sectors of society participate in development has highlighted the interconnection between gender, the environment and sustainability.

Development that rides on the back of depletion of natural resources is unsustainable and measures must be taken to use, manage and protect environment in a sustainable manner. With the focus of these goals, achieving gender equity is critical to sustainable development. However, a sustainable development pathway must be established which has an explicit commitment to gender equality and seeks to enhance women's capabilities, respect and protect their rights. Women must have full and equal participation in decision making and policy development to create this pathway.

Multidimensional approaches help us to track the gender equality in the white areas and gray areas. The recognition of the rights of Mother Earth and the entitlements of both men and women is vital for stopping the exploitation of natural resources, biodiversity degradation and putting them at the centre of new paradigms of knowledge, economy and power. For sustainable development to become a reality, it is inevitable on policymakers to envision growth strategies that recognize and respond to the gender-based realities in the sphere of managing the environment and natural resources.

## **Objectives**

1. To understand the link between eco-feminist perspectives of environment and sustainable development.

2. To gather multidimensional perspectives of environmental challenges from diverse stakeholders towards achieving gender rights and sustainable development goals.
3. To present the gender dynamics around environmental management and disaster risk reduction.
4. To integrate gender equality and justice in the environmental policies and project interventions.

## **Participants**

The Seminar aims to bring together scholars, academicians, practitioners, corporate leaders, policy makers and civil society on a single platform having interest in the seminar topic and any of its subthemes in India. Scholars will contribute their insight into areas of their interest, present their thoughts, share experience, and research findings. We believe that the seminar will co-create knowledge on the existing trends of equal representation of both women and men in decision-making at environmentally friendly development transformation.

## **Themes and Subthemes**

### **1. Ecofeminist Perspectives of Sustainable Environment**

- a) Concepts and theoretical approaches on gender and sustainable environment.
- b) World Conferences, Conventions and Declarations.
- c) Environmental movements and inclusive approaches.
- d) Gandhian perspective on liberation from exploitation of nature.

### **2. Environmental Challenges and Gender Rights**

- a) Gender rights in biodiversity (land, water and forest).
- b) Gender issues in agriculture, mining and displacement.
- c) Climate related environmental insecurity, disasters and migration.
- d) Indigenous knowledge and livelihood opportunities.

### **3. Gender Dimension of Care and Environmental Management**

- a) Gender perspectives in NRM and community-based organizations.
- b) Agroecology and ecotourism.
- c) Gender-responsive technologies and digitization.
- d) Entrepreneurial skills for “green entrepreneurs”.

### **4. Gender mainstreaming in the environmental policies and development interventions**

- a) Gender budgeting and environmental sustainability
- b) Leadership and involvement in decision-making process
- c) Integrating gender analyses into policy making and strategies
- d) Role of National and State agencies in environmental management

### **Expected Outcomes**

This seminar catered to different stakeholders from seasoned academic researchers to the beginners and the upcoming ones to comprehend the gender dimension of environment and sustainable development in a multidisciplinary framework. The seminar provided an opportunity to the researchers to present their empirical findings through a gender lens. It also highlighted mainstream gender considerations throughout the process of formulating, implementing, and monitoring legislation, policies, programmes and procedures and institutional structures. Seminar marked by wide ranging academic activities such as plenary sessions, invited lectures, panel discussions, panel presentations, film shows and cultural programs. Seminar papers are being invited from academics, researchers, policy makers, members of the civil society, corporate leaders, and young research scholars revolving around but not restricted to the following themes and sub-themes.

#### **Patron:**

Prof. (Dr.) Padmaja Mishra  
Vice Chancellor

#### **Advisor:**

Dr. Sarita Supakar,  
Chairperson, PG Council

#### **Convener:**

Dr. Jyotirmayee Acharya, Professor  
Organizing Secretary:  
Dr. Aliva Mohanty, Associate Professor,

#### **Member:**

Dr. Sayantani Behura, Asst. Prof.  
Mr. Suprit Panigrahi, Asst. Prof.  
Ms. Gitanjali Naik, Asst. Prof.



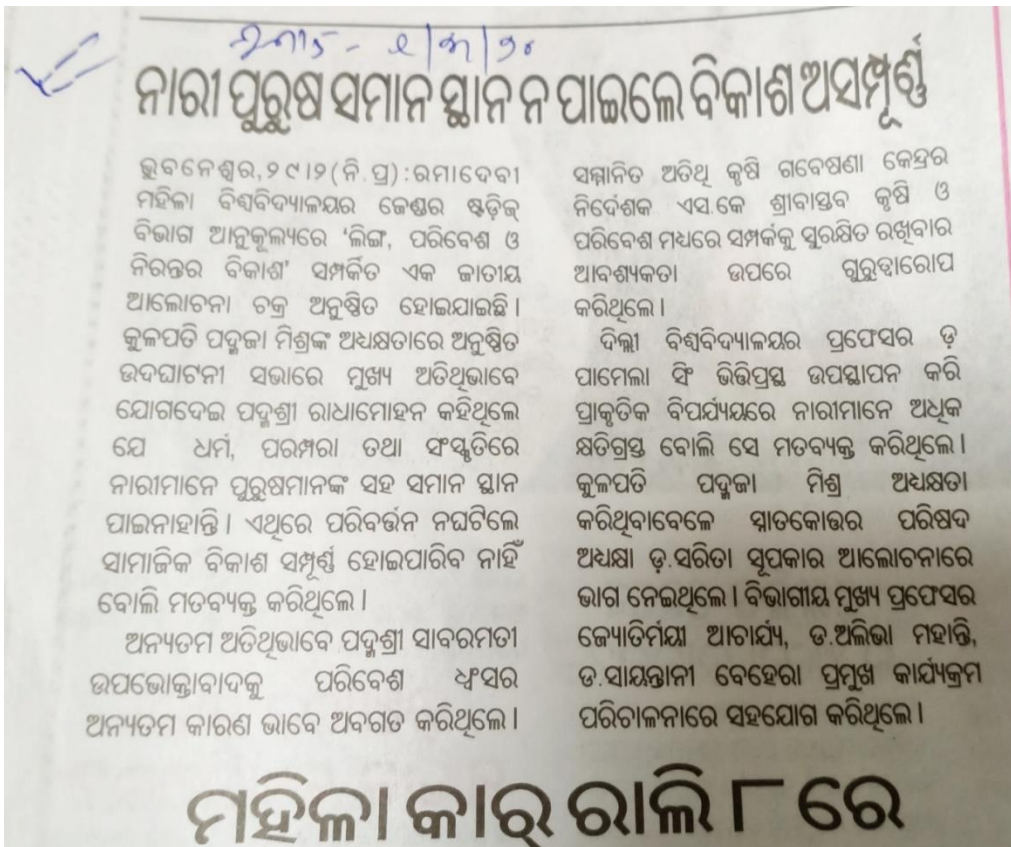
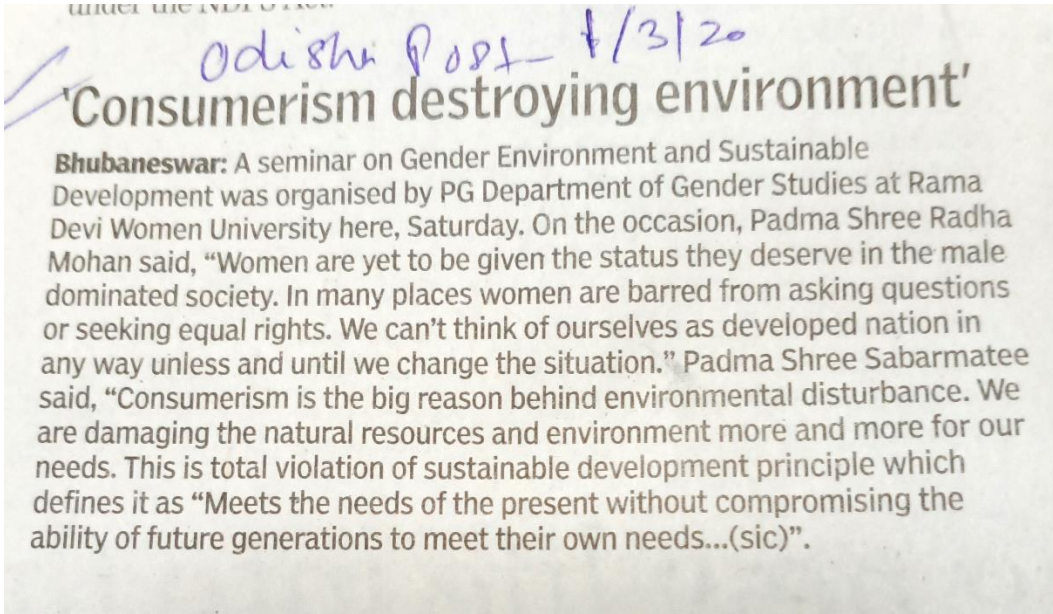
**Figure 1 & 2:** Two days National level seminar inaugural ceremony ‘Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development.’ Padma Shri, Professor Radha Mohan, Founder, Sambhav, Rohinibanka, Nayagarh (Chief Guest). Padma Shri, Sabarmatee, Nari Shakti Awardee, Founder Member, Sambhav, Rohinibanka, Nayagarh (Guest of Honour). Dr. S. K Srivastava, Director, ICAR - Central Institute for Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar (Guest of Honour). Dr. Pamela Singla, Professor, Department of Social Work, Delhi University, Delhi, Dr. Sarita Supkar, Chairperson, PG Council Dr. Jyotirmayee Acharya, Professor, Department of Gender Studies, Convener of the seminar, Dr. Aliva Mohanty, Department of Gender Studies, Convener of the seminar, Seminar Secretary are present on the Dais.

82 numbers of delegates presented papers and 537 participants have participated in the parallel technical session.

# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE FOR NATIONAL SEMINAR 2020

TIME	PARTICULARS	VENUE AND PRESENTATION
10.00AM-11.00AM	Registration	Near Auditorium
11.00AM-12.30PM	Inaugural Ceremony	Auditorium
12.30PM-12.50PM	Panel Discussion: Auditorium	<i>Transformational Strategies for Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development: Experience of Sambhav</i>
12.50PM-12.55PM	Tea Break	
	<b>PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSIONS (TS)</b>	
12.55PM-1.30PM	TS One: Eco-feminist Perspectives of Sustainable Environment Smart Class Room	<b>PAPER ID:</b> KNS 1.1, TS1.1, TS1.2, TS1.3, TS1.4, TS1.5, TS1.6, TS1.7, TS1.8, TS1.9, TS1.10, TS1.11, TS1.12, TS1.13, TS1.14, TS1.15, TS1.16, TS1.17, TS1.18, TS1.19, TS1.20, TS1.21, TS1.22, TS1.23 (one keynote lecture and 23 papers)
	TS Three: Environmental Challenges and Gender Rights, Auditorium	<b>PAPER ID:</b> KNS 3.1, TS3.1, TS3.2, TS3.3, TS3.4, TS3.5, TS3.6, TS3.7, TS3.8, TS3.9, TS3.10, TS3.11, TS3.12, TS3.13, TS3.14, TS3.15, TS3.16 (one keynote lecture and 16 papers)
1.30-PM-2.30 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
2.30PM-3.00PM	<b>CONTINUATION OF PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSIONS TS1&amp;TS3</b>	
3.00 PM-4.40 PM	TS Two: Gender Dimension of Care and Environmental Management Smart Class Room	<b>PAPER ID:</b> KNS 2.1, TS2.1, TS2.2, TS2.3, TS2.4, TS2.5, TS2.6, TS2.7, TS2.8, TS2.9, TS2.10, TS2.11, TS2.12, TS2.13, TS2.14, TS2.15, TS2.16, TS2.17, TS2.18, TS2.19, TS2.20, TS2.21, TS2.22 (one key note lecture and 22 papers)
	TS Four: Gender mainstreaming in the environmental policies and interventions Auditorium	<b>PAPER ID:</b> KNS 4.1, TS4.1, TS4.2, TS4.3, TS4.4, TS4.5, TS4.6, TS4.7, TS4.8, TS4.9, TS4.10, TS4.11, TS4.12, TS4.13, TS4.14, TS4.15, TS4.16, TS4.17, TS4.18 (key note lecture & 18 papers)
4.40PM-4.45PM	<b>Tea Break</b>	
4.45PM-5.00PM	Summing up the Technical Sessions	<b>RAPORTEURS</b>
5.00PM-6.00PM	Cultural Programme	<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b> Auditorium

News Outreach about the Seminar:



**2. Report on the webinar “Need for Gender Research on COVID-19 Global Pandemic: Challenges and Prospects”** held on Dt. 4th July 2020 organized by the Department of Gender and School of Social Sciences, Rama Devi Women’s University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.

International Webinar Theme by Dr. J. Acharya, Prof. & HOD Gender Studies, Coordinator Welcomed the esteemed guests and participants and introduced the theme of the webinar entitled **“Need for Gender Research on Covid-19 Global Pandemic: Challenges and Prospects”**. Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Padmaja Mishra, Rama Devi Women’s University addressed the audience about the significance of research during the ongoing Global pandemic from the differential impact on economic, employment and violence against women. The key note speaker, Dr. Annapurna Devi Pandey, Anthropology Department, University of California, Santacruz, USA. Dr. Pandey has addressed the audience on the topic entitled. Research on Gendered Impact of Migration during COVID- 19 Global Pandemic (International and interstate) including question answer session). Speaker Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Principal (Acting), Miranda House, University of Delhi, India presented the paper on the topic entitled ‘Gender Research on COVID-19 Global Pandemic: Challenges and Prospects’. Speaker, Dr. Smita Mishra Panda, Professor & Director Research, Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha, India presented the seminar on the ‘Domestic Violence against Women during COVID times and issues of Migrant Labour Returnees to Villages’. Dr. Bhagirath Behera, Professor (Economics), Department of Humanities and Social Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur spoke on the topic entitled ‘Challenges Encounter in Social Sciences & Humanities Research’. The seminar presentation was followed by the question answer session. The coordinator Dr. Aliva Mohanty presented a vote of thanks. A diverse group of Faculty, students and research scholars have participated in the seminar and also interacted with the resource persons.





**RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, BHUBANESWAR**  
*School of Social Sciences, Department of Gender Studies, a Virtual International Webinar*  
**“NEED FOR GENDER RESEARCH ON COVID-19 GLOBAL  
PANDEMIC: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS” Dt. 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**INAUGURATION WELCOME ADDRESS BY**

**PROF. (DR.) PADMAJA MISHRA**  
VICE CHANCELLOR  
RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA, INDIA

July 4 | 11.10 AM – 11.20 AM

**INVITED SPEAKERS**



**DR. ANNAPURNA DEVI PANDEY**  
Anthropology Department  
University of California  
Santacruz, USA  
*Topic: Research on Gendered Impact  
of Migration during COVID-19  
Pandemic (International & interstate).*

July 4 | 11.20AM – 11.45AM



**DR. BIJAYALAXMI NANDA**  
Principal (Acting),  
Miranda House,  
University of Delhi, India  
*Topic: Gender Research on  
COVID-19 Global Pandemic  
Challenges and Prospects*

July 4 | 11.45AM -- 12.10PM



**DR. SMITA MISHRA PANDA**  
Professor & Director Research,  
Centurion University of Technology  
and Management, Odisha, India  
*Topic: Domestic Violence Against  
Women During COVID Times & Issues  
of Migrant Labour Returnees to Villages*

July 4 | 12.10PM – 12.35PM



**DR. BHAGIRATH BEHERA**  
Professor (Economics) Department of  
Humanities and Social Studies, Indian  
Institute of Technology Kgp. WB India  
*Topic: Challenges Encounter in Social  
Sciences & Humanities Research During  
COVID-19 Global Pandemic*

July 4 | 12.35PM – 12.55PM

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Registration link: <https://forms.gle/hYPzbWMKxTwiwJR9> | Join the webinar through Google Meet: [meet.google.com/rkg-onrc-vkt](https://meet.google.com/rkg-onrc-vkt)

### **3. Report on the National Webinar Conducted by The Department of Gender Studies ‘Traversing the Ridge: Connecting Menstrual Health Research, Perception and Practice’**

1. Event: wo - day National Webinar
2. Title of the Event: **Traversing the Ridge: Connecting Menstrual Health Research, Perception and Practice**
3. Date & Duration: 10th & 11th February 2021
4. Objective of the Event: Menstruation has gained global attention in recent years as a critical and under-addressed issue. On any given day, hundreds of millions of girls and women around the world are menstruating, yet a substantial proportion of them lack the knowledge and the means to manage their menstrual health safely and with dignity. This stems from gender inequality, cultural taboos, poverty, and a lack of basic sanitation and hygiene. Culture, awareness, and socioeconomic status often exert profound influence on menstrual practices. However, health education programs for young women in developing countries do not often address menstrual hygiene, practices, and their social and psychological impact. Developing culturally sensitive menstrual health education and hygiene programs for adolescent females has been recommended by professional health organizations like the World Health Organization and UNICEF. A concerted effort should be made from an inter-multi-transdisciplinary perspective to bridge the gap between research, perception, and practice of Menstrual Health.
5. Theme of the Event: Situation of Menstrual Health in India: Data and Research
6. Funding Agency (If any):
  - i. Funds Received: Funded under OURIIP Scheme of OSHEC by Dr Sayantani Behura, Asst Professor, Dept of Gender Studies, RDWU; for the Project Menstrual Health and School Absenteeism among Adolescent tribal girls in Kandhamal district of Odisha (18 Seed/2019/Psychology-2), No registration fees from the participants received
7. Technical Session (Details)
  - i. No. of Technical sessions conducted:2
  - ii. Title of the Technical sessions: 1. Situation of Menstrual Health in India 2. From Academics to Activism
8. Chairperson of the technical session: 1. Prof. M. Sivakami 2. Shri Jagadananda 3.Ms. Jennifer Selvaraj 4. Ms. Sneha Mishra
9. Resource persons (Details)

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Affiliation/ Institute	Specialization	Title of the Talk
1.	Prof. M. Sivakami	Professor	Chairperson - Centre for Health and Social Sciences, School of Health Systems Studies, TISS	Reproductiv e Health	Situation of Menstrual Health in India: Data and Research
2	Shri Jagadananda	Civil Society Leader	Mentor & Co-Founder, CYSD, BBSR		Sustainable Development Goals and Menstrual Health
3.	Ms. Jennifer Selvaraj		National MHM Consultant, UNICEF	Menstrual Health and WASH Sector	State Scenario in Managing Menstrual Health
4.	Ms. Sneha Mishra	Secretary	AAINA	Menstrual Health	From Research to Practice

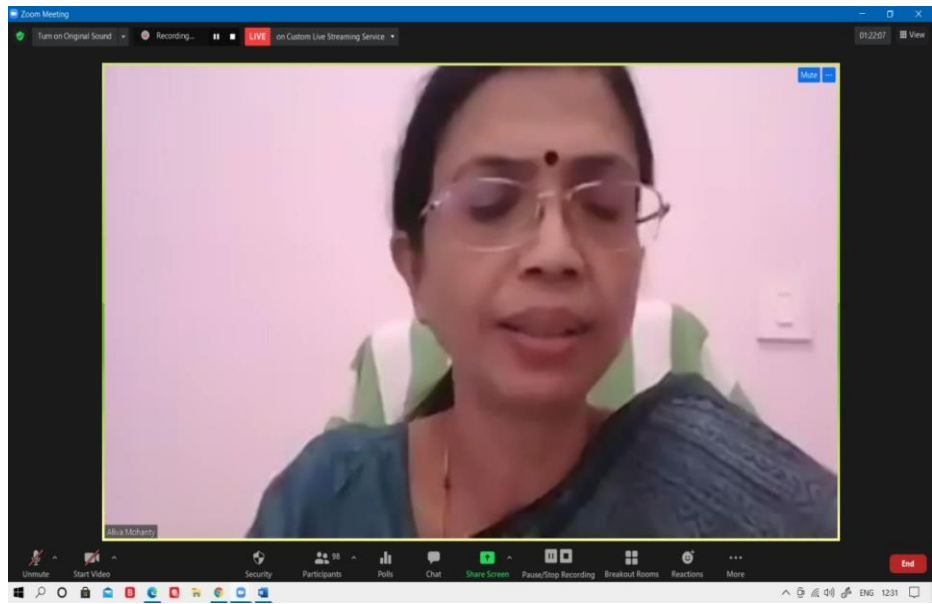
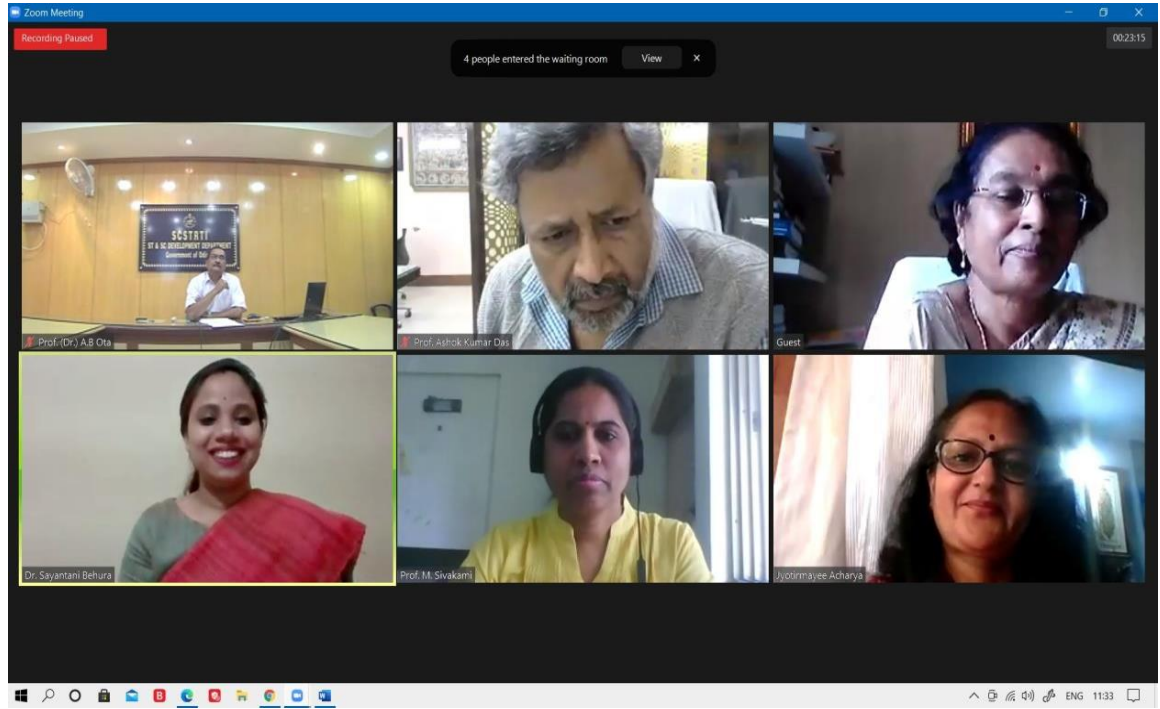
10. Participants Details (Indicate number only and attach attendance sheet)

- i. Scientists/Faculty:150
- ii. Ph. D. Scholars:
- iii. Students:
  - a. UG:
  - b. PG:
  - c. M. Phil:

11. Outcomes of the Event: It was successful and has received coverage in [samajlive.in/webinar-in-rd-womens-university/274441.html](http://samajlive.in/webinar-in-rd-womens-university/274441.html)

12. Recommendations (if any):

13. Selected Photographs (5 only):



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# Situation of Menstrual Health in India: Data and Research

**M. Sivakami**  
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)




M. Sivakami, TISS



Prof. M. Sivakami

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 <p>Dr. Sayantani Behura</p>	 <p>Supriya Panigrahi</p>	 <p>Navneet Kaur</p>	 <p>Ms. Geetanjali NAIK</p>
 <p>Jennifer Selvaraj</p>	 <p>Adyasha Mahanti</p>	 <p>Sneha Mishra</p>	 <p>Namrata Sunthary</p>
 <p>Sindhuja Nandini Mishra</p>	 <p>Sandhya Rani Pradhan</p>	 <p>Shrujani Mohanty</p>	 <p>Sri Jagadananda</p>
 <p>Sonali Panda</p>	 <p>Annapurna Parida</p>	 <p>Bijayalaxmi Samal</p>	 <p>Ziniya Patnaik</p>

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