



Women Empowerment - Issues, Evidence and Policy Response

Ashoka Hall, Hotel Maurya Patna

Programme Schedule | Monday 8th March 2021

09.30 AM - 10.00 AM

Registration - Tea and Coffee

10.00 AM - 10.30 AM

Welcome Remarks and Inauguration

Welcome Address

Prabhat Ghosh – Member Secretary, ADRI

Inaugural Introduction

Harjot Kaur Bamhrah (IAS) – Managing Director, Women Development Corporation (WDC), Government of Bihar

Special Address

Atul Prasad (IAS) - Additional Chief Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Bihar

10.30 - 11.15 AM

IGC India Special Lecture

Chair

Sanjay Kumar (IAS) – Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Government of Bihar

IGC Special Lecture

Title: March Past on March 8th: Are we moving towards substantive gender equality?
Jyotsna Jha – Director, Centre for Budget & Policy Studies

11.15 AM - 12.15 PM

Panel: Women Economic Empowerment: Constraints & Solutions

Chair

Brijesh Mehrotra (IAS) - Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Bihar

Co-Chair

Harjot Kaur Bamhrah (IAS) – Managing Director, Women Development Corporation (WDC), Government of Bihar

Moderator

Niveditha Menon - Senior Research Advisor, Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS)

Panellists

Ashmita Gupta - Assistant Professor, Asian Development Research Institute

Paramita Majumder - Former Gender Budget Expert, Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI

12.15 PM - 13.00 PM

ADRI Special Lecture

Chair

N Vijaya Lakshmi (IAS) – Principal Secretary, Sugarcane Industry Department, Government of Bihar

ADRI Special Lecture

Title: Challenges facing women in a post-COVID world
Anu Rammohan - Professor of Economics and Associate Dean – University of Western Australia

13.00 PM – 13.45 PM**Lunch****13.45 PM – 14.45 PM****Panel: Gender and Health – Issues, Evidence and Policy Response****Chair**

Pratyaya Amrit (IAS) – Principal Secretary, Health Department, Government of Bihar

Co-Chair

N Vijaya Lakshmi (IAS) – Principal Secretary, Sugarcane Industry Department, Government of Bihar

Moderator

Ashmita Gupta - Assistant Professor, Asian Development Research Institute

Panellists

Nafisa Binte Shafique – Chief of Field Office, UNICEF Bihar

Nandita Bhan - Research Scientist, Center on Gender Equity and Health, University of California, San Diego

Padma Deosthali - Senior Advisor, CEHAT

Saswata Ghosh - Associate Professor, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata

Vikash Nath - Programme Specialist, Ekjut India

14.45 PM – 15.30 PM**Panel: Women, Agriculture and Co-operatives****Chair**

Bandana Preyashi (IAS) – Secretary, Co-operative Department, Government of Bihar

Moderator

Prabhat Ghosh – Member Secretary, ADRI

Panellists

Amit Kumar Singh – Country Representative, Tanager International

Sugandha Munshi - Gender Specialist, International Rice Research Institute

15.30 PM – 15.45 PM**Concluding Remarks**

Harjot Kaur Bamhrah (IAS) – Managing Director, Women Development Corporation (WDC), Government of Bihar