



# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

April 8, 2023



Venue: CSIR-NEERI Auditorium, Nagpur

Programme (11.30 to 13.30 hrs)

11.30 - 11.35

Theme  
Introduction

Dr. Kavita Gandhi  
Principal Scientist, CSIR-NEERI

11.35 - 11.40

Welcome

Dr. Atul Vaidya  
Director, CSIR-NEERI

11.40 - 11.45

Address by Chief Guest,  
DG CSIR

Dr.(Mrs.) N. Kalaiselvi  
Director General, CSIR and  
Secretary, DSIR

11.45 - 11.50

Introduction of  
Distinguished speakers

Dr. Debishree Khan  
Scientist, CSIR-NEERI

11.50 - 12.05

Talk 1 : Women Himalayan  
Expedition team member

Mrs. Bimla Negi Deoskar  
Director at National Adventure  
Foundation, Nagpur Chapter

12.05 - 12.20

Talk 2: A journey of a  
Women Scientist

Dr. Sadhana Rayalu  
Chief Scientist, CSIR-NEERI

12.25 - 13.30

Panel Discussion :  
“Drivers of Women  
Empowerment: Education,  
Skill Development and  
Societal Changes”

Moderator :  
Dr. Asha Lalwani  
Dr. Shalini Dhyani

1. Mr. Archit Chandak, IPS  
DCP, Nagpur

2. Prof. Ruta Dharmadhikari &  
Ms. Rutuja Lonkar, Student,  
LAD College, Nagpur

3. Mrs. Pushpa Waghmare and  
Mrs. Lata Singh, Sr. Social  
Workers, Nagpur

4. Mr Vikas Khurana, Director,  
Stagecraft Theatre, Nagpur

5. Mr Ravi Khambalkar, Sarpanch,  
Mr Prem Dhone Ex-Sarpanch,  
Fetri, Nagpur

13.30

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Shilpa Paranjape  
CMO, CSIR-NEERI