



## ICFRE-INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY, HYDERABAD

### Report on Celebration of International Women's Day at ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad on 08-03-2024.

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity (ICFRE-IFB), Hyderabad celebrated **International Women's Day** on 08.03.2024 to promote and celebrate women empowerment in all its dimensions with the theme *“Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress”*. A total of 40 ICFRE-IFB officers and staff participated.

The program was started with the welcome address by Shri M. B. Honnuri, Sc-C, ICFRE-IFB, who welcomed the gathering.

The program continued with a brief overview by Dr. Ruby Patel, Sc-B, and shared her experience in the DST Sponsored 5-day training programme on "Building Local Resilience in a Changing Climate" for Women Scientists in different divisions and also shared personal experience in the office about encouraging atmosphere, equal opportunities etc.

The program was followed by speech of Smt. Shubhi Kulshrestha, Sr. TC and she shared her experience about equal opportunities, access to quality education, gender equality etc.

Further, Shri E. Venkat Reddy, IFS, Director delivered a speech that highlighted the importance of women's education, wealth, welfare programs offered by state and central governments, and what is being done to support women and their development, contributions to the economy, tourism, GDP, microfinance, etc. Additionally, he spoke about gender equality, quality education, and women's achievement in all areas. He provided information about the institute's grievance mechanism, women's harassment committee, and better working conditions for women. During his speech, he discussed the role played by women in progress of the country

and holding important positions as well as contributing immensely to the nation's development.

Later, Shri M. B. Honnuri, Sc-C wished all women employees great success in their efforts to advance the political, economic and social aspects of the country. During his speech, he emphasized the importance of women in the development of the nation.

The sessions were followed by a musical chair game conducted by Shri N. Yuvaraj Praveen, TA & Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, TC, for the women staff of the ICFRE-IFB. They actively participated in the games competition.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Shri M.B. Honnuri, Sc-C, ICFRE-IFB. The overall program was coordinated by Shri A. Sasidhar Reddy, TC & Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, TC, Extension Division.



# Glimpses of the Program

