

International Women's Day Celebration on 8th March, 2022

International women's day was celebrated at ICAR-IISS, Bhopal, on 8th March 2022, with high passion and the brightest rays of joy to honor the contribution of women in the Institute. The women cell members actively organized different competitions on the theme "**Break the Bias**" for women staff and family members of IISS staff. There was active participation of women in all competitions such as Rangoli and Quiz.



Dr. Sangeeta Lenka, the chairperson of the Women's Cell, addressed the gathering on the importance of celebrating women's day with a brief introduction of the chief guest. The Chief Guest, **Ms. Bhakti Sharma**, Sarpanch Barkhedi Abdullah Panchayat, Bhopal, felicitated by the Prime Minister in 2018 and former President Pranab Mukherjee, highlighted the importance of education on women empowerment and upliftment. She stressed on behavior change strategies to achieve gender equality for a sustainable tomorrow. The Guest of Honor, **Smt. Reena Patra** outlined community-based initiatives effective in mobilizing communities, empowering women, and promoting community dialogue and changes on issues of gender equality. **Dr. Ashok K. Patra**, the Director, appreciated and applauded the contribution of all women staff in Institute building activities. In his remarks, he emphasized on gender-sensitive strategies to respond to the environmental and humanitarian crises caused by climate change. In the end, prizes were distributed to winners of different competitions. Dr. Asha Sahu moderated the entire programme and ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sudeshna Bhattacharjya.





A video of women researchers of ICAR-IISS, Bhopal has been released on this day.



Video link: <https://youtu.be/GCF7cy1XrUc>