

National Girl Child Day

As mandated by Government of India, Ministry of Women & Child Development and ICAR, an event to celebrate **National Girl Child Day** was organized virtually by ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad on **January 24, 2022**. It was very enthusiastically attended by Research Scholars, Technical Assistants, Skilled Workers and Scientists of the institute. At the outset the Director IIRR, Dr. R.M Sundaram elaborated upon the significance of honouring Girl Child with a special day dedicated for them. Girl students' scientists and administrative workers form about a third of the workforce at IIRR with invaluable contribution to the institute's growth thereby the Nation Building.

Opportunities galore in the agricultural education for girls Dr. B. Nirmala, Senior Scientist (Agric. Eco),ICAR-IIRR,Dr .Santosh Rathod, Scientist(Agric.Stats), Government of India schemes, like Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao, Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana , Balika Samridhhi Yojana, Ladli Scheme Dr. P. Muthuraman, Head, TTT, ICAR-IIRR Dr. P. Jeyakumar Principal Scientist(Agric.Ento),ICAR-IIRR ,importance of training& skill development Dr. A. Padmakumari, Principal Scientist(Agric.Ento),ICAR-IIRR Dr. S. Arun Kumar, Senior Scientist (Agric. Exn.),ICAR-IIRR and women's Sahi Poshan se Roshan Nation Dr. Amtul Waris, Principal Scientist(Agric.Ext),ICAR-IIRR and soft skills and administrative discipline Ms. Aparna Das, PS-ICAR-IIRR were the overarching themes covered by the panellists from the scientific and administrative fraternity of the Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad. A pledge was taken to mentor the girl students for a successful career in the field of agriculture.

The banner features the ICAR logo on the left and the IIRR logo on the right. The text reads: "ICAR- Indian Institute of Rice Research Rajendranagar Hyderabad 500030", "National Girl Child Day January 24, 2022", "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao", and "A bright future awaits you in agriculture". Below the text are four photographs: a group of people in a field, a woman in a blue sari, a woman in a yellow sari, and a woman in a blue sari working in a field.

A vertical strip of video thumbnails showing various participants. From top to bottom: Dr Arun Kumar..., Dr Arun Kumar S (ICAR-IIRR), Dr P Muthuraman, Dr APPadmakumari, R M Sundaram, and Amtul Waris.

A large video conference grid showing many participants. The grid is composed of many small video windows, each showing a different person. The top right corner of the grid shows the ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad logo and the name of the director, Dr. R.M Sundaram. The bottom right corner shows a large video window of Dr. R.M Sundaram.