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## **Report on the National Level Special Awareness Seminar (7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022)**

1. ***Title of the Workshop/Seminar/Webinar:*** “Indian Women in Science (বিজ্ঞানচর্চায় ভারতীয় মহিলা)”
2. ***Name of the organizing Department(s):*** Saheli – Womens’ Cell, Garhbeta College.
3. ***Date:*** 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022
4. ***Level:*** National Level
5. ***Number of participants:*** 85
6. ***Details of Resource Person(s):*** Dr. Manas Pratim Das, Programme Executive, All India Radio
7. ***Youtube Link:*** <https://youtu.be/StfH2rWWw3c>

On 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, Saturday, Saheli - the Womens’ Cell of Garhbeta had organized a one-day national level awareness lecture on Indian Women in Science.

It was an online lecture session, aired live on the Youtube channel of Garhbeta College.

The session was presided over by the honourable principal of Garhbeta College, Dr. Hariprasad Sarkar. He inaugurated the session with some valuable comments on the significance of such programmes. He reminded us of the contributions of Marie Curie, while emphasising on the role of women in science research in India.

The main and only speaker of this session was Dr. Manas Pratim Das, Programme Executive of All India Radio.

Dr. Das expressed his objection to using the word ‘women’ in the context of remembering the contributions of ‘women’ scientists. He discussed the contributions of scientists like Kamla Sohni, Rajeswari Chatterjee, Anna Mani, Maharani Chakraborty and Chandrima Saha. These scientists were immensely active in scientific researches despite numerous social and institutional restrictions. Among those who took significant role in propagating education for women in India, we must remember Sabitribai Phule, Fatima Saheb, Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Dakshinaranjan Mukhopadhyay, Ramgopal Ghosh and Madanmohan Tarkalankar.

While discussing the impact of the contributions of Scientist Dr. Maharani Chakraborty, Dr. Manas Pratim Das pointed out the social responsibility these scientists and other socially prominent persons. For example, Rabindranath Thakur spent a major part of the money prize he received with his Nobel Prize for building toilets in Shreeniketan, West Bengal. Dr. Das emphasised the importance of maintaining an environment of overall social development, in order to make the path of the emergence of more and more women scientists. He also noted that family plays a catalytical role in the making of a female scientist.

The question-and-answer session in the end was extremely stimulating and enjoyable.

The programme was anchored by Professor (Dr.) Rita Sil, joint convenor of Saheli-Womens’ Cell of Garhbeta College. The other joint convenor Professor (Dr.) Rajlaxmi Mukherjee and the librarian of the college, Mr. Praloy Bhattacharya took care of the live YouTube telecast of the session. In the end, the co-ordinator of IQAC of Garhbeta College, Professor (Dr.) Sushil Kumar Ghosh presented vote of thanks.



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Among others, faculty members who were present at the seminar were the members of Soheli-Womens' Cell, such as, Professor (Dr.) Swatilekha Maity, Ms Mousumi Pal, Professor (Dr.) Arpita Banerjee and Professor (Dr.) Shampa Deb Chanda. Secretary of the Teachers' Council, Professor (Dr.) Sajed Biswas, Members of the college Governing Bosy, Professor (Dr.) Santimoy Patra and Professor Soma Samanta were present too. A number of teachers, non-teaching staff, students of Garhbeta College as well as other colleges and nearby High Schools were present at the session.

The number of participants were about 85. The seminar was very well received by everyone present. Honourable principal of Garhbeta College Dr. Hariprasad Sarkar announced the end of the seminar.