

# Empowering Women Entrepreneurs for Viksit Bharat : National Seminar Begins at CESS, Hyderabad

A two-day national seminar on "Breaking Barriers and Building Futures: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in MSMEs for Vision Viksit Bharat @2047" commenced on Friday at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad. The seminar is jointly organized by the Central University of Andhra Pradesh, ICFAI School of Social Sciences, and CESS, with support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), SERP-Telangana, Stree Nidhi (Government of Telangana), SIDBI-Telangana, and WASSAN.

The event is organized to highlight the pivotal role of women entrepreneurs in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as a driving force toward India's long-term development vision, Viksit Bharat @2047. The seminar brings together stakeholders from government, academia, financial institutions, and the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The inaugural session, held at the BPR Vithal Auditorium, began with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony. Prof. E. Revathi, Director of CESS, delivered the welcome address and introduced the seminar's thematic focus. Dr. Y. Kesava Reddy, Associate Professor of Economics at



the Central University of Andhra Pradesh, outlined the objectives of the seminar, emphasizing the need for inclusive, women-led economic development.

Delivering the keynote remarks, Dr. G. Chinna Reddy, Vice Chairman of the Telangana State Planning Board, underscored the State government's commitment to women-centric policies, SHGs, and MSME development. He stressed the need to integrate sectors such as housing, textiles, and food processing under a comprehensive development model that empowers women across all dimensions of human progress. He also highlighted the need for improved access to institutional credit and greater policy support for

women entrepreneurs.

Prof. C. Sheela Reddy, Registrar (In-Charge), Central University of Andhra Pradesh, emphasized the transformative potential of MSMEs and the importance of amplifying women's voices in national development. Prof. L. S. Ganesh, Vice-Chancellor of ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad, spoke about the need to contribute to value addition in India's workforce through better integration and capacity-building.

Dr. Eranti Vijaya, Director of School of Enterprise Management (SEM) at the National Institute for MSME, Hyderabad, delivered the keynote address. She noted the critical role of

MSMEs in India's economy and identified key challenges faced by women entrepreneurs, including limited awareness of government schemes, lack of bank-friendly evaluation mechanisms for micro-enterprises, and inadequate technical and digital literacy among rural women. She called for targeted capacity-building and institutional support to bridge these gaps.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. M. Srinivasa Reddy, Associate Professor at CESS and Local Organizing Secretary. The seminar will continue on Saturday with thematic sessions, policy dialogues, and stakeholder interactions.



# 'Women in MSME sector a driving force in India's progress'

**The Hindu Bureau**  
HYDERABAD

A two-day national seminar on empowering women entrepreneurs in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) began at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) here on Friday.

Jointly organised by Central University of Andhra Pradesh, ICFAI School of Social Sciences and CESS, along with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), SERP-Telangana, Stree Nidhi, SIDBI-Telangana and WASAN, the event highlights the crucial role of women entrepreneurs MSMEs as a driving force toward India's long-term development vision or 'Viksit Bharat @2047'.

Telangana State Planning Board vice-chairman G. Chinna Reddy, explaining the State government's commitment to women-centric policies, SHGs and MSME development, stressed the need to integrate sectors such as hous-

ing, textiles and food processing under a comprehensive development model. This will empower women across all dimensions of human progress, he said.

Registrar (in-charge) of Central University of Andhra Pradesh, C. Sheela Reddy emphasised the transformative potential of MSMEs and the importance of amplifying women's voices in national development. Vice-Chancellor of ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education L.S. Ganesh underscored the need to contribute to value addition in India's workforce through better integration and capacity-building.

Director of School of Enterprise Management (SEM) at the National Institute for MSME, Eranti Vijaya called for institutional support to bridge gaps and challenges being faced by women in MSMEs—limited awareness of government schemes, and inadequate technical and digital literacy among rural women.



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అమీర్ పేట, న్యూస్ టుడే: రాష్ట్రంలో జాతాహిక మహిళా పారిశ్రామికవేత్తలకు ప్రభుత్వం ప్రోత్సాహం అందిస్తోందని రాష్ట్ర ప్రణాళికా సంఘం ఉపాధ్యక్షుడు డా. జి. చిన్నారెడ్డి అన్నారు. అమీర్ పేట లోని సెస్ ప్రాంగణంలో విజన్ విక సిత్ భారత్-2047లో భాగంగా

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ప్రొఫెసర్ రేవతి అధ్యక్షతన ఏర్పాటు చేసిన సదస్సుకు శుక్ర వారం ముఖ్య అతిథిగా హాజరై మాట్లాడారు. ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ సెంట్రల్ యూనివర్సిటీ రిజిస్ట్రార్ ప్రొఫెసర్ సి. షీలారెడ్డి, నేషనల్ ఇన్ స్టిట్యూట్ ఆఫ్ ఎంఎస్ఎంఈ, స్కూల్ ఆఫ్ ఎంటర్ప్రైజ్ మేనేజ్మెంట్ డైరెక్టర్ డా. ఎరంటి విజయ, ఐసీఎఫ్ఎంఐ ఫౌండేషన్ ఫర్ హ్యూమన్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్ వైస్ ఛాన్సలర్, ప్రొఫెసర్ ఎల్. ఎస్. గణేష్ ప్రసంగించారు.