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**Annual Seminar**

**QUEST FOR DIGNITY:**

**WOMEN, WORK AND MOBILITY IN RURAL INDIA**

**March 18, 2025**

**Lecture Hall 2, Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

*Registration 10 AM*

**INAUGURAL SESSION (10.30 AM - 11.45 AM)**

***Introduction of the theme***

*Amrita Datta, Assistant Professor, Department of Liberal Arts, IIT Hyderabad*

*Sudhir Kumar Suthar, Assistant Professor, Centre for Political Studies (CPS), JNU*

***Opening remarks***

*V Bijukumar, Professor and Chairperson, CPS*

***Special address***

*Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Professor and Dean, School of Social Sciences (SSS), JNU*

***Keynote address***

*Ritu Dewan, Former Director Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, President Indian Association for Women's Studies*

*High Tea (11.45 AM – 12.15 PM)*

**SESSION ONE (12.15 PM - 1.45 PM)**

**GENDER IN THE CHANGING RURAL CONTEXT**

**Moderator: Anupama Roy**, *Professor, CPS, JNU*

Shipra Nigam, *Fellow, Institute for Human Development*

Shipra Deo, *Global Gender and Land Advisor, Landesa*

Shamsher Singh, *Assistant Professor, FLAME University*

*Discussion and Q & A*

1.45 - 2.30 Lunch break

**SESSION TWO (2.30 PM – 4 PM)**

**WOMEN, WORK & RURAL INDIA:  
YOUNG SCHOLARS' PERSPECTIVES**

**Moderator: Navaneetha Mokil**, *Assistant Professor, Centre for Women's Studies, SSS, JNU*

Reiki Bhukta, *Research Scholar, IIT Kanpur*

Khushbu Sharma, *Research Scholar, CPS, SSS, JNU*

Shrishtie Parganiha, *Research Scholar, CPS, SSS, JNU*

*Discussion and Q & A*

4 PM – 4.30 PM Tea break

**SESSION THREE (4.30 PM - 6 PM)**

**IMPROVING WORK CONDITIONS FOR RURAL WOMEN:  
POLICY PERSPECTIVES**

**Moderator: T. Nandakumar**, *President, BKS & Former Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI*

Rudrani Bhattacharya, *Associate Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy*

Dipa Sinha, *Visiting Professor, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru*

Soundarya Iyer, *Associate Professor, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences,  
RV University, Bengaluru*

*Discussion and Q & A*

*Concluding remarks*

*Amrita Datta & Sudhir K Suthar*

*Vote of thanks Sudhir K Suthar*