

**A motivational talk
by
Padma Shri Dr. Sabarmatee at ICAR- NIFMD
14th August 2025, Bhubaneswar**



ICAR-NIFMD Women's Cell



**(SRI cultivates well-being
for women)**

**By
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Dr. Sabarmatee**



The Women Cell of ICAR – NIFMD organized a motivational talk by Padma Shri Sabarmatee (Padma Shri and Nari shakti Puraskar awardee) on 14th August 2025 in hybrid mode. The event witnessed more than 100 participation from professionals, scientists, and research scholars across the country both with online and offline mode.

The meeting was chaired by Dr RP Singh (Director, ICAR-NIFMD) who welcomed the guest and briefed about institute activities, mandate and vision. Dr Monalisa, in-charge, institute Women cell presented a brief bio-data of Dr Sabarmatee, the chief guest and a note on the pivotal role of women in research, innovation, and technological advancements starting from the field to laboratory for the societal benefits.

Dr Saravanan mentioned about the significant contributions of women in all spheres of life, breaking barriers in areas once considered to be predominantly male-dominated.

Padma Shri Dr Sabarmatee, in her thought provoking speech, shared her experiences on the system of rice intensification (SRI) and its impact on labour especially in women in India. She highlighted the beneficial effects of SRI in terms of reduction in occupational health hazards in women due to reduction in work hours, change in postures, change in postures, and type of work. Further, she encouraged the scientists to take up a project for the documentation of indigenous technical knowledge (ITK) practices adopted by the tribal communities for the disease management of animals in different geographical regions of the country. The meeting concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Mr Uttam Pushp Nirala.

After the programme, Dr Sabarmatee visited the containment laboratory (BSL2) and appreciated the laboratory along with the dedication of scientists for their efforts to achieve the goal of “FMD Mukta Bharat” in coming years. She interacted with the scientists and research fellows and advised to explore areas of co-operation and collaboration with her organization Sambhav, a non-governmental organization dedicated to rural development and biodiversity conservation.

