



Accelerating gender equality with innovations: the MSSRF experience

- 2.30 – 2.35pm Welcome address: **Dr G N Hariharan**, Executive Director, MSSRF
- 2.35 – 2.40pm Setting the context for IWD 2023 observance: **Prof Nitya Rao**
Gender and Development & Director - NISD, University of East Anglia, UK
- 2.40 – 4.00pm Rural women share how digital tools have contributed to experiences of gender equality

From Odisha*

1. **Ms Rukmani Khillo** Jhalaguda village, Kundra Block, Koraput
2. **Ms Champa Santa** Gaipadar village, Boipariguda Block, Koraput

From Puducherry*

1. **Ms D Usharani**, Embalam village
2. **Ms. Akila**, Knowledge Worker, Panithittu VKC, & FFMA Ambassador Fish For All Centre

From Tamil Nadu*

1. **Ms M Kalarani**, Alathuranpatti village, Kannivadi
2. **Ms Muthulakshmi Marimuthu**, Thirumalairayasamuthiram village VRC Pudukkottai
3. **Ms C Nithya**, Vilangudi village VRC Thiruvaiyaru
4. **Ms Rani Muniyakkanu**, Vanduvanchery village, Vedaranyam

- 4.00 – 4.20pm Chief guest address: **Dr Basheerhamad Shadrach**, Director,
Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia CEMCA, New Delhi
- 4.20 – 4.30pm Address by **Dr Soumya Swaminathan**, Chairperson MSSRF
- 4.30 – 4.35pm Summing up & closing remarks: **Dr R Rengalakshmi**, Director Ecotechnology, MSSRF
- 4.35pm Vote of thanks: **Ms Sangeetha Rajeesh**, Director Communications, MSSRF

High tea outside Sambasivan Auditorium, MSSRF, Taramani, Chennai 113.

***Interpreters: MSSRF staff** – Dr Rajkumar, Ms Priyangha, Dr Kartik Lenka, Mr Prashant Parida