Investing in skill development of women for accelerated progress- International Women's Day celebrations at ICAR-IIRR, March 8,2024

International Women's Day was celebrated at the ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research , Hyderabad with the overarching theme of ," **Investing in skill development of women for accelerated progress"**. Speaking on this occasion the Director, Dr.RM Sundaram acknowledged the significant contributions of women Scientists, Technical, Administrative, Support Staff and Research Scholars in the progress of the Institute and in Nation Building. Rice based *niche* (high zinc, low GI) culinary delicacies were on display and for sale prepared by the upcoming women entrepreneurs of the institute. The long term plan is to provide a platform to these foodpreneurs to hone their business and marketing skills as elaborated upon by the coordinators of the program, Drs. Amtul Waris, D. Krishnaveni, S.Arun Kumar and K. Padmaja. The event was attended very enthusiastically by all IIRR personnel.







