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India Meteorological Department (IMD) is celebrating a significant milestone in 2024-2025, marking 150 years as the principal government agency in all matters related to meteorology and allied subjects.

As part of the celebrations, IMD hosted a one-day “**National Workshop on Weather and Women** “ on 03-01-2025, at New Delhi.

Dr. Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India was the chief guest for the event.

Dr. Swati Basu, Former Scientific Secretary, O/o Principal Scientific Adviser and Smt. Shubha Thakur, Additional Secretary, DoA&FW were the Guest of Honour for the event.

The workshop aimed to address the intersection of weather services and gender issues, including:

- \* Gender considerations in disaster risk management and the influence of weather on gender equality.
- \* Ensuring equal access to meteorological science and technology while promoting women's participation and representation in the field.
- \* Integrating gender perspectives into forecasting, warning systems, and service delivery.
- \* Promoting women's representation in expert teams and committees.
- \* Women's health vulnerabilities during heat waves and menopause, along with reproductive health impacts from air pollution.
- \* The role of climate stress in domestic violence and the critical need for clean water and sanitation.



The event was graced by the presence of retired women scientists along with the currently working officials. The gathering remembered the contributions of women in meteorology starting from the first female Meteorologist Ms. Anna Mani to the currently working women who have made a mark in the field.

Highlight of the event was the video message from Prof. Celeste Saulo, the first female Secretary General of WMO. Talk delivered by Dr. Meena Kumari about how the older generation in Rajasthan names the clouds as per the rain they give was a star attraction of the event.



It was a power packed event with technical talks and panel discussions by the experts from IMD, NCMRWF, MoES, IITM, INCOIS, NCCR, CPCB, MoRD and academia.







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