

About UGC-Academic Staff College:

The UGC-Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad organises Orientation and Refresher Courses on thrust areas for in-service teachers and also for newly appointed teaching faculty on a regular basis.

About SWECHA:

SWECHA is non profit organization popularizing free software among the community of Andhra Pradesh. Members and activities of Swecha created the free software distribution “eSwecha” useful for academicians and students of Engineering Education. This distribution was released by Dr. D.N. Reddy, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of JNTU Hyderabad. Slowly this distribution is becoming popular among academicians. As part of collaborative activity while celebrating software freedom day, Swecha is actively involved in this workshop.

OBJECTIVE:

Women’s participation in research and related academics in India is well known and with the increasing role that women in the country are playing in all walks of life, the challenges faced by them are many. Though technology is an enabler, it is also seen by many as one of the main obstacles. Those who are able to leverage it appropriately have made good strides in recent times and especially when it comes to women, the innate ability at problem solving gets a big impetus with the right combination of these. Research and problem solving has been identified as the area where peer-to-peer learning has a lot to offer. Also, with the increasing penetration of software tools and the use of information technology in all walks of life, the availability and access to these is becoming important. FOSS has made great progress and has contributed towards realizing some of these goals.

In this context, *a one day workshop is being organized by the Women researchers for the Women fraternity on Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) paradigm.* It is expected that this one day event will help get like-minded women researchers and academicians together and help start to build an ecosystem where one can learn from each others experiences and works done.

Women participants are requested to involve themselves actively during the workshop and engage in deliberations towards making this event a great start for future research collaboration.

This event is being planned as a run-up activity to the First National Convention for Academics and Research (NCAR-2010) on the theme of “Computing Freedom for Technology, Education and Research” in 16-18 Dec. 2010, being organised by the Free Software Movement of India (FSMI).

This National convention is focused not only on spreading awareness of Free/Libre and Open Source Software (FOSS/FLOSS), but also to provide a platform for sharing of experiences and views in its use in Academia/Research/Industrial communities and to foster a collaborative approach to research and education, in developing and improving educational/training aids including software tools. NCAR 2010 will see the participation of researchers and academicians from various national organizations like IITs, IISc, IIIT. The FOSS paradigm gives all of us an opportunity to emerge as a serious research community with global co-operation. This would also enable in bridging the gap between research-industry and societal demands. An integration for research between academia and industry is not up to the mark as it is in the case of developed nations. This conference shall provide space for faculty and students of Engineering Colleges to learn, interact, and network with their peer groups, leading to a development of a FOSS ecosystem.

Eligibility :

§ Women Faculty with M.Tech qualification in all branches of Engineering working in the Universities and Colleges.

Speakers:

- Dr. Nandini Mukharjee (Jadhavpur University)
- Ms. Deepa Kurup (Hindu Reporter)
- Ms. Sirisha (Wipro)

Topics to be covered:

Emphasise will be on

- Free Software Evangelisation
- FOSS Paradigm
- Computing Freedom in Research

APPLICATION FORM

**One Day Workshop on
“Women in Research - the FOSSParadigm”
(Run up event of NCAR2010)
(26-11-2010)**

1. Name :

2. Date of Birth :

3. Qualifications :

4. Teaching Experience :

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b) Department:

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b) Affiliating University :

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