



Pune Knowledge Cluster

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Conversations with Women Role Models in STEM

Title of the talk: Building professional Resilience in young women

Organized By	Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC)
In collaboration with	BASF Chemicals India Pvt Ltd.
Date	Friday, 31st October 2025
Time	11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Description of the talk series	An initiative by The Pune Knowledge Cluster, which aims to bring forward the journey of women in various fields of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM). This series is conducted in an informal conversational format to help the audience relate to the lives of successful women professionals in S&T, knowing first-hand about their success stories, their failures, and how they moved ahead to make a mark in their field. We hope this initiative will inspire young women to break gender stereotypes, societal barriers and encourage them to pursue careers in STEM.
For whom	It's public talk. Open to all
Potential Gains	Women Role Model Talk series aims to create a supportive ecosystem for women in science to build professional networks, meet women role models and develop leadership skills. The speaker will share details about their journey, research work, and motivation to engage in Chemistry.
Panellists/Trainers/speakers	Name: Dr. Sweta Raghavan Designation: Head of Innovation, Strategy & Govt. Affairs - India & South Asia to Royal Society of Chemistry; and Advisor, Govt. of Karnataka Affiliation: Royal Society of Chemistry and Govt. of Karnataka
Registration Link & Eligibility	Shorten Registration Link: https://forms.gle/ArMfzkPDpQ7FELyp6 QR Code for registration link: 



Profile of the Speaker



Dr. Sweta Raghavan

Dr. Sweta Raghavan is the Head of Innovation, Strategy and Government Affairs for India & South Asia at the Royal Society of Chemistry, UK. She also serves as Advisor to the Government of Karnataka on Antimicrobial Resistance and is a Professor of Practice at the St Joseph's University Bengaluru, leading the Karnataka Government's State Action Plan on tackling infectious diseases outbreak.

Sweta specializes in intervention design and implementation sciences, having worked with national and state governments, life sciences companies, startups, and academic institutions for over 11 years. Prior to her present positions, she worked as a Senior Advisor on Science and Innovation for the UK Government, handling the bilateral relationship between India and the UK. She is credited with implementing evidence-based policy decisions and solutions to address social issues such as healthcare, climate change, and sustainable development, as well as supporting STEM education.

Sweta received her PhD from King's College London in Cell Biology. She founded a social initiative Scientists & Co., in 2016 through which she promotes STEM education among disadvantaged students and health literacy campaigns for underprivileged families.

Sweta is the recipient of numerous international awards, the most recent being the Naari Shakti Puraskar (2023) and Global Health Pharma News Magazine's Most Influential Life Science Expert (India) award for 2020 & 2021. She has been published in leading news outlets and invited as an expert speaker at prestigious forums including the UK Parliament, WHO, UNFCCC COP28, IIT- Bombay, IIT-Gandhinagar, IISER Trivandrum, IISER Pune, CSIR institutions, University of Liverpool, the Royal Society of Geography and several international scientific conferences. Sweta is also a regular columnist in Deccan Herald, a leading national daily, and has made guest contributions in other media outlets such as Chemistry World, Economic Times and Sunday Guardian.



About the Organizer



The Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC) has been established by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. It aims to bring together academia, R&D institutions, and the industry of Pune and its surrounding areas, to address the challenging problems of the region through innovative means, using scientific knowledge and engaging highly skilled human resources.

PKC is administered by the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA). In the initial phase, PKC would focus on Health, Sustainability and Environment, Sustainable Mobility, BIG Data and AI and Capacity Building.

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