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### **University of Mysore Centenary Year Celebration, 1916-2016 Department of Biotechnology, Manasagangotri, Mysore 570006**

The University of Mysore, Mysuru, as part of centenary year celebration, is organizing a three day "Women Scientists Scheme (WOS)"-A meeting at the Department of Biotechnology, Manasagangotri, Mysuru, From 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, July 2016. Nearly 180 Women Scientist's from all over India and 20 Subject Experts are participating in this meeting.

Women are an important section of the workforce, more particularly in the science & technology (S&T) domain. However, a large number of well-qualified women get left out of the S&T activities due to various circumstances which are usually typical to the gender. The challenges faced by them are several but most often the "break in career" arises out of motherhood and family responsibilities. To address such issues, Department of Science and Technology (DST) launched "Women Scientists Scheme (WOS)" during 2002-03. This initiative primarily aimed at providing opportunities to women scientists and technologists between the age group of 27-57 years who had a break in their career but desired to return to mainstream.

Through this endeavor of the Department of Science and Technology, concerted efforts have been made to give women a strong foothold into the scientific profession, help them re-enter into the mainstream and provide a launch pad for further forays into the field of science and technology.

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