



## Pune Knowledge Cluster

Presents

Conversations with Women Role Models in STEM

### Empowering excellence: Roadmap for the next generation of women

<b>Organized By</b>	Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC)
<b>In collaboration with</b>	BASF Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd. and Department of Chemistry, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU)
<b>Date</b>	<b>Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>2:00 PM to 4:00 PM (IST)</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>P.C. RAY HALL DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY</b>
<b>Description of the talk series</b>	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.
<b>For whom</b>	It's in person public talk. Open to all
<b>Potential Gains</b>	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.
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Name: DR. SEEMA SAMBRANI</b>  Affiliation - HOD & Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai
<b>Registration Link</b>	Link- <a href="https://bit.ly/WRMS4">https://bit.ly/WRMS4</a>  Please Note: Participation is free, but registration is mandatory. All registered participants are required to show a registration confirmation at the entrance



## Profile of the Speaker



**Dr. Seema Sambrani**  
HOD & Associate Professor,  
Department of Life Sciences,  
Somaiya Vidyavihar University,  
Mumbai

**Dr. Seema Sambrani** has over 25 years of experience in industrial and environmental microbiology, department building, industry-academia collaborations and curriculum development. In this interactive talk, she will share her professional and personal journey, shedding light on how her experiences have shaped her career path and fuelled her passion for science. This session will also offer a unique opportunity for young girls to learn from her experience, with a dedicated time for Q & A

## 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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**The Department of Chemistry, SPPU** is one of the first departments to be established by the **Savitribai Phule Pune University** in April 1950. It offers programs leading to M. Sc., M. Phil. and Ph.D. degrees. It has been selected as a Centre for Advanced Studies in Chemistry by the University Grants Commission since 1998. It has received funds from the University Grants Commission (UGC), under Departmental Special Assistance Programme (SAP) and Committee on the Strengthening of Infra-structure in Science and Technology (COSIST). It has also been identified by the DST under FIST – I and FIST – II programmes. Various other government funding agencies viz. CSIR, BRNS, DST, DAE, INSA, DRDO, C-DAC have also funded projects.