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SEMINAR NOTICE

Title: Do all the empowered women promote smokeless kitchens? Investigating rural India.

Speaker: Dr. Sravanthi Choragudi, Researcher, Divecha Centre for Climate Change.

Date: 12th July 2024 (Friday)

Time: 3.30 - 4.30 PM

Venue: DCCC Auditorium, 2nd Floor, D314.

Coffee/Tea: 3.00 - 3.30PM

Abstract:-

Cooking with solid fuels is still prevalent in rural India. Decades long clean cooking policies paid little attention to its primary users, women. Using econometric analysis, we prove that household's use of clean cooking fuel is associated with woman's financial independence, her bargaining power and employment. More importantly, the study adds to the existing literature by highlighting the significance of favourable socio-cultural circumstances for women empowerment to realize into smokeless kitchens. Woman's awareness of ill effects of burning solid fuels; gender relations; and woman's access to market, influence the degree to which women empowerment manifests into adopting clean cooking fuel. Using National Family Health Surveys conducted in 2015–16 and 2019–21, the analysis shows that woman's agency is key to households adopting clean cooking fuel in rural India even though the policy intervention eased the economic burden of owning the necessary cooking technologies.

Speaker Bio:-

Sravanthi Choragudi is a Consultant Researcher at Divecha Centre for Climate Change, Indian Institute of Science. She has a Ph.D. in Economics from Centre for Development Studies. Her research interests lie in the intersection of sustainable and inclusive development with focus on policy and institutions. She works on climate change with specific focus on women, work and welfare in rural India.

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