



## **Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women in STEM**

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 02:00 PM

**Venue:** Seminar Hall, School of Engineering

**Keynote Speaker:** 1) Ms. Nandita Baruah

2) Captain Poonam Gaur

3) Pragyan Choudhury

4) Kunal Bhasare

5) Apoorva Singh

**Targeted Audience & Participants:** ACH Students - 207+, Faculty - 8+

### **Brief Description of the Event:**

The event featured distinguished speakers who shared their journeys, insights, and expertise to inspire and guide participants toward building successful careers in STEM. The session was graced by the presence of renowned speakers who brought a wealth of experience and inspiration: Ms. Baruah delivered a powerful talk on breaking barriers for women in STEM, highlighting the importance of creating equitable opportunities in science and technology. She shared her insights on leveraging platforms like STEM ConnectHER to enable women to overcome challenges and achieve their aspirations. Captain Gaur shared her journey of co-founding Air Taxi, an innovative aviation venture. Her experiences illustrated resilience and determination in pursuing unconventional paths, offering valuable lessons on leadership and perseverance in male-dominated industries. Pragyan Choudhury emphasized the significance of technological advancements and their impact on career opportunities. She provided a roadmap for students to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the dynamic tech landscape.

The session also included an interactive segment led by: They conducted an in-depth tour of the **STEM ConnectHER platform**, demonstrating its various features and functionalities. Students learned how to navigate the platform effectively to access job boards, networking opportunities, and skill-building workshops. The session showcased how STEM ConnectHER bridges the gap for learners from diverse backgrounds, making STEM subjects more accessible and engaging.

### Objective of Event:

RK University, in collaboration with The Asia Foundation, successfully organized an enlightening session titled "**Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women**" to foster awareness among students about the **STEM ConnectHER** platform. This initiative aimed to provide students with resources and opportunities to actively engage in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The event featured distinguished speakers who shared their journeys, insights, and expertise to inspire and guide participants toward building successful careers in STEM.

### Outcome of Event:

The "Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women" session was a resounding success, leaving participants with valuable knowledge, inspiration, and practical tools to navigate their journeys in STEM. The collaboration between RK University and The Asia Foundation exemplified a commitment to fostering innovation, inclusivity, and empowerment in the STEM ecosystem. The event marked a significant step forward in shaping the future of STEM education and career development for students, particularly women, at RK University. Enhancing their understanding of the STEM ConnectHER platform and its applications for personal and professional growth. Encouraging more women to consider STEM as a viable and rewarding career path. Building awareness of the challenges and opportunities in STEM industries, empowering students to take proactive steps toward their goals.





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