

UNESCO Chair for gender equality at Amrita university

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The United Nations has officially set up UNESCO Chair for gender equality and women's empowerment at Amrita university, the varsity said in a statement. The official bestowing of the UNESCO Chair took place during a spiritual programme of the university's chancellor Amritanandamayi Devi in Paris on October 30, the statement reads.

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Terming girls' education as the "greatest" force for development and peace in the world, Wells said the chair will be at crossroads of research and action with the ambition to develop toolkits focusing on vital areas including skills, health and climate change.

The varsity's vice chancellor, P Venkat Rangan, said the Chair will identify vulnerabilities of women and girls in India and ways of addressing them over the next four years.

"The focus will be vulnerability mapping as a result of security, education, and skill-development, social and cultural environment, climate change, disaster risks and health and sanitation," the statement quoted him as saying.

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It promotes international inter-university cooperation and networking to enhance institutional capacities through knowledge sharing and collaborative work, the statement said.