

## Prof. Rohini Godbole awarded Padma Shri



Hearty congratulations to Prof. Rohini Godbole on her being awarded a *Padma Shri*, national honour, for her extensive contributions to the field of particle physics over the last four decades.

Prof. Godbole got her Ph.D. from SUNY, Stony Brook-USA, and is presently at the Centre for High Energy Physics at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. Her research in the field theoretical elementary particle physics has addressed different aspects of particle phenomenology. She has authored more than 250 research papers in this field, several graduate level text books and has mentored many students. She is a recipient of several distinguished awards. She is a fellow of the Indian Science Academies and The World Academy of Sciences. She is the first woman physicist to be honoured with a Padma award.

Prof. Godbole has worked relentlessly for over two decades to increase women's participation in science, and especially to encourage young girls to pursue careers in science. She has initiated and co-edited books '*Lilavati's Daughters: Women Scientists of India*', and '*A Girls' Guide to a Life in Science*'. She is one of the key persons who initiated Gender in Physics Working Group (GIPWG) of IPA.