

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT MATS UNIVERSITY, AARANG CAMPUS

International Women's Day is held on March 8th every year. It's a day when we celebrate the amazing social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women - while also campaigning for greater progress towards gender equality. A day solely dedicated to celebrate the presence of women in our lives, the anchor amidst all the chaos, our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters, who ask for nothing in return, but give their everything to the ones they love, International Women's Day is the opportunity pay them back in love, respect, and appreciation. To celebrate this special day, all the female staff of MATS University, Aarang Campus coordinated along with the girl students to make the event of women's day celebration a great success and the memorable one. The guest of honor for the event was FO Ms. Reena Verma, (NCC Officer, awarded by Army General Vipin Rawat), Mrs. Meena Choudhary (Thana Incharge, Mahila Thana, Raipur), and Ms. Anuradha Rao (SI, Mahila Thana, Raipur).

The program started with the welcome speech given by Dr. Jaya Singh on importance of women's day. She said Women's Day commemorates the inspiring role of women around the world to secure women's rights and build more equitable societies. Women's Day also remembers the voices of many women that go unheard and who continue to be dominated from securing their rights and realizing their full potential.

Ms. Reena Verma , started her speech by saying an African proverb, "If we educate a boy, we educate one person. If we educate a girl, we educate a family – and a whole nation." By sending a girl to school, she is far more likely to ensure that her children also receive an education. As many claim, investing in a girl's education is investing in a nation. She stressed that Education is very important for every child whether boy or girl. It is sad that some communities still discriminate against the education of the girl child. She also narrated that today, gender inequality is rife: 1 in 3 women experience violence in their lifetime; 830 women die every day from preventable pregnancy-related causes; and only 1 in 4 parliamentarians worldwide are women. It will be 2086 before we close the gender pay gap if present trends continue with no action.

Mrs. Meena Chaudhary, said:"Being a strong woman means asking for what you deserve, even though you'll be called selfish and impatient". Being a strong woman means loving yourself when the rest of society says you're too big or too skinny or too dark or too tall or too short or too much or too little.

Ms. Anuradha Rao, said that the biggest online **social networking drawback** is that it makes identity theft easier. Another danger is that scammers use **social networking** sites to trick females into downloading malicious software (malware). A common tactic is to use **social** engineering and their target is females mostly. She said any technology is good if used for good cause.

The Program was concluded by Ms. Satya Verma, Head of Department Computer Science. She said: Woman – the power to create, nurture and transform! The word 'woman' conjures up the images of selfless love, care and affection. At the same time, women ignite the spirit of power and hope. Unfortunately, across the world, women had to fight for their independence and protection of rights. Since decades, women had struggled and are still fighting to express their right to speech, to vote, to equality, to education, to income and most importantly, to freedom.

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