

International Women's Day -2019

'Think Equal, Build Smart, and Innovate for Change'

Sree Vidyanikethan Educational Institutions celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2019 in Dasari Auditorium.

The programme began with Dr. V.R. Anitha, Convenor, Women Empowerment Cell highlighting the importance of the Women's Day and a few women who excelled in their careers.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Swarajya Lakshmi, Retired Principal, SPW Degree College, Tirupati said that she had visited the institution many a time and appreciated the development of the institution over the years to autonomous status. She even wished that the institution should grow further. She also exemplified the facts about the position of women in their personal and professional lives.



Chief Guest, Dr. Swarajya Lakshmi, Retired Principal, SPW Degree College, Tirupati, addressing the gathering

The Guest of Honour, Dr. R. Varalakshmi, Professor, Department of Home Science, Sri Padmavathi Mahila University, Tirupati spoke about the predicament of women's lives. She emphasized that women should be educated and aware of opportunities prevalent in the society. She even highlighted that women should be given equal opportunities in core and productive tasks besides just empowering them.



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Dr. P. C. Krishnamachary, Principal, SVEC, while speaking about the theme '*Think Equal, Build Smart, and Innovate for Change*' stated that women should think equally on par with men, build their career smart and try to innovate for change. He also stated that the innovative ways could progress gender equality and the empowerment of women, mostly in the areas of social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure. He expressed that women should speak with one voice, be accountable for all the actions and work with solidarity and strength. He stated that women faculty and staff of Sree Vidyanikethan are so fortunate to be a part of it and felt pride that Sree Vidyanikethan Educational Institutions recruit women and designate key positions equally with men as a gesture of respect.

Dr. I. Sudarsan Kumar, Director (Q&D), SVET acknowledged that 'Every day is Women's Day' and advised that men should respect women as it brings a positive change in the lives of women. He also stated that respect for women should start at home. Prof. B. Mohan, Director, SVIM, wished all the women to be successful in their endeavours.

Dr. B. Anuradha, Principal, SVCN, stated that the month of March as Women's History Month and spoke about the women of past, their struggles and success. She also illustrated eminent women such as Savithribai Phule, Florence Nightingale, and Anna Rajan. Prof. Gurunatha Naidu, Principal, SVDC stated the importance of women quoting two words '*women*' and '*she*' as these words have men and he in them, in other words without women, there are no men. Dr. C.K.

Ashok Kumar, Principal, SVCP spoke about the role of women in society. Deans and Heads of the Departments graced the occasion.

Several events like Debate for men faculty and staff, Presentation on Gender Diversity in Work Place, Instant Cooking (Organic), Paper Bag Puppets for women faculty and staff, and Mimicry for both women and men were conducted. The winners of the events were given prizes. The celebration ended with the National Anthem.



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