

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024

On the occasion of **International Women's Day** (8th March 2024), the **Women's Cell of Dravidian University**, organized international women's day celebrations. The event featured engaging speeches and interactive activities, with the aim of creating an enriching and meaningful experience for all participants. The program celebrated the strength, resilience, and achievements of women, while reaffirming the commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable world for women.

Dr. T. Shobha Rani, Women Cell Coordinator, Dravidian University, presented the theme of **International Women's Day (IWD) 2024: "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress."** This theme emphasizes the critical role of empowering women in advancing societal, economic, and sustainable development. Investing in women involves ensuring equal access to education, healthcare, leadership opportunities, and financial resources. Such efforts catalyze innovation, strengthen communities, and enhance global prosperity. By addressing gender disparities and fostering inclusive growth, we not only advocate for women's rights but also unlock the potential for faster, more equitable progress, paving the way for a better future for all.

Prof. Lokanatha Valluru, Dean of the School of Herbal Studies & Naturosciences, President of this program, delivered an inspiring speech about women in the present society. He highlighted their crucial contributions to various fields and emphasized the importance of creating an inclusive environment for their growth and success.

Prof. Madhu Jyothi Vice-chancellor of Dravidian university, Chief Guest delivered an inspiring speech (online) on Women's Day (8th March 2022), addressing Women invest in women—through education, and economic opportunities, healthcare, and leadership— we unlock boundless potential that uplifts families, strengthens communities, and accelerates development across all sectors. By breaking down barriers and fostering equality, we create a ripple effect of innovation, resilience, and prosperity. Let us commit to this investment, knowing that the future we build together will be brighter, stronger, and more inclusive for all.

Prof. T. Anuradha, Rector of Dravidian University and Guest of this program, delivered an encouraging speech aimed at girl students. She inspired them to pursue their dreams fearlessly and emphasized the importance of education in achieving their goals. Additionally, she highlighted the need for self-confidence and resilience to overcome challenges.

Dr. R.V.M. Nirmala, Member of the Executive Council , Dravidian University, Kuppam, Delivered a motivating speech about women's empowerment and resilience. She highlighted the pivotal role of education in shaping women's futures and emphasized the need for financial independence. Additionally, she encouraged women to break societal barriers and pursue leadership roles across various fields.

Smt.Thumati Nagamaneswari, D.F.O Social forestry Division, Rayachoti, Annamayya District, conducted an interactive session with students on the challenges faced by girls and women in various fields, particularly in the forest division. Later, she delivered an excellent speech highlighting women's strength and power.

Dr. Chitra Nagaraj, Professor and Head, PES Medical College, kuppam. Also delivered an insightful talk on women's health. She emphasized the importance of regular health check-ups and maintaining a balanced lifestyle. Additionally, she discussed the challenges women face in accessing healthcare and provided practical tips for improving mental and physical well-being.

On this occasion, all teaching and non-teaching staff, students, and research scholars participated in the program.





