

Women's day celebration Report 2023

Under the auspices of Women's Development Cell, GCET, Women's Day was celebrated based on the theme 'Feminine Force for Climate Change #Go Green' proposed by Women 20(W20), the official G20 engagement group. The event took place on 16th March 2023, at the auditorium of G H Patel College of Engineering and Technology (GCET), at 1:15 pm under the convenorship and co-convenorship of Dr. Krupal Parikh and Dr. Geetali Saha. Around 200 female students and 30 female staff members participated in the event. Function was hosted by female students, Ms. Aditi Thattil and Ms. Krishna Shah.

The celebration was commenced by prayer dance performed by Ameer Desai. Followed by prayer we had an expert lecture from our eminent guest speaker Dr. Sanskriti Suhas Mujumdar, Director of the Institute of Climate Change Research, MSU and Director of Alumni affairs and donor relations from MSU. With a teaching experience of 23 years, she is a recipient of Udgam Women's Achievers Award for Gujarat, Best Teachers Award from MSU and various other awards. She was welcomed on stage with a Tulsi sapling by Dr. Khadeeja Priyan, Head, Civil Engineering Department. She motivated and enlightened the girls through her expert session on how female force can impact the environment and climate change positively. She inspired the females to know that how an individual can make contributions to make the society healthy and sustainable for the future generations. After the expert talk, our guest speaker was presented memento by Dr. Maulika Patel, Head, Computer Engineering Department. Then the felicitation ceremony was carried forward with Dr. Geetali Saha being felicitated by our guest speaker. She is a UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Approved Expert from May 2022. She is also an approved stakeholder of the UN Ocean Decades Global Forum SDG 14 "Life Below Water". After that, Dr. Snehal Popli introduced Ms. Kalpanaben Shah. Dr. Geetali Saha and Dr. Krupal Parikh accompanied Kalpana Shah on stage and felicitated her for her outstanding courage and determination in the face of financial crisis.

The next phase of the event was the most awaited time for the day. The Fashion Fiesta was organised to encourage girls to show their fashion styles and bring out the confidence in them. 20 girls actively participated in the fashion walk which entailed the theme ethnic and cultural representation of native places of individuals. The event lit up more when seven faculties also participated as fashion walkers to represent their cultural connect. The entire crowd cheered up and had a gala time encouraging the participants.

The winners Ms. Ameer Desai and Ms. Heer Nimavat from the fashion walk were presented with gifts and certificates and were appreciated with a huge round of applause. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks and National Anthem.

The event was a huge success making the ladies feel more encouraged and powered to make their contributions as individuals and collectively to make a positive change on the climate.
