



### **A Report on International Women's Day Celebrations – 2023 :**

On March 8, 2023, the Women's Welfare Committee (WWC) of AJIET, Mangaluru, celebrated International Women's Day with great fervor and enthusiasm. The event, held in Seminar Hall 1, was a grand success and aimed to empower and inspire women. The program began with a soulful prayer led by Ms. Panchami, a first-year ISE student, seeking God's blessings for a successful event. Mrs. Divya A, a member of the Women's Welfare Committee, then extended a warm welcome to the audience. The highlight of the event was the presence of the esteemed Chief Guest, Mrs. Komal Prabhu, Co-Proprietrix, and COO of the Maharaja Group, Mangaluru. In her speech, Mrs. Prabhu shared her inspiring journey, starting from her childhood struggles to funding her high school education by taking up tuitions and babysitting. She also shared her entrepreneurial journey, starting with the establishment of the Maharaja Family Restaurant in Mangalore in 2002, and how she has become one of the best women entrepreneurs in the region. Mrs. Prabhu urged girls to pursue higher education, which is the most potent tool for empowerment.

The session was presided over by the Principal, Dr. Shantharama Rai, who spoke on the theme of Women's Day: "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality." Dr. Rai's speech inspired the audience to embrace technology and innovation to bring about gender equality.

The event also included essay writing and quiz competitions, and prizes were distributed to the winners. The guest of honor was felicitated by Dr. Shantha Kumari K, the Coordinator of the Women's Welfare Committee, along with the Principal and Vice-Principal.

Ms. Keerthana, a first-year Computer Science and Engineering student, proposed a vote of thanks, expressing her gratitude to the organizers, the Chief Guest, and the audience for their participation.

The Master of Ceremony, Ms. Risha Jesika Gonsalves, a 2nd-year Information Science and Engineering student, skillfully conducted the event, keeping the audience engaged throughout. Members of Womens Welfare Committee, Dr. Shobhitha Shetty, Mrs. Smitha Shetty and Mrs. Divya coordinated in the smooth conduction of the event.

The Women's Day program, held between 3:30 PM and 5:00 PM, witnessed the participation of women's teaching and non-teaching staff, along with all female students of AJIET, Mangaluru. The event was a grand success and left the audience feeling inspired and empowered.





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