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International Women's Day 7th March 2020

International Women's Day is celebrated worldwide on 8th March every year. Owing to Sunday on 8th March this year, it was celebrated on 7th at Symbiosis School of Planning Architecture and Design, Nagpur. This year's theme of International women's day is "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rightes". Ms. Vrundan Bawankar who is a social worker and founder & CEO of DEHAAT foundation, was invited as a chief guest for the event. The event took place in the seminar hall of the institute.

PROFILE OF GUEST :



Ms. Vrundan Bawankar Founder & CEO DEHAAT

DEHAAT Foundation is a nonprofitable organization which works for women empowerment and to provide rural children with quality education at the Pauni Tehsil of Bhandara District in Vidarbha Region.

Its vision is to empower the rural people, so that they don't have to move from their native

places to make their two ends meet. Now DEHAAT foundation wants to spread its wings by adding more products to its chivalry, needless to say — green and easy for unskilled women to manufacture. Over the next few years, the team size will grow to 5000 women.

In the beginning of the event Dr. Nandini Kulkarni, Deputy Director-SSPAD, Nagpur welcomed Ms. Vrundan Bawankar. After that Ms. Nivedita Fadnis presented a brief introduction of the Chief Guest to the students and also talked about the importance of gender equality and the need of celebrating the international women's day.



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In her speech Ms. Vrundan Bawankar told us about her social work and her DEHHAT foundation in detail, using audio visual medium which is an integral part of our seminar hall establishment.

Then she addressed the gathering about International Women's Day celebration. She emphasized that real gender equality can be achieved by celebrating the men's and women's day both and not the women's day alone, because when we celebrate women's day alone and talk about empowering them, somewhere in a corner of our mind we feel that women are the weaker sex, whereas in fact men and women are equal in all the forms of strength. The better education and health facilities can make them even better cohabitants.

On the occasion she addressed girls in particular that they should know their rights to defend themselves and should be alert and careful enough while being in proximity of the opposite sex. The milestone to be reached was the basic thought that for every girl in every family education is must, this awareness among the society will further result in overall development of a community and the whole nation. She said that she is happy being born as a girl and understand what other girls and women feel. She reiterated that gender equality and the importance of maintaining balance between career and family is very important for a healthy society.

After the speech of the chief guest, Dr. Nandini Kulkarni madam announced an interaction session for students and felicitated some of them who put their thoughts in front of all the people present in the hall. Siddharth in particular who asserted that men and women are the same, received gift from the Chief Guest.

At the end of the session Dr. Nandini Kulkarni madam addressed the students on the gender equality, she told them to realize the context of the event forever and mean the gender equality by heart.



Vandini Kulkarni (Deputy Director, SSPAD) Dy. Director iosis School of Planning. rchitecture & Design (SSPAD) Nagpur-08



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