

Celebration of International Women Day (7th March-2014)

The first and primary thing about being a woman is being a creator, being an essential foundation of this society we should all be indebted to women by the very act of being born. A Great saying “You educate a man, you educated a man. You educate a woman, you educated a generation.” Women were once confined mainly to the role of home-makers, and were expected to take care of their family. With time, women have also taken up responsibilities outside home, and have become bread earners and play a major role in the society.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari has celebrated **International Women's Day (IWD)** on March 7, 2014 at Navsari. The main purpose of this program was to build capacity of women especially farm women their role in social, cultural, health and economic empowerment.

The inaugural function of this auspicious programme was graced by the Chief Guest Shri. Govindbhai Dholakia, Chairman RamKrishna export, Surat. Maheshbhai savani Chairman Savani group in the solemn presence of Dr. A.R. Pathak, Honb'le Vice-Chancellor; Inaugurator of the function Dr. Sandhyaben Bhullar IAS, District collector, Navsari, Dr. A.N. Sabalpara, Director of Research & Dean P.G. Studies; Dr.H.J. Derashri, Director of Extension Education; Mind trainer Dr. Jitendra Adhiya MD, Dr.C.K. Timbadia, Programme Coordinator, KVK; Deans of different faculties, University Officers, of Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari; and other dignitaries.

Dr.Sandhyben Bhullar IAS, District collector, Navsari, inaugurator of the function, in her speech briefed about ‘Power of vote’ and role of women’s in all the sectors including agriculture. On this occasion a booklet compiled by Dr. Jitendra Adhiya Mind trainer was distributed to all for more awareness amongst the women for their mind power and mental health.

On this occasion Dr.A.R.Pathak, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, in his presidential speech said “Women play a critical role in the agriculture production, because agriculture merely not only involves production of food grains but also production of milk, egg, wool, silk etc, where women play a major role. Hence, women empowerment should not merely be a government agenda it should be in practice”.

KVK has identified 20 women farmers including tribal women farmers in the district who has made remarkable achievement in the field of agriculture by scrutinizing committee. They are expert in ‘Papadi’ making, Value addition of the food products, *viz.*, Nagali biscuits, canned fruits and vegetables, Excellent Kitchen gardener and vegetable vendor etc.They are facilitated during the function. For this we received cash and product support from the big corporate bodies.

It is a great congregation that the big corporate bodies and Krishi Vigyan Kendra came in single platform for the benefit of the women farmer by Public Private Participate mode.

About 5000 women farmers participated from five different taluks of Navsari district and benefitted through inspiring and spiritual lectures delivered by Smt. Gayatriben Vyas, Gujarat Vanvasi Kalyan Parishad, Baroda on the importance of *Stri brun hatya*, Dr. Kirthaben Vaid, Professor, B.P. Baria Science College, Navsari, “Lecture on *Stri kelavani*” (woman and their talent)’ and Dr. Swatiben Naik, Professor, B.P. Baria Science College, Navsari, “Lecture on *Nari Gaurav* (womanhood dignity)’. The cultural programmes like dance, dramas as well as awareness programme of snakes’ show of Forestry College & Wild Life Saving Group also made the event an attractive and educative.

This function is telecasted in Doordarshan, GTPL and N7 TV channel on the evening of the same day.

