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JIVANTIKA 2020

One Day Symposium on Woman & Leadership

Shri Darshanbhai Desai, the founder of District mother NGO Sarada Foundation, supported this event at M R Desai Arts & EELK Commerce College, Chikhli.

On 7th March 2020, M R Desai Arts and E. E. Laher Kosadiya Commerce College, Chikhli, hosted the "Jivantika Symposium," a women empowerment program aimed at celebrating women's leadership. The symposium was titled "Jivantika," which denotes "women as life-givers," reflecting its focus on recognizing and empowering women leaders.

As the symposium focused on encouraging women, Dr. Unkat and Mrs. Unkat, a renowned journalist couple, and other speakers addressed the importance of women in leadership positions.

Aims and Objectives:

1. **Recognition of Women Leaders:** To honour and felicitate female leaders from various fields who have made significant contributions to their respective domains.
2. **Empowerment of Sarpanchs:** To acknowledge and support female sarpanchs (village heads) from surrounding areas, promoting their leadership roles in local governance.
3. **Inspiration and Motivation:** To inspire young women and students to aspire to leadership roles and break societal stereotypes.
4. **Guest Lecture:** To provide insights and wisdom through a guest lecture by Shri Unkat couple on leadership and empowerment.

Key Highlights:

- **Felicitations:** Distinguished female leaders were felicitated for their achievements and contributions to society, highlighting their roles as trailblazers in various fields.

- **Sarpanch Recognition:** Female sarpanchs from neighbouring villages were honoured for their pivotal roles in community development and governance.
- **Guest Lecture:** Shri Unkat couple delivered a thought-provoking lecture on leadership, emphasizing the importance of women's empowerment and their crucial role as agents of change.

Outcomes:

- **Inspired Leadership:** The symposium inspired young women and students to pursue leadership roles and contribute meaningfully to society.
- **Community Recognition:** Recognition of female sarpanchs reinforced their leadership in local governance and encouraged more women to participate in grassroots politics.
- **Awareness and Empowerment:** Increased awareness about women's contributions across various sectors, promoting gender equality and empowerment in the community.

Felicitation of Women Achievers:

Sports: 1. Kum. Priyanka Patel

Social Service: 1. Smt. Dakshaben Patel
2. Dr. Anjana Desai
3. Smt. Jayaben Panchal

Literature: 1. Dr. Parul Desai
2. Ms. Madhvi Karve

Education: 1. Ms. Pinal Vasavalva

Media: 1. Ms. Vaishali Patel

Business: 1. Ms. Karishma Desai

Fashion: 1. Vanita Raval

Drama: 1. Dr. Hema Shukla

Societal Impact: The "Jivantika Symposium" not only celebrated women's achievements but also served as a platform to discuss gender parity, leadership, and the importance of women's empowerment in today's society. By highlighting exemplary female leaders and honouring

female sarpanchs, the event aimed to foster a more inclusive and equitable community where women are recognized as pivotal contributors to societal progress.

The "Jivantika Symposium" at M R Desai Arts and Commerce College was a resounding success in promoting women's empowerment and leadership around 427 participants took part in the event. By honouring female leaders and *sarpanchs*, and hosting insightful guest lectures, the event underscored the college's commitment to nurturing future women leaders and fostering gender equality. It is hoped that such initiatives will continue to inspire and empower women across all spheres of life.

Importance of Female Leadership and Women Empowerment in India: Female leadership and women empowerment are crucial for the holistic development of any society, especially in India. Empowering women to take on leadership roles leads to more diverse and inclusive decision-making processes, which can address a broader range of issues and challenges effectively. Women leaders bring unique perspectives and skills that are essential for driving social, economic, and political progress. Promoting gender equality and empowering women not only enhances the well-being of families and communities but also contributes significantly to the nation's overall development and prosperity.



