

**Aarupadai Veedu Medical College & Hospital**  
**Kirumampakkam, Pondy-Cuddalore main road, Pondicherry-607403**

**International Women's Day 2020**

Aarupadai Veedu Medical College celebrated International Women's Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The Chief guest and Guest of Honor were **Dr. Devipriya**, Chairperson, Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Puducherry and **Dr. Kumudha**, Professor and HOD, Department of Neonatology, Saveetha Medical College, Chennai.

Dr. P.F. Kotur, Dean, AVMC; Dr. K. Jayasingh, MS; Dr. V. N. Mahalakshmi, Dean-HPE; Dr. Vishnu Bhat, Director, Research - AVMC; Dr. Muthamizhselvi, Principal, Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing (VMCN); Dr N D Rajan, Director – BASLP were present for the program. All Teaching and Non-teaching staff participated enthusiastically. Sneha and Swethamohan, 1st yr MBBS students were the Master of Ceremony. The program was conducted bilingually for a better transmission of information and a greater impact. Majority of the men and women turned up in purple dress as a mark of solidarity to women.

All present were welcomed by the men from **Happy Angels Team** of AVMC with a rose and a chocolate. **Mrs. Justin Mary**, Nursing Superintendent, AVMC delivered the welcome address. A video on Mahakavi Subramanya Bharthiyar's song "Thunbam illadha Nilaye Shakthi" was played followed by the Lamp Lighting by all the dignitaries. Dignitaries were joined by a female – Faculty, Student, Clerk, Attender and Technician. Dr Latha, Prof & Head, Department of Microbiology and Ms Vanitha, Tutor, VMCN spoke on the Significance and Theme of Women's Day. Dr Nalini, Ms. Dharmapriya and Ms A. Chitra spoke on " Exploring equality of women in - Workplace, Public and Domestic spaces respectively. **Dr. Lakshmi Jatiya**, HOD & Prof, Physiology and **Ms. S. Esther Rubial**, Head staff, AVMC read out poems in Tamil and Hindi in praise and glory of women. Women Achievers of AVMC and associated Institutes in the campus were recognised.

Dr Devipriya , Chief Guest and Dr Kumudha, Guest of Honour spoke on the women rights and Maternal and Child Nutrition. Dr. Kotur, Dean spoke on Gender equality and NO BIOS policy for the employees in campus. Dr Mahalakshmi administered the Pledge of solidarity.

All dignitaries, students and staff participated in the "Strike a Pose - Each for Equal" and I sign up for "Each for Equal". Poster Competition was also conducted.

Function ended with vote of thanks by Principal, VMCN, National Anthem and High tea.

- Highlights:**
1. Strike a Pose-Each for Equal
  2. I sign up for Each for Equal
  3. Debate/ Poetry on Women
  4. Pledge for Solidarity
  5. Poster Competition



Strike a Pose-Each for Equal



I sign up for Each for Equal



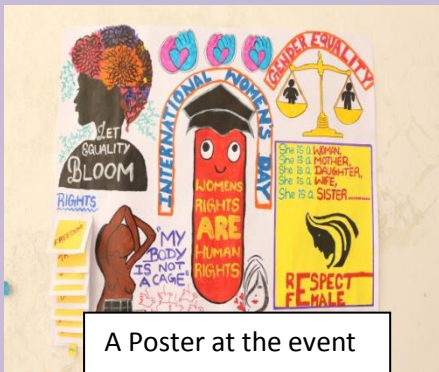
Guests and Audience



Guests with Dean



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A Poster at the event



Dean says Women more than Men



Audience taking part in Solidarity Pledge