

International Women’s day celebrated at IIT Bhubaneswar

Focus on Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world
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IIT Bhubaneswar director R. V. Raja Kumar felicitates women achievers. Image Source: IIT Bhubaneswar

The Women Welfare Committee of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar, organised a thought-provoking session on campus to celebrate International Women's Day.

The theme for this year’s celebration, “Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world”, recognised the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rajita Kulkarni, president of the World Forum for Ethics in Business and president Sri Sri University, was the chief guest via video conferencing. Snehanjali Mohanty, senior member of the State Commission for Women Odisha, attended the event as guest of honour. The event was presided over by IIT Bhubaneswar director R.V. Raja Kumar.

Kumar about the need to create awareness about making gender parity a culture in the society. He lauded the education ministry’s decision to increase the supernumerary seats for women candidates. He stressed the need for promoting women as entrepreneurs and as heads of organisations. Encouraging women to incubate technologies, create start-ups and seed funding opportunities would greatly help in this endeavour, he said.

Kulkarni spoke about the several complex aspects of womanhood with examples from daily life. She inspired the audience with a message about breaking stereotypes and accepting the path of change.

Advocate Mohanty emphasised on empowering women with a sense of pride and dignity and the need to set up internal complaints committees at workplaces.

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