

Report on International Women's Day Celebrations at NEIST , Jorhat

International Women's Day was celebrated at NEIST, Jorhat on 8th March 2016. The celebrations started with the announcement of competitions organized by the IWDC. The competitions were held on composition of theme song and quiz. A large number of members of the NEIST and NEIST family participated in the competitions.

The Main function was held on 08-03-2016 with a symposium on the topic "Pledge for parity in Science from Mangalyaan to Mushroom". Dr Dipanwita Banik, scientist anchored the proceedings. The symposium began with a welcome song. Convenor of the Organising Committee, Dr Kalpataru Dutta Mudoi presented the Welcome address and called for progress in which there will be no need to demand parity. Chief Guest, Mrs Anuradha Sarma Puzari, who was introduced by Mrs Purnajyoti Deka Bhuyan deliberated on – *'Women- Today and tomorrow'*. Tracing the genesis of reciprocal strength of man and woman, she discussed the status of woman, vis a vis globalization, economic empowerment, impact of science on thought process etc. The Guest-of-honour, Dr Aditi Bezbaruah was introduced by Dr Runjun Sharma. Dr Aditi Bezbaruah, in her presentation – *"Women in Science – looking backward and forward"*, highlighted the fact that contribution of women to science through the ages is immense and remarkable for their success in the face of adversity. Chairman of the proceedings, Dr D Ramaiah, Director, NEIST, remarked on the immense potentialities still to be realized among the women workers and pointed out the paradigm shift in women issues in recent times. He advised to hold the symposium in such a way that the working women of NEIST can showcase their work.

Dr Swapnali Hazarika, gave a brief overview of the Competitions held and conducted the prize distribution ceremony. She conveyed the message of good wishes in the form of a poem from eminent personality, Mr Nurul Haque. Vote of thanks for the first session of the symposium was offered by Dr Archanamoni Das in which she thanked resource persons and all others for their contribution. In the post lunch interactive session, the participants got a chance to interact with the resource persons and discuss the issues confronting women in taking their career forward and other aspects of the day to day life. The symposium concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Kalpataru Dutta Mudoi.



