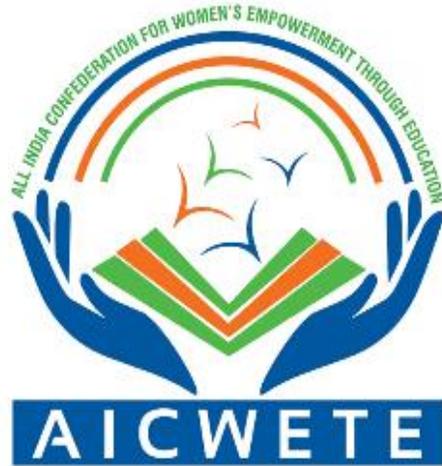


All India Confederation for Women Empowerment through Education (AICWETE)



Activities- 2017

Women's Day Celebration:

8th March 2017

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION SEMINAR

Emancipation through Education:

Promising an era of Empowerment and Justice for Women in India

AICWETE on 8th of March 2017 in the esteemed presence of various dignitaries from all across India celebrated International Women' Day.

The august gathering of dignitaries like Justice M.S.A. Siddiqui and Mr. Sundar Kukreja, MD & CEO Mohan Overseas Pvt. Ltd. enlightened the programme with their insights on girl education and skill development.

Dr. Shabistan Gaffar initiated the programme by welcoming all. She also enlightened us with her beautiful ideas of woman and a dignified life which she should hold. She talked about the different

phases of girls life and the dilemma of educated girls' life. A girl child is made educated by her parents but after their marriages a role reversal is expected from the girls and their education and all the dreams of her parents and herself subdues in behind. Therefore the girls should be groomed with the legal right awareness and skillful teachings so that they are able to maintain an identity of their own. While building their identity they should lead life modestly, fight all odds and live all their roles as a role model woman. All the dignitaries were also presented with a plant to welcome them.

Justice MSA Siddiqui the chief patron of AICWETE shared his golden view on Women's day. He said that half of the population is womenfolk and half given birth by them. He emphasized on the dual nature of Indian Customs where women are worshipped as the three main goddesses Durga, Saraswati, Lakshmi giving the there major portfolios of power, education and economy. However in daily life women are the most victims of domestic violence. They are burnt for dowry and many other causes. He thus said political empowerment for women is needed. Women have a constructive mind as they reform society and thus the time has come for women to take their position in the most dignified way from society.

On the occasion of Women's Day Celebration AICWETE invited eminent dignitaries to discuss on the initiation of a **promising era of Empowerment and Justice for Women in India** through educating them in various fields under the topic.

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The theme of the programme was thus women empowerment and the whole panel discussion revolved around that. However the programme was also marked by the inauguration and unveiling of the brand **SARA** of Apparels under the programme **Hunar Se Rozgar Tak** by AICWETE. The backdrop of this new inception in the long list of achievements of AICWETE was a 2 year old initiative which was taken under the idea of microfinance in which few women from Muslim Women Welfare Organisation, Okhla were helped with an amount start their own businesses. However with the passing of time we realized that these women and girls bear a lot of potential and should be given a big exposure. Then these set of women were introduced to Mohan Overseas Pvt Ltd of Mr Sundar Kukreja where they were given training of high end machines. These girls proved to be the best batches of all and some of them were also offered a job by Mr Kukreja on this occasion of Women's day while each batch girls were given certificate of excellence.

Mr. Sundar Kukreja our guest of honour congratulated AICWETE for the brand launch SARA and said that I wish it becomes as big as the company Zara.

The other notable guest speakers present there added to the discussion on the present day status of women in India in various aspects of life limitations and opportunities. Eminent **Prof Halima Sadiya Rizvi** of Jamia Milia Islamiya congratulated AICWETE for celebrating womanhood with such grace. She said this is Eid and this womens' day is of women, for women but by everybody. She further added that women are already the strongest then why empowerment. She further marked out that the process of education in our country has made everybody literate but not educated. With taking mere degrees the scope for getting menial jobs and also skill related jobs in unorganized sector has been curtailed. However she ended by putting emphasis on skill enhancement among women and the need to get empowered through economic independence. Another dignitary, **Anju Mehrotra** principal Kalka ji Public School mentioned about the need to be bold for change and also that we should realize our potential in all adversities. She cited example of achievers like Aaliya Abdullah India's first car racing driver and Harsh Kanchan who is India's first fire fighter. She also very beautifully explained that how we should empower ourselves by enriching us from inside our soul and we will achieve the best. Another speaker who graced the dice was **Mrs Preity Rawat**, Director Little Umbrella an ngo which runs for street kids. She on the occasion of womens' day made us aware of the various methods which Little Umbrella employs to uplift and mainstream these kids from street. Alternative education she mentioned is the key through which education is made attractive to these kids. She mentioned cases where kids in drug addiction were mainstreamed with alternative education in fields like theatre, painting etc. Next Dignitary was a very young woman but an achiever **Ms Firdos** from Delhi Commission for Women. She initiated by saying that how we gather only for show cause and not for the real causes. She mentioned her own initiatives of teaching migrant men from Rajasthan. The impact of which is such that now these men teach their womenfolk at their home and the biggest achievement was that these men when they went to their village they signed a petition against dowry in their panchayat and this was passed also. The causes of women were served in the best way. She also mentioned that how she runs a library in Okhla and the girls from Muslim Community mainly marginalized gather there to read, learn and get empowered in this process. After her the dice was taken over by **Ms Bella Das**, Executive Director national Coalition for Education. She said that as it is always discussed that poverty is major reason for all problems but I would say that it is the mindset which is wrong. We need to fight for our rights for which action is required. The womenfolk everywhere should share their talents and encourage each other to grow and don't wait for anybody else to come and change you. Girls should realize their self worth. She mentioned example of group of women who were able to take step against alcohol only after government of Bihar

banned it thus intervention of society for women empowerment is essential. The other guest speaker was **Mr Nafees**, a personality development and soft skill trainer. He very cogently explained through his own experiences that there is always a way out of all adversities. One can answer any question of life if work hard. Through personality development and soft skill training one empower the women to embrace all odds and bring an answer to all the questions which have kept her behind. **J D Bakshi**, National Project Director, Institute of Social Action another speaker for the evening also added to the celebration by congratulating all womenfolk for being so great and also the girls who have received certificates in Hunar Se Rozgar Tak programme and said that I wish that they also become a renowned fashion designer in future. The last but not the least speaker was **Arfa Khanum**, Rajya Sabha TV. She very prominently talked about the flaws which gender discourses in genetal have. In coherence with AICWETE she said that the discussions should move out of discourse on problems alone. She said that there are women who in the best of the ambience discuss these issues but never work to change it. But she congratulated AICWETE that these women who are here are average women who are actual harbinger fo change and hence the change is visible in the celebration of womanhood by AICWETE. She also gave advice to men to stop protecting women but love them , guide them and become their friend and not an instructor of life. Other than speakers dignitaries Mr Naimur Rehman from Chennai also spoke on the womanhood and the need for change. He also congratulated Dr Gaffar for her long journey of work for women at pan India Level.

Justice MSA Siddiqui at the end of the programme presented **certificate of appreciation** to **Mr Sundar Kukreja** for his excellence in skill training and his role as employment generator. Another certificate was given to **Mamduha Majid**, Muslim Women Welfare Organisation for excellent for her immense contribution in skill training among gilrs from marginalized background. On her behalf the teachers from her centre received the awards. One more certificate was given to **Mohd. Arif** our employee who worked to mobilize the beneficiaries of Hunar Se Rozgar tak Programme.

A Cultural event by Master Arham a student from programme Urooj of AICWETE was conducted in which he sang two beautiful songs and mesmerized the whole audience. Here Dr Gaffar after listening to him announced to help him in his training in singing.

The programme thus ended on very positive note with solutions towards women issues emerging from all discussions and also in the name of SARA brand by AICWETE for women beneficiaries under Hunar Se Rozgar tak Programme. Lastly all the august gathering of dignitary speakers and our audience from Okhla, Delhi University students, Jamia Milia Islamiya students were thanked by our Secretary, Adv Junais Padalath.



Justice MSA Siddiqui addressing the seminar



Persons listening to the dignitaries during the seminar