

## Celebration of International women's Day 2023 at ICAR-IVRI

International Women's Day (IWD) 2023 was celebrated at ICAR-IVRI with week long competitions on theme of DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality. The programme was concluded on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 with a grand celebration including skit performance by students of IVRI, Elocution Competition: What 'SHE' means to you- Celebrating Womanhood and felicitation of all winners who participated in various competitions.



Celebrating the spirit of women's day, the programme was started with photography competition on theme of women in animal husbandry. This event was organised by Dr. Asok Kumar and his team during 25-28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2023. On 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Poster/Painting competition was organized on theme of women leadership in agriculture by Dr Suman Talukder and his team. On the next day Fancy dress competition was organized on theme of Women empowerment by Dr Anshuk Sharma and his team. On the same day Banana race competition was organised for children.

To celebrate International year of Millet 2023 "Millet based lunch box for school" was organised by Dr Geeta Chauhan and her team on 3<sup>rd</sup> march, 2023. The participants had shown creativity and innovativeness in preparation and presentation of millet based recipe. Next event *Rangoli* making on the theme Women empowerment was organised by Dr Anju Kala and her team.

The valedictory session of International Women's Day was started with a welcome address by Dr Rupasi Tiwari, Joint Director of Extension Education. She welcomed the dignitaries and

provided a brief summary of various programmes undertaken by ICAR-IVRI on the week long competitions of International Women's Day.



Dr Mahesh Chander, Head & Nodal Officer, GATI spoke about GATI: Progress & Expectations, the importance of GATI Pilot on the occasion of International Women's Day. He highlighted about work place challenges for women and how to manage them. He emphasized the responsibility to empower women for gender equality.

Dr Mendiratta Joint Director (Academic) had stated that enrolment and percentage of girls' student had significantly increased over the years in deemed university. He also stressed upon to take more steps to make university women friendly.

Dr K.P. Singh Joint Director (CADRAD) also highlighted contributions of women in various field. He also said that girls' enrolment in university is increasing over the years. The mind set of Indian society is also slowly changing and now it has recognized women contributions in the society and overall in nation building.



The programme was concluded with remarks of Dr Triveni Dutt, Director & Vice Chancellor, ICAR-IVRI. He emphasized upon SDG 5 which indicates about gender equality; also he stressed upon eliminating all forms of discrimination against all women and girl everywhere by 2030. He also said gender equality could only be achieved in society when both male and female are treated equally. He also said that without women empowerment India can't be transformed from developing to developed nation by 2047.

The Program was coordinated by Dr Shruti, Scientist, Extension Education Division. Further, the prizes were given to the winners who participated in various competitions. The IWD programme witnessed overwhelming participation of more than 150 students in various competitions programme and around 200 staff joined the programme.

The Program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Shruti, Scientist, Extension Education Division.





