

International women's day celebrations

At

ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad-500030,

March 8th, 2021-A report

The celebrations for International women's Day were earmarked with the specific theme of **“Women Leadership in Agriculture-Entrepreneurship, equity and empowerment”** as per the guidelines of ICAR. At IIOR, a series of events were conducted on 3rd March, 2021 like quiz competition and Just a Minute (JAM) debates for all women scientists, SRFs, Technical and students highlighting the women leaders in different fields varying from sports to politics. About thirty people participated in both the competitions. Most of the women spoke about their inspiring women, challenges faced by a working women vs house wife and the most common fears faced by women. An online interaction meeting was conducted on International women's Day in which about 100 people participated. Lead speaker Ms. P. Kondaveeti Satyavati, Director, Bhumika women's collective, an NGO explained about the activities conducted for extending help to women in distress through a 24 hour help line run by the centre. She explained about the different legal acts made in the constitution and the importance of “Internal Complaints committee” in support of sexual harassment at workplace and the genesis of various acts made in our constitution. Gender sensitization in different sectors like women and child welfare, judiciary and police played a key role in providing a safe and secure society to women. Three women farmers viz., G. Rani Pramesh, Smt. Latha Manappa and Smt. Sujatha Nagesh from Nizamabad district who have contributed immensely to the spread of improved technologies of different oilseed crops like castor and sunflower were facilitated and complimented for their leadership role in inspiring other women farmers towards agriculture. Two eminent retired scientists, Dr.P.S. Vimala Devi and Dr.K. Anjani were also felicitated in recognition to their significant role in entrepreneurship of bio-pesticides and high oleic acid safflower varieties followed by prizes to all the winners. Dr. M. Sujatha, Director (Acting), ICAR-IIOR in her closing remarks emphasized the need of encouraging women farmers as entrepreneurs and explore different options for popularization of edible oil products of sesame, linseed and safflower. The event was conducted by the team of Women Cell at ICAR-IIOR including Chairman Dr. C. Lavanya, Principal Scientist, Members-Dr. Aziz Qureshi, Principal Scientist, Ms. Ch.V. Haripriya, CTO, Ms. S. Swarupa Rani, Ms. B. Kistamma and Member Secretary, Dr. Sankari Meena, Scientist under the able guidance and leadership of Dr. M. Sujatha, Director (Acting), ICAR-IIOR.



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