

Women's Day Celebrations

APTI women's forum celebrated women's day in a grand manner. The theme of the day was "Inspire and Celebrate". The function started with invocation song by Dr. Chaitra Srinivas followed by lighting of the lamp by all dignitaries. Dr. Raman Dang, Secretary, APTI delivered his introductory speech about women empowerment.

Dr. Pravin Digambar Chaudhari, President, APTI, welcomed the dignitaries. He enunciated that woman is an epitome of maturity, extra ordinary power of tolerance, endurance and the first role model to the society and encouraged all women forum members to do patentable research and upgrade and update their knowledge and skills to match up with their contemporaries and wished a peaceful life and bright future to all.

Dr. Vandana B Patravale, convenor of women's forum, expounded regarding the history of women's forum which started on 8th March, 2014 and is presently having approximately 1500 members. She motivated all women pharma scientists with her speech on "Technology transfer from bench to bed side: Challenges, learnings and opportunities".

Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, Chief Guest, Principal Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Health and Family Welfare requested all pharmacists to counsel the patients, especially regarding the side effects of antibiotics.

Dr. B L Sujatha Rathod, Guest of Honour, Professor of Ophthalmology, Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute, Bangalore, noted in her speech how women stand to create difference in the society and requested all to join hands to make a safe society. She requested that each mother should teach her child to respect women which can lead to a healthy society.

Special invitee, Dr. Amina Ather, Chief Scientific Advisor for Health Education, UNESCO, encouraged all women to enjoy each day as women's day and to appreciate oneself.

Dr. Vimala Devi, CEO, Auro Pharma (P) Limited and Dr. Maharukh Rustomjee, CEO, Amaterasu Life Sciences LLP, were felicitated for being women of substance.

Inspirational and motivational scientific sessions were delivered by Dr. K. Ruckmani, Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, Anna University, Thiruchirappalli, on "Translational Research: Mind to Market-Lessons for the Researcher", Dr. Ritu Medhiratta, consultant-IP Manager, Centre for cellular and molecular platforms NCBS-TIFR, Bangalore on "IP & Technology Transfer", Mrs. Ivy Louis, Founder Director, VIENNI Training and consulting LLP, Bangalore & President-Elect PDA India Chapter on "Strength and its interpretations at work", Dr. HS Savithri, Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore on "Career Opportunities for women in Science and Technology".

The celebrations concluded with entertainment programme.

