



International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated annually on March 8th to recognize the achievements and contributions of women to society, and to raise awareness about the challenges they continue to face in achieving gender equality.

The day was first observed in 1911 and has since become a global movement to promote women's rights and gender equality. It is a day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women, while also acknowledging the work that still needs to be done to achieve full equality.

This year, WDC Cell, GTU organized the celebration of International Women's Day on 06/03/2023 for the whole day. The event started with the lamp lighting followed by GTU song as a part of our tradition. Ms. Jignasha Acharya, Assistant Professor, GTU welcomed and greeted everyone present in the auditorium and also introduced the invited expert - Dr. Jolly Dhar (SAC/ISRO Scientist, "G", Head MSRD). Dr. Pankajray Patel (Hon'ble I/c Vice Chancellor, GTU) was requested to welcome the guest with a shawl and a memento. Dr. Komal Borisagar (Associate professor, GTU-GSET & GTU-WDC Chairperson) was requested to welcome the beautiful audience followed by the encouraging thoughts shared by Dr. K. N. Kher (Registrar, GTU).

The stage was then handed over to the expert who shared her experience as a senior scientist at SAC ISRO and chose "Self-reliance in ISRO's radar sensors and women contribution" to address all the women stakeholders of the university – departmental students, teaching staff and non-teaching staff.

Through her session, she provided a glimpse of various functionalities of ISRO. She also threw light on how women at ISRO work - challenges not only faced but overcome. She even shared that work culture at ISRO has been truly motivating and encouraging for women to work. Also, she introduced the audience to detailed factual information about ISRO, types of satellites, types of orbits, how is remote sensing helpful to the society at large, microwave vs optical remote sensing, ISRO's microwave radar sensors, and such other details; the launch of the space vehicles were only witnessed through the videos and the movies till then.

Dr. Pankajray Patel (Hon'ble I/c Vice Chancellor, GTU) in his address also appreciated the women stakeholders at GTU for their contribution towards the success of the University thereby motivating them to continue developing their skills for the betterment of the society at large. The morning session ended with a vote of thanks

proposed by Dr. Radhika Gandhi (Assistant Professor, GSMS-GTU & GTU-WDC Coordinator).

Few glimpses of the morning session:



In the post-lunch session, team of Kreeda Tantra Academy was invited for games and recreational activities led by women coaches of the academy. The academy is well-known for their unique, recreational, and engaging activities. The women audience had a relaxing time away from work-life stress for almost 2 hours. A woman definitely deserves to have some fun and below is the glimpse of the fun time:

