



Gujarat Technological University has established Vidushi Gargi Centre for Women Development. Centre is actively working for the betterment of the all the female stakeholders of the university. University is able to provide the best working environment for the female on campus.

Recently as we know India holds the Presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. The 43 Heads of Delegations - the largest ever in G20 - will be participating in the final New Delhi Summit in September next year India is holding the G20 presidency in 2023.

The Govt of India has appointed the renowned classical dancer *Dr Sandhya Purecha* as the Chair of W20, an engagement group for Gender Equality with India's G20 Summit. She had Chaired W20 India 2023 during the Post Summit at W20 in Bali, Indonesia. Presented issues at the same time.

- Empowering Women in Nano, Micro, & Start up Enterprises
- Role of Women as Change makers in Climate Resilience Action
- Creating and Enabling Ecosystem for Women Leaders at the Grassroots
- Improving Access through Infrastructure & Skill to bridge the Gender Digital Divide
- Creating Pathways for Women through Education & Skilling
- Women-led Development in India

Moreover in line with this The United Nations Observance of IWD recognizes and celebrates the women and girls who are championing the advancement of transformative technology and digital education. It will explore the impact of the digital gender gap on widening economic and social inequalities.

Bringing women and other marginalized groups into technology results in more creative solutions and has greater potential for innovations that meet women's needs and promote gender equality.

Their lack of inclusion, by contrast, comes with massive costs: as per UN Women's Gender Snapshot 2022 report, women's exclusion from the digital world has shaved \$1 trillion from the gross domestic product of low- and middle-income countries in the last decade—a loss that will grow to \$1.5 trillion by 2025 without action.

A gender-responsive approach to innovation, technology and digital education can increase the awareness of women and girls regarding their rights and civic engagement. Advancements in digital technology offer immense opportunities to address development and humanitarian challenges, and to achieve the 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals.

In lieu of that Commissionerate of Technical Education has appeal all the higher educational institutes to take awareness session for all the stakeholders of the university various areas related to women empowerment.

In line with that Gujarat Technological University has organized one session on "Role of women in cooperative and entrepreneurship". The event started with the lamp lighting followed by GTU song as a part of our tradition. Dr. Nilam Nathani, Assistant Professor, GTU welcomed and greeted everyone present in the auditorium and also introduced the invited expert - Mr. Darshan Sedani (President, Co-founder IntelliMedia Network). 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 august audience with brief about G20 and W20.

The stage was then handed over to the expert who shared his experience regarding role of the women in various platforms in the society. Expert has given more emphasis on what are the challenges of the women in the industry, society and entrepreneurship to create positive stand with herself. In the 21st century how women are going to explore very rapidly cooperative society, entrepreneurships, start-ups etc were discussed. Whole world wide what are the agenda related to women involvement in the economy growth by removing digital divide was discussed. Session was ended up with discussing how one female should be in reaction, thought clarity, identity and softness. Session was concluded with question answer by the audience related to women freedom, mind state and journey towards acceptance and balance relationship.

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 session ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Radhika Gandhi (Assistant Professor, GSMS-GTU & GTU-WDC Coordinator).

Few glimpses of the session:

