



VIDUSHI GARGI CENTRE *for* WOMEN DEVELOPMENT



Event Report

Event Title: Viksit Bharat @2047—Participation of Women in Research & Innovation

Event Date: 10.03.2025

Event time: 10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M

Venue: A2-hall, GTU main building, GTU, Chandkheda

No. of participants - 100

Invited Guests:

1. Dr. Niharika Vohra, Professor, IIM Ahmedabad
2. Ms. Minal Purohit, Scientist & System Engineer, ISRO

About the event:

As part of the International Women's Day celebration, Gujarat Technological University (GTU) successfully organized an event themed "Viksit Bharat @2047—Participation of Women in Research & Innovation" at the Chandkheda Campus on 10th March, 2025. The event was hosted by the Vidushi Gargi Centre for Women Development (WDC), GTU, in collaboration with the Research & Development (R&D) Cell, GTU. The celebration aimed to highlight the significant contributions of women in science, technology, and research, inspiring the next generation of researchers and innovators.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Rajesh Thakker, Director, R&D Cell, GTU, followed by address of Dr. K. N. Kher, Registrar, GTU, who emphasized the pivotal role of women in advancing science and technology. He acknowledged their contributions and encouraged young researchers to actively engage in research and innovation.

Distinguished speakers included Dr. Neharika Vohra, Professor at IIM-Ahmedabad, who shared her research journey and motivated women to cultivate research as a habit, emphasizing dedication and perseverance. Ms. Minal Rohit, Scientist & Systems Engineer, ISRO, captivated the audience by sharing her experiences working on India's Moon, Mars, and Solar Missions, highlighting the importance of determination and strong willpower in achieving one's goals. She also discussed various monitoring systems that contribute to the protection of the Earth and humanity.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Komal Borisagar, Chairperson, WDC, GTU, who highlighted the importance of the seminar and expressed gratitude to all esteemed speakers, dignitaries, and attendees. She acknowledged the collaborative efforts of WDC and the R&D Cell, GTU, in making the event a grand success.

More than 100 female students, research scholars, and faculty members participated in the event, gaining valuable insights into research and innovation, and learning the importance of dreaming big and taking decisive actions.

GTU's senior leadership applauded the meticulous execution of the seminar and commended the efforts of WDC and the R&D Cell for organizing an event that serves as a platform for empowering women in research

and innovation. The seminar concluded with the national anthem, followed by a group photograph and networking lunch, fostering meaningful discussions and future collaborations.

Objectives:

The International Women’s Day celebration at GTU aimed to recognize and honour the contributions of women in science, research, and innovation. It sought to inspire women to actively engage in research, fostering a culture of scientific inquiry and excellence. The event provided insights on overcoming challenges, promoting perseverance, and emphasizing dedication in academic and professional pursuits. Additionally, it highlighted the impact of women in technological advancements and encouraged young researchers to strive for excellence in their respective fields.

Glimpse of event:

