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Name of the SDG: SDG 5 – Gender Equality

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Co-Convener: Dr. M.S.Vasanthi

Coordinators: Dr.M. Sangeetha, Dr.M. Susila

Event Report

Department of ECE organised the International Symposium on SDG 5 - “Building an Inclusive Nation: Uniting for Gender Equality” on (1-2) November 2023 at Sir J.C.Bose Hall TP 12th Floor, SRMIST - KTR. It provided a platform for diverse voices to engage in inclusive dialogues, promoting a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and solutions for gender equality.

Pre-symposium events:

Name of the event: Awareness Rally with the theme “LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND - UNITING FOR GENDER EQUALITY”

Date, Time, Venue: 16th October 2023 (Monday) from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM from SRMIST Tech Park.

Collaboration: National Service Scheme (NSS) and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

No. of participants: 150 students and 15 faculty members

Name of the event: 'Ink and Impact' - creative poster competition

Theme: Building an Inclusive Nation: Uniting for Gender Equality

This event aimed to bring awareness among the student community about importance of Gender Equality and to explore their creative potential with unique ideas, which has given opportunity for their artist's skill.

No. of students participated: 43

Display Venue: Tech Park Lobby during (1-3) Nov 2023

Judges: Dr S. Rupachandra, Associate Professor/Biotech Dept and Dr B. Priyalakshmi, ECE Dept.

The posters were judged on the basis of creativity, originality, quality (composition design element, colours), clarity of the theme and overall impression.

Prizes announced: IEEE SRM SB sponsored the prizes for this event.

I Prize: Aarushi Anand, II Yr CTech Dept, SRMIST-KTR

II Prize: Keerthana. A, II Yr CINTTEL Dept, SRMIST-KTR

Poster Presentation – Building an Inclusive Nation: Uniting for Gender Equality

No. of abstracts submitted: 43

No. of abstracts selected for poster presentation: 34

Poster presentation Date, Time, Venue: 01 November 2023 from 09:00 am to 1pm at SRMIST Tech Park Lobby.

Panel Judges: Dr. Matthew Arumai, Professor and HOD, Dept of Social work and Dr. Manjula, Associate Professor, Dept of ECE.

Prizes announced: IEEE SRM SB sponsored the prizes for this event.

I Prize: Aldo Roger J, Shourya Thakur, Naga Lathika Kommineni, "Catalyzing Women's Empowerment".

II Prize: K. Kavitha, A. Celina, " Gender Pay gap: The invisible hand that is holding women back".

The SDG 5 symposium was inaugurated on 01 Nov 2023 with the lighting of the kuthuvizhakku by our guest Ms. Esther Mariaselvam and Dr. Shanthi Prince, Convener. The Keynote address was given by Ms. Esther Mariaselvam, Associate Director, Action Aid Association (India). She gave insights into the work that is done in rural areas towards addressing the gender related challenges. The event was attended by 100 members including SDG 5 registered participants and other SDGs participants.

This was followed by Ms. Nallini Olivannan, lawyer and entrepreneur who threw light on the legal framework and the rights for women with her topic being "Complimenting Achievements and not Appearances".

Ms. Sandhya Ashokkumar, a senior manager from DMI, Detroit, USA joined online and shared her experiences of women in corporate work culture. She stressed on Equal opportunities and Access to resources without gender bias.

The next day, Day 2 began with Ms. Shinu George, a former State level basketball player, and an SRM alumni giving a view of the challenges of women in sports and physical gaming activities.

Mrs. Ponni.K, Director, Nokia Mobile Networks and Solutions, Bengaluru, spoke on the topic "Gender Equality and Youth Engagement in the VUCA world". Being in a senior managerial position and leadership role at NOKIA, she gave a truly inspirational talk.

This was followed by The panel discussion on "How to build an Inclusive Nation". Panelists were

- Ms. Mariya Kauser, Behavioural and Life Skills Trainer
- Ms. Shinu George, Sportsperson
- Dr. Padmaja Priyadarshini, Senior statistician
- Dr. Nisha Ashokan, Associate Professor, Directorate of Student Affairs, SRMIST
- Dr.S.Malarvizhi, Professor, Department of ECE, SRMIST

Panelists from different walks of life shared their experiences and gave suggestions and made it an interactive and lively discussion. Dr.M.S.Vasanthi/ECE Dept moderated the discussion. Ms. Ponni from Nokia also joined in and it was a very thought provoking session.

The afternoon session began with Invited Talk by Ms. Mariya Kauser, Behavioural and Life skills Trainer on the topic of Topic: "Choosing Empowerment: Women's Journey to Autonomy. Followed by Dr. Padmaja Priyadarshini, Senior statistician and Entrepreneur giving insights on Women's Financial Literacy.

The day concluded with a Hands-on session on Women Empowerment by Mr. Hariharan Vembukrishnan, Softskills Trainer, CDC Department, which was very interactive with activities and Q & A session with the trainer.

The Symposium concluded on a cheerful note with many thoughts and reflections and gave the participants an awareness about the aims and objectives of SDG 5 - Gender Equality and empowerment of women and girls.

The event was ably supported by the Organising Committee: Dr. Somyaranjan Routray, Dr. B.Priyalakshmi, Dr. Vimala.C, Dr. P. Radhika, Dr. K.Vijayan, Mr. Nishanth Rao, Ms. Amrithavarshini, Mr. Sriram, Mr.Sivakumar and other IEEE SRM SB members.

Gallery

Awareness Rally with the theme "LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND - UNITING FOR GENDER EQUALITY"



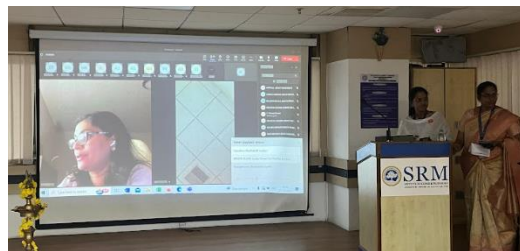
Poster Presentation – Building an Inclusive Nation: Uniting for Gender Equality



'Ink and Impact' - creative poster competition



01 Nov 2023: Inauguration and Invited talks



02 Nov 2023: Panel discussion, invited talks





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