

Report on International Women’s Day Celebration – 2021

MRPL through the Forum of Women in Public Sector had organised the International Women's Day Celebration for the year 2021 at MRPL Employees Recreation Centre (MERC) in the forenoon on 8th March 2021.

Inauguration of Udupi Saree Exhibition

The dignitaries, top management and women employees of MRPL had assembled for the celebration of International Women's Day at MERC. Smt. Jyothi H., Manager QC & R&D and Ms. Alphy Thomas, Asst Manager-TS compered the programme in Kannada and English languages respectively. They welcomed the gathering for the celebration and declared the theme of the celebration for the Year 2021 as “Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 World”.

Exhibition cum sale of Udupi Sarees was organised by WIPS-MRPL in association with Talipady Primary Weavers Co-op Society, Kinnigoli and Kadike Trust, Karkala at MRPL Employees Recreation Centre (MERC). The agenda behind the exhibition cum sale of Udupi sarees is to save and encourage the rich culture of weaving tradition of the undivided Dakshina Kannada District.

WIPS Office bearers – Smt. Veena T. Shetty, Smt. G. Meenakshi, and Smt. Aparna M. Nayak escorted all the dignitaries to the Exhibition hall. Smt. Anuradha Venkatesh and Shri M. Venkatesh, MD, MRPL inaugurated the Exhibition by lighting the beautifully decorated lamp. Other dignitaries joined hands with the “first couple” of MRPL in lighting the lamp. Smt. Anuradha Venkatesh purchased a beautiful saree as a token of inauguration of the exhibition.





The Main Function - The Formal Session

The main stage program was initiated with a Ganesh Vandana classical dance performance by Smt. Pavithra and Ms. Karthiyayini S Nair from Finance Department and Ms. Sushmitha Alva from Secretarial Department. Smt. Veena T. Shetty, DGM – CSR & WIPS Executive Committee - Member (Southern Region), Smt. Meenakshi G., Manager – HR & WIPS Apex Coordinator and Smt. Aparna M. Nayak, Executive – Finance & WIPS Deputy Coordinator escorted the dignitaries to the Dias. Shri M. Venkatesh, MD, MRPL, Smt. Anuradha Venkatesh, First Lady of MRPL, Smt. Pomila Jaspal, Director (Finance), MRPL and Smt. Nemichandra, Chief Guest of the function occupied their respective seats on the Dias. Programme started with the Invocation by Smt. Akshatha G. Nayak. The welcome speech and report on WIPS activities was delivered by Smt. G. Meenakshi. The dignitaries were honoured with flower bouquets.



The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Pomila Jaspal, D (F), MRPL by lighting of lamp. Chief Guest - Smt. Nemichandra, Shri. M. Venkatesh, Smt. Anuradha Venkatesh WIPS office bearers joined hand with her in inaugurating the programme. After the inaugural session, Smt. Pomila Jaspal, D(F), MRPL, delivered an inspiring inaugural speech. She recalled the role of women who remained in front lines and worked shoulder to shoulder with male colleagues in meeting the challenge of the COVID 19 crisis. She highlighted that women constitute 70% of the world's health workers and first responders, and they are making critical contributions to address the outbreak every day.



Afterwards, four women achievers from the surrounding area were felicitated for their achievements in their respective fields.

1. Smt. Sarojini Shetty, who is a Theatre cum Cine Artist, was invited on to the dais and Smt. Deekshitha Jogi congratulated her by reading out her achievements.
2. Smt. Mohini Shettigar, who is a senior weaver, was invited on to the dais and Smt. Sarika read out the congratulatory words and achievements of her.
3. Smt. Leela Shedthi, who is a Folk epic Singer, was invited on to the dais and Ms. Swathi Chowta expressed the congratulatory words for her.
4. Smt. Koosu Belchadthi, who is a traditional Midwife, was invited on to the dais and Smt. Nisha read out her achievements and congratulated her.

All the four women achievers were felicitated by the honourable dignitaries on the Dais. One of the achievers – Smt. Sarojini Shetty, Theatre cum Cine Artist, shared her life time experience with a blend of emotion. Her words touched every woman's heart and thanked WIPS – MRPL team for organising the event and felicitation in such a beautiful manner. Smt. Leela Shedthi, folk epic singer, sung a few lines in her style and mesmerised all the ladies with her skill.



Shri M. Venkatesh, MD MRPL congratulated the women employees on the occasion of International Women's Day and expressed his happiness on organising such a grand event. He also mentioned that the contributions of women employees in MRPL has really helped MRPL to reach greater heights. In her presidential speech, Ms. Anuradha Venkatesh inspired every woman in MRPL to pursue their passion and become an achiever. She said that women have the innate ability to convert life's ordinary events into a celebration.

Smt. Aparna M. Nayak proposed the Vote of Thanks.







Presentation by the Chief Guest

After the inaugural programme, Chief Guest Smt. Nemichandra took over the session. She gave a power point presentation wherein she shared inspiring thoughts about the traits that make women achiever unique and impactful. She quoted some women achievers across the globe and motivated women employees of MRPL to always aim high.



Cultural Event

Smt. Noopur Kaushik Bhalla and Smt. Moolya Shweta Shankar had taken over the Cultural event session. First was the Dance Competition. Smt. Sumangala Rathnakar Rao, Director of Natyaradhana Dance Academy, Urwa and Smt. Saumya Sudhindra Rao, Director of Nrithyasudha, Mangalore were the judges. Four teams had registered their names for the competition. They were called

one after the other to perform. In between Spot games were conducted by Ms. Lalita Pandey and spot prizes were given to the women employees to make the session more energetic. Team CHTU bagged the first prize and Team Perfect Pearls bagged second prize in the competition. All the participants were given attractive prizes for their active participation. **- WIPS**



