## National Leadership Symposium

"Women's Leadership Symposium – A Multidimensional Awareness Program on Legal, Cultural and Financial Aspects", is a two day event was organized during  $25^{th}$  -  $26^{th}$  February, 2019 in Sravanthi Seminar Hall of ECE Dept., by WEDC, WIE, IEEE Student Branch of VFSTR (Deemed to be University) in collaboration with Women In Engineering (WIE), IEEE Hyderabad Section, IEEE Guntur Subsection.

The event started off with the inaugural speech of Dr. SreeLaxmi, IEEE WIE chair, stating the importance of women participation across the globe. She also added about the benefits of joining and IEEE section. Later, Dr. N. Usha Rani, Senior IEEE Member addressed the gathering and stated the importance and the sole purpose of conducting this event. "The reason for conducting this event is to make you aware of the Industry Revolution 4.0 that is taking place in the present scenario. The main motto of this event is to make you learn about how the women are excelling in this technology paradigm shift and the necessary precatory measures that are to be followed when they use the online services", she added.

Following the speeches, Commd. Dr. M. S. Raghunathan, Registrar of VFSTR lauded the works that were carried out by the university faculty in conducting this event and also added that, he wanted to see women eccentric solutions will be taken into action in the university. Vice Chancellor, Dr. M. Y. S. Prasad, also addressed the gathering which was over 2221+ from 10+ institutions. Dr. Rukmini, Dean Student Affairs mentioned the parallel roles of women on home and work front.

Later in the day, Ms. V. G. Bhooma, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntur Division, spoke on the topic of Gender Sensitivity. She mentioned the difference between sex and gender. "Sex is what you have from the birth, but the gender is what you made from the behavioural aspects", she mentioned. She also added, "Feminism is not about shouting for the rights of the women instead, caring for other women".

Secondly, Dr. Ch. Swaroopa Rani, Professor, Head for Centre for Mahayana Buddhist Studies, ANU, presented her views on Role of Women in Transmission of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Ms. Swaroopa Rani said that problems concerning women should be discussed in legislative assemblies and asked women to express their views on social issues. "Women should question the necessity of giving a dowry," she said.

Smt. Tella Sobha Manjari, Addl. Supt of Police, gave awareness on Remedies for Cyber – Crimes against Women. Ms. Sobha Manjari said many innocent women were falling prey to cyber crimes and were being stalked by strangers. She asked students to do away with the habit of posting individual pictures on social media sites.

A workshop on Financial Management was carried out post lunch with Ms.Madhuri, BCA, MBA, Manager SBI, Vijayawada, Mr. R. Sambaiah, M.Sc, MBA, CAIIB, FCIB, NCFM (Ph.D), Ex. Deputy Gen. Manager, Indian bank and Prof. K. NageswaraRao, SK University. The workshop highlighted the pros and cons of Online Banking, Role of Women in Financial Sector. The workshop made the audience excited since it was quiet interactive. They created awareness among the participants on various saving methods like shares, online common banking schemes like Vidhya Laxmi etc. At the end QA section is more attractive to clear the doubts expressed by the audience.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the event, the candidates were made to know about the Legal Rights for Women by Sri. Jhansi Laxmi, Advocate. The session added fuel to the activeness of the candidates present in the seminar hall. The session chair was bombarded with the queries of the audience. She enlightened the parcipants with all the acts and rights clearly year by year changes.

Mentioning the importance of the paradigm shift in the industry and the importance of coping with it, Mr. BhavaniSankar, Executive Manager, Head IoT, Efftronics and Sri. JSRK Prasad, Founder and CEO Better Castings added that industries are looking out for the professionals who are ready to equip and change according to the shift.

In the afternoon session, the abstract and poster presentation competition was held for 20 abstracts which were sent. A special appreciation awards were given to P. Sai Niteesha, CSE, VFSTR and Sahithya V of JNTU, Narasaraopet in the presence of the session judges, Dr. Kalpana and Dr.Jayaprada, Retd. English Prof, ANU. Dr. SVNL Lalitha, Vice chair Guntur subsection addressed the gathering on personality development. Later, valedictory function was carried out for the event guests and the coordinators of the event are lauded by the Vice chair Guntur subsection and the management of the University. Rector Dr, K. Satya Prasad was mentioned about the memberships in professional societies. Finally event was closed with the vote of thanks given by Dr. Kalpana ,HoD MBA and ICC member of VFSTR.



