

International Women's day celebrations

08-03-2021

at

ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru

Women Leadership in Agriculture: Entrepreneurship, Equity and Empowerment (3 E's)

International Women's day with the theme **Women Leadership in Agriculture: Entrepreneurship, Equity and Empowerment (3 E's)** was celebrated on 08-03-2021 at ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR), Bengaluru. Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru, Karnataka was the Chief Guest and Dr. D. M. Mamatha, Registrar, Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalaya, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh was the Guest of Honour. Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Acting Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru presided over the function. The programme started with a welcome address by Dr. K. Sreedevi, Officer In charge, Institute Women's Cell and Internal Committee, ICAR-NBAIR followed by lighting of the lamp by dignitaries. The women farmers, Mrs. Kamamma, Mrs. Chandrakala, Mrs. Rashmi who are into millets farming and sericulture have been felicitated with the shawl and a plant sapling for their leadership in agriculture and influencing the fellow farmers to adopt their innovative technologies in farming. Later Mrs. Jyotsna from Bengaluru, who is an entrepreneur in production and marketing of value added millet food has been felicitated by the Director and the Guests on the dais. Also a women group encouraging the differentially disabled people in entrepreneurship capabilities by promoting the jute products were also been appreciated and honoured. The farmers and the entrepreneurs have shared their experiences and word of wisdom with the participants.

The Guest of Honour and the Chief guests were introduced to the audience by Dr. K. Sreedevi and Ms. Dipanwita Deb, respectively. Thereafter, Guest of Honour, Dr. Mamatha in her address put forth the challenges faced by Women at personal and professional fields and motivated women to be confident and to work towards facing challenges in official and personal spheres. Chief Guest, Dr. Chandish Ballal addressed the gathering and emphasized on women empowerment and rights. Also highlighted the contribution of women in different fields and most importantly in Agriculture. Later Dr. Bakthavatsalam in his presidential address emphasized on women in leadership and highlighted the gender equity in all areas and expressed the concern of women welfare in the work places and sensitized about the laws and rules that are in place for the protection of women and their rights. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Ms. Dipanwita, Member, Women's Cell and Internal Committee followed by National Anthem. The entire programme was compered by Ms. Anitha, Member, Women's Cell and Internal Committee.



Lighting of the lamp by dignitaries



Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Director, ICAR-NBAIR addressing the gathering



Mrs. Kamamma, Women Millets Farmer from Bodagur, Chikkaballapur dt., Karnataka being felicitated by the dignitaries



Mrs. Chandrakala, Sericulture Farmer from Chikkaballapur dt., Karnataka being felicitated by the dignitaries



Mrs. Jyotsna, Entrepreneur is being felicitated by Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Director, ICAR-NBAIR



Chief Guest, Dr. Chandish Ballal, Former Director, ICAR-NBAIR addressing the gathering



Guest of Honour, Dr. D. M. Mamatha, Registrar, SPMVV, Tirupati addressing the gathering



Staff of ICAR-NBAIR participated in the Programme