

# Program Report

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**One Day Seminar on Women Empowerment-  
'Emerging Technologies, Entrepreneurship  
Development and Life Management Skills'  
Sponsored by Gujarat Council of Science and  
Technology(GUJCOST), Department of Science  
Technology, Government of Gujarat, held at  
Auditorium, Vishwakarma Government  
Engineering College, Chandkheda on 30<sup>th</sup>  
January 2014.**

This programme was organized with a purpose to enhance career growth of employed women and guide unemployed women through Science, Technology and Engineering education, Entrepreneurship development and Life management skills. The objective of the programme was to emphasize various technological skills and education, application of information technology, aspects of Entrepreneurship Development and Life Management skills for Women Empowerment and to organize presentation and discussion with successful women experts on various selected themes and relevant topics with success stories. One of the objectives was to guide unemployed students for various challenges in life and career, to train for life management skills for sustainability in professional career in our traditional cultural environment for further empowerment.

The participants of the programme were women faculties of Engineering institutes and girl students of M.E. and B.E. from various engineering colleges and polytechnics of the state. The total number of participants

were 210. The programme was sponsored by GUJCOST and supported and strengthened by many organizations like Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industries, G.I.L., D.S.I, Centre for Entrepreneur Development, Vibrant Gujarat, Gujarat Knowledge Society and many others.

The seminar commenced with Inauguration Ceremony with honorable minister of state for Education & Women and Child Development Department, Government of Gujarat. Smt. Vasuben Trivedi as Chief Guest. Invited speaker Rajyogini Brahmakumari Sheilubehn was also on the dias with program patron and Principal of VGEC, Chandkheda Dr.A.M.Prabhakar and program coordinator Professor Rupal Vyasa. Dr. Jayanti S. Ravi, Commissioner of Technical Education, Government of Gujarat, Guest of Honor & Key Note Speaker could not remain present in the programme due to some important engagement elsewhere, though she provided valuable guidance in planning and execution of the programme.

The programme started invoking God Almighty by the prayer 'Itni Shakti Hamein Dena Data' and lamp lighting by dignitaries present on the Dias. After floral welcome to the guests, Dr.A.M.Prabhakar welcomed the gathering and explained the objective and importance of this women empowerment seminar. Invited speaker B.K. Sheilubehn complimented the gathering for their awareness for the need of Women Empowerment and importance of Life Management skills in Women Empowerment.

Honorable Chief Guest Smt. Vasuben Trivedi, in her detailed talk to all the women participants, emphasized the need of defined objective in life and planning to achieve it. She provided elaborate information to all the women about present Gujarat Government initiatives to support and empower women of Gujarat. She also appealed to the students to shape their lives like Sita, Savitri, saraswati and Gayatri.

As the day was 30<sup>th</sup> January, Gandhi Nirvan Din / Shaheed Divas, the gathering observed silence in remembrance of the Indian martyrs at 11:00 am. A video clipping for National Education Summit-2014 'Towards Educating Young India' was screened for the audience celebrating phenomenal growth of education In Gujarat. Programme coordinator Professor Rupal Vyasa offered a vote of thanks at the end of inauguration ceremony.

The speaker of the next session was Brhmakumari Sheiluben, Director, Raja Yoga Training Intensives, Mount Abu & Coordinator, Rajyoga Education & Research Foundation. She delivered her lecture on skills of Life Management. She explained importance of some inner qualities for effective management of life. During question-answer session, the speaker guided the participants on various issues like anger management, positive thinking and others.

The expert speaker of post lunch session was Ruzan Khambhatta, Wizz O Tech C.E.O. and a serial and social Entrepreneur who elaborated on qualities and characteristics of an entrepreneur. She offered some tips to the participants for how to become an entrepreneur and gave information about different resources a participant can avail to become an entrepreneur. She also shared some of her experiences too. A very interesting question answer session was followed by her session.

The next invited speaker for the session was Dr. Savita Gandhi, Head of the Department, Computer Science Department, Gujarat University to explore Women Empowerment in reference to ICT (Information and Communication Technology). She defined ICT as one of the major tools for Women Empowerment and provided very essential information about ICT tools.

The Valedictory session started at about 5:00 pm with Veenaben Parikh, Chair Person, Women Wing, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industries, as Chief Guest for the session along with Dr. A.M.Prabhakar,

Professor M. R. Patel, former principal-VGEC and professor Rupal Vyasa on the dias. Veenaben provided extensive information on work of GCCCI to encourage budding women entrepreneurs. She also shared her real life story which brought tears in many eyes to move and inspire them. Dr. A.M. Prabhakar gave an overview of the whole day programmed emphasizing the need and utility of this kind of programme for the cause of women Empowerment. Participants are also invited to present their feedback of the seminar wherein they in general appreciated the quality and method of the speaker and hospitality of VGEC. They perceived it to be of high utility and motivational value. The seminar was finally concluded by Vote of thanks. On behalf of program coordinator Professor Rupal Vyasa, and co-cordinators Professor Nipa Shah and Professor Sejal Sarvaiya , Professor Sejal Sarvaiya offered heartfelt thanks to one and all for their sincere cooperation and support in organizing this programme. Other active members of the organizers team were- Professor Bina sheth, Professor Jagruti Nayak , Professor Nirali Upadhyay, Professor Avani Mistry, Professor Kinjal Prajapati, Professor Shital Amin, Professor Vaishali Patel, Professor Samruddhi Patel , Professor Sita Agrawal , Professor Mamta Patel, Professor Rozina Surani, Professor komal Anadkat, Professor Yamini Patel , Professor Mohini and Professor Jaynila Prajapati .

The team of Information and Broadcast department Government of Gujarat covered the inauguration ceremony.





