

## **International Women's Day Celebrated at ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow**

ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow celebrated International Women's Day 2017 on March 8, 2017. The Director, Dr. Kuldeep K Lal wished all the women staff on this day and thanked them for their contribution to the institute. A debate competition on the topic "Bharathiya naari aadhunik technology se saksham huyi hai" was organised in the institute which received great support from the staff, where 14 participants placed forth their view on impact of modern technology in empowering women. The event was graced by the chief guest, Dr Shubha R Phadke; Professor and Head; Department of Medical Genetics, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences who spoke on the importance of educating women and also stressed that women need to take active part in decision making, especially, those issues that concern them directly instead of being dependant on family. The chief guest also shared some of her personal experiences as a doctor on women empowerment.

A food festival was also organised in the evening where the main objective was to bring people together and to provide a platform for women to showcase their culture through different food presentations such as Baatti choka from Bihar, Awadhi biryani, South Indian idli etc. The Director thanked everyone one and congratulated the Women's cell of NBFGR for making the event a grand success.

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