IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, CHENNAI

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY REPORT

IGNOU RC-Chennai celebrated International Women's Day at Regional Centre, Chennai on 05-03-2020. All the staff members of RC-Chennai attended the Programme. The Programme was commenced with Introductory Speech about importance of International Women's Day by Dr Sk Zareena, Assistant Regional Director highlighting the importance of self-esteem of women and value for womanhood.

Dr K Panneerselvam, Regional Director elaborately described about the differences in positions of men and women right from Agriculture fields to representatives at Parliament. He highlighted the atrocities against women, girl child marriages, lack of widow re-marriages, and women's life in rural area inequality in wages for women and men. He quoted the importance of women at home in bringing up children and home administration.

The women staff members *viz.*, Mrs L Devasena, Executive Assistant and Mrs. D Nirmala, Assistant were invited to share their views about International Women's Day. In response, they expressed that identity of women is through her actions and education will boost the same. The strength of women is very high and the same should be utilized for the welfare of the family, institution where they are working.





The other staff members came forward to greet the women employees of the institution on the occasion of International Women's Day Celebrations. The Regional Director discussed about the plans to enrol more women students, tribal women, establishment of Study Centres exclusively for womenfolk in rural areas and facilities to be created for extending necessary support services to women students. He expressed grief towards graduated tribal women students who are still do not have awareness about higher education opportunities created at IGNOU.

The Programme went on well and concluded with interactions of the staff members regarding respecting women, girl child importance at home, safety and security of women, women empowerment, status of women, etc.

> **Dr K Panneerselvam** Regional Director