

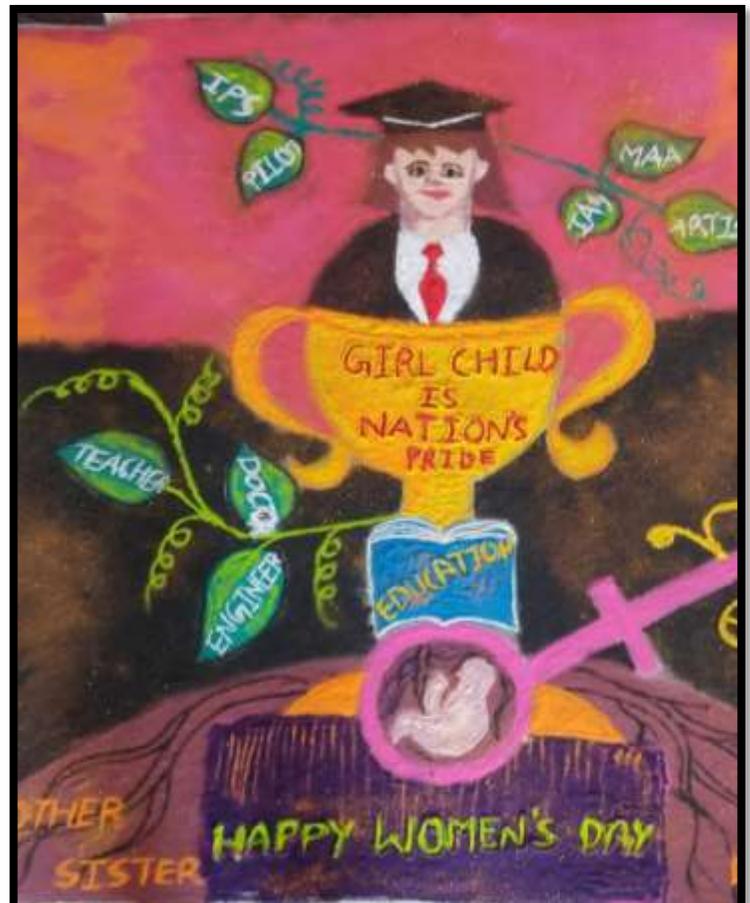


International Women's Day Celebration 2022

“Where there is a woman, there is magic.” ~ Ntozake Shange

As the people across the world celebrates International Women's Day on 8th March, this year also the State Unit of National Informatics Center (NIC), Chhattisgarh celebrated the day with full of energy and enthusiasm.

The glorious and colorful event was presided by Dr. Ashok Kumar Hota, DDG & SIO. To grace the event Mrs. Pushpa Sahu, IAS, Joint Secretary, Mining Department joined as Chief Guest and Mrs. Poonam Soni, OSD to Chief Secretary joined as Guest of Honor.



Rangoli by participants to express their feelings on Women's Day

The day is not only celebrated to dedicate the contribution of women to the society but also to recognize the efforts by them for this society.



The eventful day was inaugurated by lighting of lamp by Guests followed by Saraswati Vandana by choir of women staff.



Women's Team, named *Dhaara*, comprising of ladies staff, welcomed Guests with green plant



Mrs. Namita Tiwari set the whole atmosphere musical with her melodious voice by raising the hall into a different soothing environment. The song was not only appreciated by fellow members but it also brought a sugar rush among all people to make this day more joyful & enjoyable one.



Dr. Ashok Kumar Hota, DDG & SIO, welcomed the participants and highlighted the success stories of NIC - how effectively and efficiently it is being led by state leadership which has a great contribution of women too. The cherished women officials of state unit handling major departments such as Finance, Education, Technical Education, Labour, etc to name few. Emphasizing on the different roles being successfully played by women in their entire lifetime, he explained how God has created them with special strength to contribute for upliftment & welfare of society. He highlighted on the theme of this year i.e. **“Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow”**.



Shri A. K. Somsekhar, STD, talked on how women should use their rights for their betterment. This was followed by Shri Satyesh sir who added how efficiently working women are fulfilling the responsibility of personal & professional life with so much grace and success delivering the desired results in both aspects



To make the atmosphere more magical, three talented resources from our team Ms. Lalita Verma, Ms. Namita Dubey and Ms. Sanal Jain presented a beautiful dance performance.



The energy of women day long was unparalleled. This was not just a routine working day for all staff but a day to celebrate their womanhood, to present a statement of their equality, to accept the fact of their sheer brilliance on keeping well balanced personal & professional life. The bright colors were not only reflecting on their attire but also the glow in their eyes and smile on faces kept the everyone on toes. What a better way to show impact of color in India is other than Rangoli & Painting!



Organization wide Rangoli & Painting competition was organized on theme of “**Role of Women**” where the women presented their skills on colours and mesmerized the audience with such great conceptualization and wonderful art work. Women staffs were always recognized for their technical expertise and delivering the outputs as per the client requirement, but this colorful art made the judges and other staff proud of hidden talents of their team members.

Mrs. Poonam Soni, OSD to Chief Secretary in her address, motivated and encouraged the women staff for making the state proud and delivering the work with so much accuracy & efficiency. She appreciated such extracurricular activities and efforts initiated by NIC in the Secretariat, Government of Chhattisgarh. She recalled it as one the first of such events to recognize, celebrate and appreciate women task. She recalled her

prolonged interaction with officials from NIC, Chhattisgarh for various issues time and again and highly appreciated the support which was always being provided by NIC team.

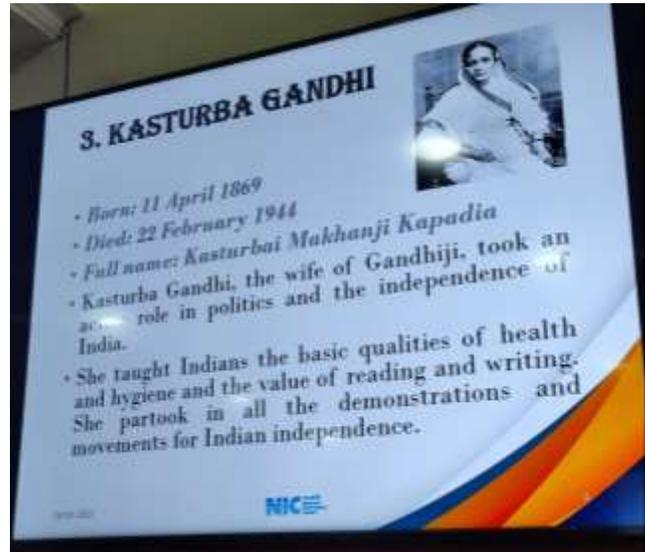
One her remarks **Mrs. Pushpa Sahu, IAS, Joint Secretary, Mining**, shared her struggle filled life journey to motivate the participants. She applauded the efforts of men in today's world as because of their cooperation and support Women are able to progress in all fields unlike a generation ago. If such changes and support from both the gender of society come and they work together in harmony, the need to celebrate and recognize Women's day as mark of appreciation to all women may not be required.



The monthly e-Governance Newsletter of NIC, CG, "*The InfoNIC*", for the month of March '22 was released by the Guests.



As a part of observation of *Azadi ka AMrit Mahotasav*, Ms. Juhi presented documentary of women freedom fighters of this great nation. The documentary was so emotional and spellbinding that it gave goosebumps to all the audience and the hall was echoed by applaud of all members for few minutes.



Paintings by participants

other participatory programs and distribution of prizes to winners.

To make the day more fun and eventful for all the staff, the day was followed by many fun games such as Rapid fire fun questions, team activities, and



Token of love was given to esteemed Chief Guest & Guest of Honors. Vote of Thanks was presented for taking out their valuable time from busy schedule and celebrating the day with all staff members which itself is a motivation to team.



SIO & HoDs joined to **distribute prizes** to the active participants.



As they say, any great event is incomplete without celebration. Hence, cake cutting was organized to mark the occasion more memorable which was followed by **photo sessions**.

Very thought provoking Women based **theme cake** was cut by officers to end the day with love, laughter & happiness all around.

