

Department of Social Work, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University celebrates International Women's Day 2012


Greater Noida – 16th March, 2012. On the occasion of International Women's Day which is held every year on 8th March, the Department of Social Work in



association with the Corporate Relations Cell of Gautam Buddha University (GBU) celebrated the International Women's Day 2012 on the 16th of March, 2012 in School of Management. GBU started in 2008 envisioned itself to become a world class centre for excellence in education.

The occasion was graced by distinguished speakers from government, United Nations, and NGO. The first session of the event was presided over by Dr. K P Singh. Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences who highlighted the atrocities which is inflicting the society today amongst women and the need to have more action and sensitisation for gender rights and development. The speakers for the event were - Dr. Manjula Chakravarty, Consultant and Advisor to Development

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2012



Event Theme:
WOMEN AS THE WAY FORWARD...

Event Venue:
Auditorium, School of Management Building, Gautam Buddha University

Event timings:
16th March, 2012
2:30PM onwards


Lecture by *Dr. Manjula Chakravarty, NIPCCD*
Women as Way Forward: Government Policies, Approaches and Strategies

Lecture by *Dr. Madhubala Nath, UNIFEM*
Women as Way Forward: The International Organisations and Governance

Lecture by *Dr. Mala Bhandari, SADRAG*
Women as Way Forward: The NGO Perspective

Panel Discussion Theme:
Connecting Girls and Inspiring Future
Chairperson: *Dr. Neeti Rana, Dean, School of Management*

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Evaluation Society of India, she has also been Deputy Advisor of Planning Commission and Director in Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India in the past. The second speaker was Dr. Madhubala Nath, Regional Policy Advisor at UN Women in South Asia



and the third speaker was Dr. Mala Bhandari, Founder Director of SADrag (Social and Development Research and Action Group). The speakers spoke on the theme 'Women as the way forward'. Each speaker introspected the achievements and challenges faced by women in the area of health, education, implementation of law, schemes, reproductive rights among others. The speakers also brought out the achievements attained with regard to gender rights and reporting which has taken place over the years. The lectures were followed by a panel discussion based on the current theme of UN International Women's Day 2012 'connecting girls and inspiring future'. The panel was chaired by Dr. Neeti Rana, Dean of School of Management, Gautam Buddha University.

The rhetoric idea which came out in the event was to address gender issues in development strategies and explore working with both men and women (and not with women alone) which can be developed to promote broader gender equality and poverty reduction strategies among women and thus inducing them with more economic and social independence and encourage more active engagement in decision making structures. It could be concluded that achievements have been made, introspection has been done but still there is a long way to go before the International Women's day could be truly celebrated.