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International Women’s Day Celebration

REPORT

The **Women Development Cell (WDC)** of the College, in collaboration with the **NSS Wings** organised a programme on the occasion of **International Women’s Day 2026** on **14 March 2026** at **11:00 a.m.** in the **College Conference Hall**. The programme was organised under the theme **“The Role of Women in Constitution Making.”** The event aimed to encourage reflection with a hope for transformation and to highlight the remarkable contributions made by women in shaping the Indian Constitution.

The programme commenced with opening remarks by **Prof. Saima Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology**, who also hosted the event. In her address, she emphasised the importance of International Women’s Day as an opportunity to reflect on the progress made toward gender equality while acknowledging the challenges that still persist.

The **welcome address** was delivered by **Dr. Ifat Bashir, Convener, Women Development Cell**, who highlighted the significance of the theme and stressed the importance of recognising the contributions made by women in the constitution-making process. She emphasised that the participation of women in shaping constitutional values reflects the commitment to **gender equality and the protection of fundamental rights**.



As part of the programme, a **documentary screening** on the **15 Founding Mothers of the Indian Constitution** was presented. The documentary highlighted the remarkable

contributions of women members of the Constituent Assembly who played an important role in shaping the democratic framework of the country.

The **Theme lecture** was delivered by **Dr. Mairaj ud Din Bhat, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science**. In his lecture, he discussed the circumstances surrounding the formation of the Indian Constitution and the limited representation of women in the Constituent Assembly. Out of 299 members of the Constituent Assembly, only 15 were women and two of them later resigned. Despite their small number, these women played a crucial role in raising important social and political issues during the constitution-making process.

The programme also included a student speech delivered by **Ufaq Rafiq (Semester IV)**. In her speech, she highlighted the vital role of women in building societies and emphasised that women continue to face **unrealistic barriers to success**, many of which originate within social structures at home and in the community. She stressed the importance of empowering women and ensuring equal opportunities in all spheres of life.

The programme concluded with the Vote of thanks delivered by **Dr. Nowsheen Hamid, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology**, who expressed gratitude to the speakers, organisers, faculty members, and students for their active participation and for contributing to the success of the event.

Overall, the programme provided a meaningful platform for reflecting on the **remarkable contributions of women in the making of the Indian Constitution** and encouraged participants to continue striving toward **gender equality, social justice, and the protection of fundamental rights** in society.



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