

Accelerate Action: Insights from Guest Speaker Dr. Udaya Sukumaran

Women's Day Celebration

Date: March 7, 2025

Venue: Library Seminar Hall

Introduction

The Women's Forum of Sree Buddha College of Engineering, in association with the Women's Cell and the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), organized a vibrant and inspiring celebration of International Women's Day 2025 on March 7, 2025, at the Library Seminar Hall. Guided by this year's theme, "Accelerate Action," the event underscored the urgency of advancing gender equality and empowering women across all walks of life.

Event Highlights

The program was gracefully anchored by Ms. Salwa Sainuddin (CS S4), who welcomed the gathering and emphasized the relevance of this year's theme. The event opened with a soulful prayer rendered by Ms. Nafeesathul Misriyya (BT S6) and Ms. Adithya Chithran (CE S6), setting a serene tone. This was followed by a warm and insightful Welcome Address by Prof. Meera Bai S, Head of the Department of Biotechnology & Biochemical Engineering.

The celebration was formally inaugurated by Mrs. Swapna Suresh, President of Nooranad Grama Panchayath, who, in her inaugural address, highlighted the pivotal role of women in governance and community development. As part of the event, she also launched the Women's Forum's new campaign, "Wings of Change," aimed at educating teenage girls, particularly school students, on personal and menstrual hygiene. The campaign plans to conduct awareness sessions to empower young girls with essential health knowledge.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Udaya Sukumaran, Retired Professor, SN College for Women, Kollam. Drawing upon her rich experience in academia and public service, Dr. Sukumaran spoke passionately about women's empowerment, gender equality, and the power of self-belief. Her motivational talk, interwoven with personal stories, inspired the young women present to dream big and pursue their aspirations with confidence.

A heartfelt felicitation of the keynote speaker was offered by Ms. Aswathy Vinod (FT S4), who expressed gratitude for speaker's inspiring presence and message. The event concluded with an eloquent Vote of Thanks by Ms. Pooja U Pillai (FT S6), acknowledging the contributions of the dignitaries, the dedication of the organizing team, and the enthusiastic participation of the attendees.

Jointly coordinated by the Women's Cell and the Internal Complaints Committee, the program drew around 60 participants and proved to be a meaningful celebration of women's achievements and a compelling call to action for continued empowerment and education. It was a memorable occasion that truly embodied the spirit of Women's Day 2025.

