

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CELL OF
BOMBAY TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE
A CONSTITUENT COLLEGE OF HSNC UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI
ORGANIZES
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

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Time: 12:05 pm to 12:55 pm

Mr. Hamid Ansari the welcomed everyone for the International Women's Day Celebration. It started off with the college prayer. In the very beginning, a few songs performed by the students of BOMBAY TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE were displayed.



Dr. Raju Talreja then enumerated the aims and activities of the Women's Development Cell of BOMBAY TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE.

Mr. Hamid Ansari thanked Dr. Raju Talreja and called upon Mr. Arbaaz Shaikh, Joint Secretary of Women's Development Cell to show the interview of Dr. Hemlata Bagla, Principal of K.C. College. She answered all the questions with vigour by sharing how her upbringing played a crucial role in overcoming barriers in her career. She also stated that stereotypes could be stopped in its tracks by the change of mindset, alongside urging everyone to accept and embrace other genders, by giving a personal anecdote.



Next, Mr. Hamid Ansari asked Ms. Pratiksha Sawant, student ambassador of Women's Development Cell to present the numerous letters written by the students to their female figures who had impacted their lives. She elegantly quoted a few lines from each letter and thanked the wonderful participants for the letters written. Letters written included those to mothers, grandmothers, tutors and even housemaid!

Mr. Arbaaz Shaikh was then called upon to show the next video. He gave an introduction of the interviewee Mrs. Kiran Madan, founder of Sanskar India foundation. The technical team played the interview where she gracefully



answered the questions. She noted that women receive the opportunities to change lives of people around them and she further asked the audience to go with the flow in life and be

passionate. She said she would like to change the ‘Chalta Hai’ attitude and not in my backyard syndrome (NIMBY) of the society.



Next, Ms. Asfiya Afzal showed the pictures of our participants with the most important female figures in their life which also included gracious contributions from vice principal of BOMBAY TEACHERS’ TRAINING COLLEGE, Dr. Mandeep Kochhar.

The next interview was with Dr. Nupur Krishnan, Ambassador of Fit India and director of Bio-Logics Nutrition Clinic. She answered the questions from a health perspective. She shared how she cherished her female relatives ranging from her mother to her mother-in-law and sisters-in-law. She said there should be a balance between one’s individuality and family life. She stressed the fact that women play a very important part in the health of their own family.



Ms. Dhrumi Vora was then asked to showcase the stories of the participants about the women that influenced their lives. She presented stories about various women such as Indian mountaineer, Mrs. Anurima Sinha and Indian wrestler, Mrs. Geeta Phogat among many others.



Dr. Raju Talreja took over, giving the platform to Dr. Manisha Tyagi who decided to share a video on the female influence in her life, the one she admired the most. “A woman of substance and sheer magic” she addressed Late Dr. (Mrs.) Mintu Sinha, ex-director of BOMBAY TEACHERS’ TRAINING COLLEGE.

Mr. Hamid Ansari once again called upon Ms. Sabeel Shaikh to showcase the last interview of the program, Dr. Bhavna Rajpal aka The Sindhi Girl. Her answers to the questions revolved around feminism. She said that the most important thing she wanted to change was the mindset of people. She also urged people to do what they love “There is so much to do, so do it!” She emphasised on the need to produce original content.



Lastly, Mr. Hamid Ansari invited Dr. Bhagwan Balani to give his address.



Dr. Bhagwan Balani said Late Dr. (Mrs.) Mintu Sinha was a true architect in paving the way to success for BOMBAY TEACHERS’ TRAINING COLLEGE. He praised the wonderful and energetic faculty of BOMBAY TEACHERS’ TRAINING COLLEGE and thought himself to be lucky for being in their company.



Mr. Hamza Ansari then gave the formal Vote of Thanks that was followed by the national anthem, bringing the program to a close.

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