

**REPORT ON “INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATIONS”**  
**EVENT CONDUCTED BY**  
**INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE-IFGTB**  
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The International Women's Day (IWD) essentially honor women's contributions to society, economy, culture and politics. The main focus of IWD is to seek equity or inclusion in all spheres of life by breaking glass ceiling, challenging gender stereotypes and discrimination. In line with this year’s theme 'DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality', the Internal Complaints Committee of IFGTB for the first time organized an event to mark IWD 2023. Smt. R. G. Anithaa, Technical Officer, and member Internal Complaints Committee -IFGTB (ICC-IFGTB), welcomed the gathering and Dr. ModhumitaDasgupta, Scientist G and Chairperson of the ICC-IFGTB highlighted the significance of IWD and urged all to continue to stand up for what they believe in!



Dr. Zenetta Rosaline, Co-Chairperson, ICC-IFGTB addressed the gathering and highlighted the need for inclusion of technology in gender mainstreaming to ensure effective utilization of human resources. The significance



of gender neutral mindset in creating an inclusive workspace was also enumerated. The

guest speaker for the occasion, Mrs. AmuthaVivekanandan spoke on Digital Gender Gap and its consequences in growth and development of a Nation. She enumerated methods to bridge this gap and enhance digital literacy among rural and marginalized women. She urged the need for creation of safe online spaces for women and girls to facilitate unhindered use of digital platforms. The importance of safety at workspace and the role of an employer was also explained by the speaker.



One of the major attraction of the event was the miming act performed by the research scholars of ICFRE-IFGTB on this year's theme of 'DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality' where in the role of technology specifically during the pandemic period was enacted. This was followed by prize distribution to winners of the elocution competition (Tamil and English) and narration by the winners. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks by Shri. P. Chandrasekaran, ACTO and member of the ICC-IFGTB.

