

Completion Report

Celebration of International Women’s Day held on 3rd March 2023

The Internal Committee (IC) of IIPS celebrated **International Women’s Day on 3rd March 2023** by organizing a symposium. **Prof. K S James**, Director and Sr. Professor, IIPS chaired the event. **Prof. Usha Ram, Chairperson-IC**, welcomed the Guest Speakers and the participants and introduced the speakers (1) **Dr. Shireen Jejeebhoy**: President, IUSSP & Director, Aksha Centre for Equity and Wellbeing, (2) **Dr. Kalpna Apte**: Secretary General, Family Planning Association of India, and (3) **Shri Pallav Patankar**: Vice President-Digital Bharat Collaborative in Piramal Swasthya.

The speakers highlighted the issues affecting women;s health and rights. Particularly the issues such as early marriage, inadequate access to sexual and reproductive health care services and general environmental factors influencing health and wellbeing were discussed at length.

After the question-answer session, **Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan** - Member IC proposed a formal vote of thanks and gratitude to the presenters, all participants, IIPS administration, Director Office, the ICT unit, and the IC members for their timely help and support in organizing the lecture. The lecture was attended by the faculties, students, and staffs of the Institute.

The ICC members involved in organizing the lecture:

1. Prof. Usha Ram
2. Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan
3. Ms. Yogita H. Rangari