

Report on Women in Power Conference

The Ajay Kumar Garg Engineering College, Ghaziabad organized the "Women in Power" conference on the 5th and 6th of April 2024 with the theme "Catalyzing Change: Women Empowering the Next Wave." The conference theme was aligned with the year's Women's Day campaign, "Inspire Inclusion," and the official UN observance theme, "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress." The college hosted eminent women personalities on April 6th from across various sectors of science, engineering, and technology. The inaugural function was graced by the chief guest, Mrs. Neerja Mathur, former chairperson of the Central Electricity Authority, and guests of honour Prof. Purna Gaur, Director NSUT, Chair Elect 2024 IEEE India Council, and Mrs. Ammi R Toppo Chief Engineer Central Electricity Authority. The eminent inaugural speakers discussed the various issues and challenges in women's participation in science, engineering, and technology fields. They also shared their experiences and changes in the pattern of inclusivity in STEM fields over the years. The keynote session was enlightening with a thought-provoking talk by Dr. Livleen Kahlon, TERI - The Energy and Resources Institute, on "Demystifying the Role of Women Leadership in Climate Action." Another keynote address was by Dr. Rashmi Agarwal on the IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Summit. After lunch hours were dedicated to the panel discussion which was graced by eminent panelists from diverse fields of STEM, Dr. Navita Gupta, Director Satyakiran School of NDT Delhi, Mrs. Debjani Bhatia, Renewable Energy Professional and former GM of IREDA, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Principal Consultant at Hitachi Energy, Dr. Rachna Garg, Professor at Delhi Technological University (DTU), and Dr. Sweta Tripathi Tripathi, IEEE WIE Affinity Group Revitalization Committee Member. The key points of the panel included a discussion on challenges faced by the female workforce in science, technology, and engineering fields and ways to overcome them. The panel discussion also mentioned the role of the male workforce and their support in women inclusivity and diversity of the workforce. The honourable Director-General Dr. R K Agarwal mentioned in his welcome speech that our institution is more inclined to have greater participation of women in every activity as we find the ladies and girls to be more sincere, honest, hardworking, efficient, and loyal to the institution. Most of the senior administrative positions in the college are held by women. The program ended with the valedictory session, which witnessed certificate and prize distribution to the participants of student activities the previous day, by Director Dr. Hemant Ahuja. The various activities were paper presentation, poster presentation, debate and the rangoli making based upon the conference theme. The program was co-ordinated by the department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, AKGEC Ghaziabad. The conference was attended by all the Department Heads, Professors, Section in-Charges and faculty members from institute and the other institutes along with the student volunteers and winners of various activities.





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