## <u>Gender Champion Club Formation & Local Seminar On Empowering Women</u> <u>at</u> College of Agril Engineering & Technology Godhra on 05-03-2016

To promote gender equality guaranteed by Article-15 of Indian Constitution and to initiate the change processes at a young age to shape attitude and transform behavior at college level, a gender champion club formed at CAET, Godhra with Ms.Shefali Modi,Asst. Professor & Mr.Sravankumar J, Asst.Professor appointed as nodal teachers for Gender champions in Educational Institutions, as per the guidelines formulated jointly by Ministry of Women and Child Development and MHRD,Gol. The broad mandate of gender champion club is to provide an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to understanding the social and cultural constructions of gender that shape the experiences of women and men in society. The aim is to make the young boys and girls gender sensitive and create positive social norms that value the girls and their rights.

Under this club, as an initiative to its mandate, a seminar with theme "EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN: TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER THEMSELVES TO TAKE ACTION ON KEY ISSUES THAT EFFECT THEIR LIVES" was organized on 05/03/2016 at Conference hall of CAET from 9:00AM to 12:00 NOON. For this, two lady PSI's of Godhra Ms. Sejal D.Patel. Ms. Aruna N.Patel are the chief guests. All together there are more than 100 participants attended the seminar.

Welcome and introductory address was given by Dr.M.L.Gaur, Principal CAET. Significance of change required in thinking process at individual level and the great difference that can be brought through it, equality of men and women for progress and most importantly education for a girl child (Beti Bachao & Beti Padao) are the highlights of his delivery. Also, he informed the students about the successful women of India and their stories which motivated the students and made them to take an oath that they bring change by creating a positive environment for both boys and girls right at the college level. Followed by Principals message, Dr. R.Swarnkar, Prof. & Head of FMPE shared his views in connection with the theme and cautioned the students about their doings.

The chief guests of the day Ms. Aruna N.Patel and Ms. Sejal D. Patel made the students recognize their potential to reach great heights of success. They also made girl students realize, they are no more less than any boy/men and can compete in any field. Also with their real life responsibilities and experiences, they left an impression on students what students can do with commitment and girl students in particular. Also, the guests dealt with the role of police in combating crimes and violence against women and informed students how to reach them easily in any trouble.

Er.Chirag Jadav,Chairman, SRC, crisply shared his thoughts about need for the boys/men to change their thinking towards girl/women. He also, highlighted the need for women in a men's life and need for educating the boys/men to respect the girls/women. Followed by it, Er.J.Sravankumar, Asst. Professor, (nodal teacher for Gender champions), introduced the Gender champions club to the students, faculty & staff and the roles and responsibilities of the club with a mention of its broad mandate.



Dignitaries on stage



Lighting the Lamps



Participants



Thought sharing by Chairman-SRC



Group Song by First Year Students



Thought sharing by First year Student



Girl Students of the college



Total Girls & Women Faculty and Staff with Principal & Nodal Teachers

Students are actively participated in this seminar with group songs by Ms.Vasaiya Varsha and Ms. Patel Charmi from First Year and another student form First year Parmar Urvashi delivered her thoughts which made the participants to realize the importance of a girl. The total session was anchored by Mr.Jayaraj Patel, a second year student. At the end, his power point presentation on "Faces of Indian Women" and theme based video plays were stood as a highlight for the session.

The session concluded with refreshments.