International Women's Day celebration at AAU, Anand on 25th March, 2021

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated globally on March 8th every year, to commemorate the achievements made by women in various fields of life and to create awareness about gender equality. The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2021 was 'Choose to Challenge'. In connection with International Women’s Day celebration, Gender Committee, Anand Agricultural University, Anand, organized a webinar on “Women Empowering Life”, on 25th March, 2021.

Dr. Suneeta V. Pinto, Chairperson, Gender Committee, AAU, Anand, congratulated the organizers of the event for organizing the webinar on a very relevant topic for women empowerment and welcomed dignitaries and speakers. Dr. K. B. Kathiria, Hon. Vice Chancellor of Anand Agricultural University, Anand, in his presidential address spoke about multiple roles played by women in day to day life and on the importance of women
empowerment in our society. He highlighted the initiatives taken by the Government in this direction. A memento was presented to Hon. Vice Chancellor as a token of honour.

In her address Dr. Vijaya Agrawal, Assistant Professor, SM Patel College of Home Science, SP University, VVN highlighted 8 points which will be helpful towards a better personality development. She said you have to be passionate about everything you do and stressed the importance of positive thinking, smiling, being kind and helpful, sharing knowledge, confidence, listening attentively, which will go a long way towards personality development. She said “Perfection comes from small things, but perfection is not a small thing”.

Brahmakumari Jagrutiben in her talk on “Confidence is courage” highlighted the importance of self-talk, positive thoughts self-esteem, self-control and self-analysis for becoming more confident and courage. She also emphasized the importance of positive thoughts in our daily life.

Dr. Sneha Mistry, BA College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand spoke on nutritional value of mushroom and technology for production of edible mushroom from waste and how women can be empowered by using this technology for growing mushrooms. Dr. Ganga Devi, BA College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand spoke on the topic “Role of women in agriculture”. She presented statistics related to number of female in agriculture and how they are contributing to the economy of our country as well as the dual work done by women. She highlighted the
problems faced by women in agriculture and gave suggestions to overcome these problems. Dr. Jarita Mallik, SMC College of Dairy Science, AAU, Anand briefed the participants about the importance of human milk and its characteristics.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Komal Patel, Assistant Professor, SMC College of Dairy Science and Prof. Mital Kathiria, SMC College of Dairy Science.

As a part of women’s Day celebration various online competition like Essay writing, best out of waste and new product development were organized for girl students of various disciplines of Anand Agricultural University.

The coordinator for essay writing competition was Dr. Gayatree Jadeja, Assistant Professor, Polytechnic in Food Science and Home Economics. The topic of the essay was “Atmanirbhar women carving future of India”. In the essay writing competition, total 71 girls participated. In the English category, Dubey Khushi from SMC College of Dairy Science was awarded first prize, Patel Jaimini of FPTBE college, AAU, Anand was awarded 2nd prize and Savaliya Shailly of Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Anand won the third prize. In the Gujarati-Hindi Essay category, Patel Vruttikakumari, SMC Dairy Science, AAU, Anand won the first prize and Madhani Dharvi College of Horticulture, AAU, Anand secured the second prize.

The coordinator of new product development competition was Dr. Rucha Dave, BACA. The topic of this event was “Healthy foods for healthy women”. Out of 14 entries, Paridhi Patel, SMC College of Dairy Science was awarded the first prize and Tulsi Darji of FPT&BE secured the second prize.
The poem shayari competition was coordinated by Dr. Rachana Bansal, Assistant Professor, BACA. Topic for this competition was “Women as corona warriors”. Total 36 entries were received in this competition. The first prize was awarded to Shah Isha Amitkumar of B.A. College of Agriculture. Second prize went to Sonam Choden, College of FPT & BE and third prize went to Khushi Dubey, SMC College of Dairy Science.

Competition on “Best out of kitchen waste” was coordinated by Dr. Amee Ravani, College of FPT&BE. Out of 21 entries, Shrestha Gupta Polytechnic in Food Science and Home Economics was the winner and Krupa Rakesh Pawar and Dhruvi Nitinkumar Shah College of Horticulture were 1st runner up whereas Shah Isha Amitkumar of B. A. College of Agriculture was chosen the second runner up.