International Women's Day
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Event report - Hyderabad

Event organized by:

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Websites

http://www.paycheck.in  http://dfl.wageindicator.org

http://www.unitespro.org
Objective:

To spread awareness about ‘Decisions for Life’ project among the young working women and job seekers a celebration was organized in Hotel Fortune Katriya.

The panel discussion was done by leading ladies from the corporate world on the topic of ‘Women’s role in today’s workforce’. The ladies were:

- Chief Guest – Ms. Christine Lazares – M.L.A.
- Padmakrupa – Manager Global Marketing at Infostep
- Capt. Mamatha - Andhra Pradesh’s first lady Pilot and owner of first aviation training school in A.P. state called Flytech
- Serene Aby - HR Manager at GENPACT India
- Chitra V Ramani – Head of Indian operations for IBF Media, a Conference management company based in California
- Moderator – Delphine Fernandes, Lawyer

The event started with a bang with melodious songs sung by Delphine who was accompanied by Karen with guitar at 5.00 pm. The audience were captured and did not take long to join in the songs themselves. There were various topics discussed such as Worklife Balance, Stress Management, need for men to participate in parenting and awareness levels of working women of their rights. One of the most significant topics that came up which was discussed in much detail and passion was the apathy of Police towards a harassed woman if she decides to go to a Police Station to complain.

The Chief Guest has encouraged this group to form a suggestion or proposal to chalk out a training plan for the Police personnel. The objective of this project will be to make Police stations a place for women to approach instead of fearing. Awareness would be created among such staff about being sensitive to women and to become more respectful to the fair sex. There are no other details that are yet finalized.

Though the attendance of the event was fairly low (about 20) the outcome / impact has far reached the expectations of just a discussion or small learning but has given us the opportunity to contribute to building a better tomorrow for the ladies who may face painful sexual harassment and have the courage to defend themselves by going top the Police. The vision is to transform the attitudes of our Police personnel. As they say the revolution begins at home.

The event was concluded at 7.15pm with snacks and fellowship time continued till the end.