

**Bharati Vidyapeeth  
(Deemed to be) University  
College of Engineering, Pune**

**Report on**

**Celebration of International Women's Day**

**“Empowerment starts from within”- Says Ms Sonali Bhandarkar, Officer, Ecosystem Development, DATRI, Blood stem Cells Donors Registry at Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed To Be Univeristy) College Of Engineering, Pune.**

She was speaking as a chief guest at the program “Gender Equality: Realising Women's rights” organized by Women's cell of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed To Be Univeristy) College Of Engineering, Pune, (BV(DU)COEP) for its female students and faculty on the occasion of International Woman's Day.

Celebration of International women's Day was done under the Women's Cell of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be) University College of Engineering, Pune on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The theme of this celebration was “Gender Equality: Realizing Women's Rights”.

Ms Sonali Bhandarkar said that women don't need to be empowered, but occasionally they need to introspect their own thoughts. She said that women are strong due to their inborn ability to multitask. She shared some interesting stories of interaction with women from different parts of society when working with the DATRI, which showed how women are naturally empowered irrespective of their caste, creed or age. She said all women need for their empowerment is their confidence and conviction to stand for their rational decisions. She gave example of Jijamata and said that women should always be equipped to face challenges, which ultimately shall empower her family and society too.

The girl students recited the poem and gave the speech on “Women”. This was followed by the Skit performed by the girl students on Gender Equality. The skit was very heart touching for the audience which showed various events taking place in the society. The girl students also performed dance on the motivational songs.

The program was indeed a great success.





