

## International Women's Day Celebrations at SCTIMST

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Trivandrum celebrated the International Women's Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Biomedical Technology Wing. The gathering was welcomed by Dr. Jayasree RS, Head, Division of Biophotonics and Imaging. Dr. Harikrishna Varma P. R, Head, Biomedical Technology wing, SCTIMST delivered the inaugural address.

This was followed by delivery of women's day messages by Dr. Kavita Raja, Medical Superintendent, SCTIMST, Dr. Sylaja PN, Professor and Head, Division of Neurology, SCTIMST, Dr. Rakhal Gaitonde, Professor, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, SCTIMST and Dr. Maya Nandkumar, Head, Division of Microbial Technology, SCTIMST.

All the speakers underlined the importance of enforcing equal pay for equal work, enhancing the representation of women in leadership roles, breaking down social stigmas, and fostering cultural shifts to establish a more equitable and just society for all genders.

On this occasion, Dr. Harikrishna Varma P. R. also unveiled a digital poster "Sastra Shalabhangal - 2024", which depicted the pencil drawn images of the Women Faculty of BMT wing, SCTIMST. A poem authored by Dr. Shiny Velayudhan on professional persona of the women depicted on the digital poster was recited by Dr. Francis Fernandez. Dr. Sachin J. Shenoy, Scientist G, SCTIMST proposed the vote of thanks and celebration concluded with National Anthem



