

International Women's Day Celebration by Bangladesh National Chapter

8 March 2020



Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World
Bangladesh National Chapter

Institution/Organizations involved in #IWD2020 celebration!



Rajshahi University



- BUHS- Bangladesh University of Health Sciences, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- BAU- Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Bangladesh
- BRRI- Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, Gazipur, Bangladesh
- RU- Rajshahi University, Rajshahi, Bangladesh
- BAEC- Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Savar, Bangladesh

'Celebration of International Women's Day 2020 at BUHS

The celebration at BUHS started with a open discussion session on the theme of IWD this year "I Am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Right" in the morning around 11:00 am at Ibrahim Auditorium, BUHS. Around fifty faculty members and students from different departments participated in the program. Honorable vice-chancellor Prof. Dr. Faridul Alam was the chief guest and Dr. Sharmin Parveen, Chair, OWSD Bangladesh National Chapter and Dean of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, presided over the discussion program. Prof. Alam in his speech appreciate the role of women scientist in Bangladesh and also in BUHS. He advised the girl students to achieve excellence in all aspects and prepare themselves to be eligible for equal rights in the global competitions. Dr Sharmin focuses on the barriers and challenges women and girls working in STEM in BD are facing and how OWSD is offering excellent opportunities to support and empower women in science. She also said that this day provides us an opportunity to reflect on ways to empower women and recognize their untiring efforts and achievements.



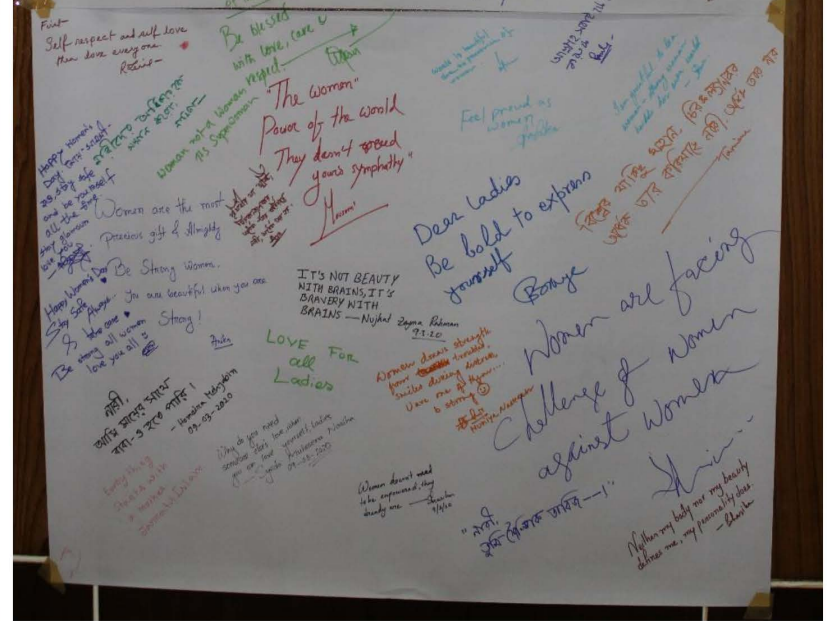
Seminar at BUHS on IWD celebration, 8 March, 2020 !

'Celebration of International Women's Day 2020 at BUHS (Contd)

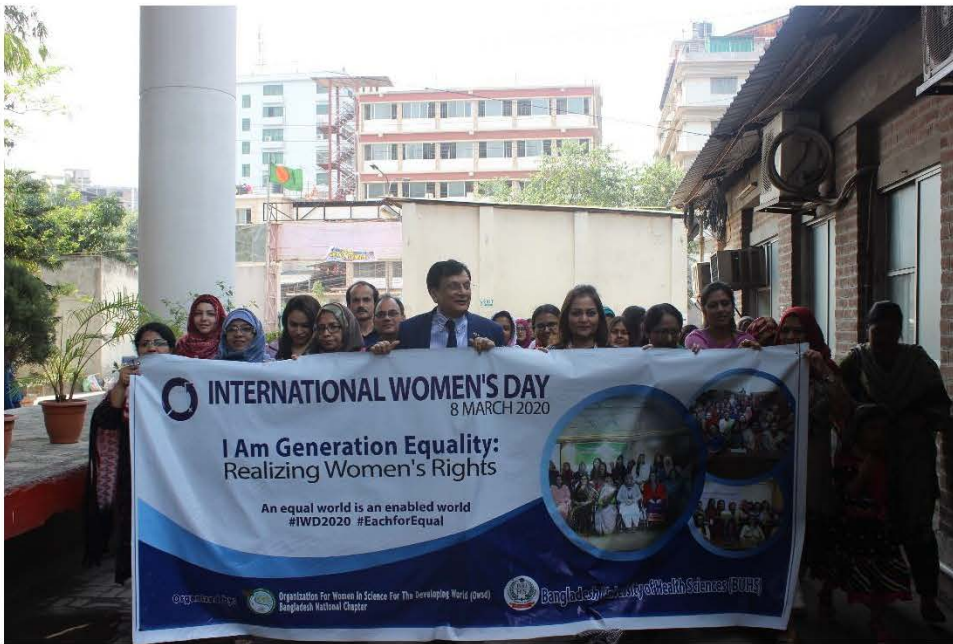
Dean of faculty of Basic Sciences Prof. Dr. Begum Rokeya urges to work together and appreciate the vital role of women and empowering women for building a better society. Dean of faculty of Public Health Prof. Dr. Anowar Hossain also participated in the discussion and said that an equal world is an enabled world.

After the Discussion session all the faculty members and students openly write their thoughts on a poster paper which was displayed in the auditorium.

The celebration was ended with a colorful rally marches through BUHS campus and roads in front of the university.



Thoughts on 'Generation Equality' during IWD celebration at BUHS on 8 March, 2020 !



Rallies on IWD celebration at BUHS on 8 March, 2020 !



BUHS Professionals posing #EACHFOREQUAL on 8 March, 2020 !

'Celebration of International Women's Day 2020 at BIRRI

All the Scientists of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BIRRI), organized a rally for celebration of International Women's Day on 8th March 2020. More than fifty (50) women Scientists, around 130 women employees of BIRRI, wife of Scientist in BIRRI and male colleagues of BIRRI also participated in the rally. Dr. Md. Shahjahan Kabir (Director General), Dr. Tamal Lata Aditya (Director-Research) and Dr. Krishna Pada Halder (Director -Administration & Common Service) led the rally. The rally marched around the big campus of BIRRI and ended in front of main office (DG Office) after crossing the whole campus. After the rally, a casual discussion was held among the participants on the gender equality issues. A few scientists and some other participants gave their opinion that Bangladeshi women in general have proved that they can achieve any success like their male counterpart.



IWD celebration rally at BRRRI on 8 March, 2020 !



Rallies on IWD celebration at BRRI on 8 March, 2020 !

'Celebration of International Women's Day 2020 at BAU

A rally was organized for celebration of International Women's Day on 8th March 2020. Around 80 women were present. They were teachers from six faculties of BAU, teachers of BAU high school, female officer of BAU and students of ladies Hall namely: Sultana Razia Hall, Taposi Rabeya Hall, Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall and Begum Rokeya Hall. The rally marched around the campus and stirred up the younger generation.

Rallies on IWD celebration at BAU on 8 March, 2020 !





Rallies on IWD celebration at BAU on 8 March, 2020 !

'Celebration of International Women's Day 2020 at RU

- We have organized a rally for celebration of International Women's Day at Rajshahi University, Bangladesh. It was a wonderful morning! A total of 60 female faculties and students from different departments were gathered for the rally. They were enthusiastic regarding the day. The rally marched through the campus. At the end of the rally the excom members Professor Farzana Ashrafi Neela and Professor Rubaiyat Yesmin has delivered motivational speeches.

Rallies on IWD celebration
at RU on 8 March, 2020 !





Rallies on IWD celebration at RU on 8 March, 2020 !





IWD celebration photos at Rajshahi University, Bangladesh on 8 March, 2020 !

'Celebration of International Women's Day 2020 at AERE, BAEC

For the first time, Women scientists at Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE), the research hub of BAEC at Savar, Dhaka celebrated International Women's day on Sunday 8 March, 2020. A rally was organized by OWSD BD members together with common scientists in AERE campus. The colourful rally started at 10:30 am from Institute of Electronics and marched through Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology and ends at the premises of Institute of Food and Radiation Biology (IFRB), one of the pioneer institute at AERE.

IFRB hosted a seminar on the 'Generation Equality: How Women Scientists at AERE Contributing to Achieve the Goal' where five senior scientists have talked on their experience, barriers and achievements in carrying out different national and international projects. Around 40 women scientist participated in the seminar which continued from 11:30 am till 1:00 pm in presence of Director General, AERE, Dr Md Nurul Islam.

The seminar was co-ordinated by Dr Tabassum Mumtaz, who briefed on the history of IWD, its gradual development and how UN and UNESCO based organizations like OWSD has been working on the empowerment of women in through schemes like PhD fellowships, Early career research grants, awards etc. Director General, in his speech greeted the initiative and urged that these activities to be held regularly with bigger audience. He also acknowledged the support of OWSD and expressed his sincere gratitude towards Govt's policies in lifting up women of all walks of life in Bangladesh. The seminar was officially inaugurated by cutting cake with five speakers on stage with DG.



Rallies on IWD celebration at AERE, BAEC on 8 March, 2020 !



IWD celebration photos at AERE, BAEC on 8 March, 2020 !

Speakers @ IWD Celebration at AERE, BAEC

1st speaker

Dr Mahfuza Khan, Director IFRB & Excom NC welcomed all and expressed her deep concern and commitment in helping young scientists for upgrading their career. She had successfully completed a no. of Co-ordinated research projects (CRP) under IAEA and is now planning to move forward to Technical co-operation projects (TC) to expand her research on fruitfly SIT.



2nd speaker

Dr Rokhsana Huque, Food Safety specialist and TC project leader on 'Food Traceability and Authentication' explained in details how a TC project can be submitted and implemented after approval. She also showed how collaborative works had helped her to achieve project milestones on time.



3rd speaker

Dr Farzana Yesmin, OWSD alumni and recipient of TWAS grant began her research career at AERE as MSc student under CRP. After joining she got OWSD fellowship and pursued her PhD at UKM, Malaysia and received FRGS grant. In 2016, after joining back BAEC, she won TWAS grant which has been extended recently. Her engagement with world experts on fruitfly cytogenetics had made her confident, knowledgeable and committed to carry on further research at her own workplace.



Speakers @ IWD Celebration at AERE (Contd)

4th Speaker

Nuclear chemist Dr Salma Sultana, head of Nuclear and Radiation Chemistry division at INST had been working on FNCA project on Hydrogel and chitosan for past 5 years. She is an expert in radiation processing of polymeric materials and through her R & D activities, she wished to continue more cutting edge researches to meet future need. Her research team member Dr Nazia also received CRP recently.



5th speaker

OWSD member Ms Fahmida Akter, Principal Engineer and head of Nuclear Electronics Division is also the project director of Govt funded ADP. The infrastructure renovation of her institute is taking place through her ADP project since its construction in early 1980s. She was officially taken this project on this same day in 2019 and from thenshe prepared herself to be fit for the task and gradually learnt basics of project management e.g., procurement of works and goods. She thanked her husband and family members for supporting her and helped her balancing work and home.



IWD Celebration @ AERE, BAEC (Contd.)

The interactive session stirred audience where a number of scientists expressed their views about IWD and paid gratitude to mothers whose sacrifice contributed a lot in their career. Ms Nuba thanked organizers to make such an extraordinary program and proposed to have health campaign for women in slum areas in Dhaka. Dr Kajla, Dr Nazia, Ms Mouhsina and Engr Ms Farzana all pointed out the fact that women had to dream big to overcome obstacles and keep in mind that professional and personal responsibilities goes hand in hand and nothing can be ignored or skipped even if the situation is not favorable. We should seek help from almighty to make it easy for us.





#EACHFOREQUAL pose and AERE scientists from different institutes celebrating #IWD2020

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