



# Gandhinagar Institute of Technology

A Report on

“International Women’s Day”

(07<sup>th</sup> -08<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

## **Abstract:**

Gandhinagar Institute of Technology, managed by Platinum Foundation, celebrated International Women’s Day 2022 on 7th & 8th March 2022. The motto of the event was to motivate female members of the institute and empower them for their as well as society's betterment. The event was organized by the Women Development Cell of GIT under the guidance of Dr. H N Shah (Director, GIT), trustees, and the management. The Pre celebration of International Women’s Day started on 7th March 2022, with an educational discussion for class 4 women workers about the “Importance of Girl Child Education”, which was followed by an entertaining game session for the female faculty members. A token of appreciation was given to class 4 women workers and female faculty members. On 8th March 2022, 50 girl students of the institute were taken for a visit to the Nadabet India-Pak border. The students were taken for the visit of zero-point LOC- Seema Darshan where they interacted with soldiers and were explained the workings of the BSF. An educational session about various weapons and machinery used by the Indian army and information about their make, model, and use was given to the students. Students also visited the Nadabet museum which showcased the brave history of Nadabet. The main motto of conducting this visit was to encourage girl students to feel empowered, encouraged, and informed and to motivate them to join the defense force. The visit was managed by Mr. Vallabhbhai Ramani, the great father of Martyr Maj Rushikesh Ramani who was killed in action in June 2009 at Pukhawada sector in Jammu and Kashmir and guided by Mr. R.K. Mehdiratta, executive member of the Air Force Association.

## **Relevance of the activity:**

The purpose of celebrating Women's Day is to recognize the various contributions of women in society and raise awareness about gender equality. On this day, people often share stories of women who are important to them.

On this women’s day, our institute decided to educate, empower and encourage all the female members of the institute ranging from class 4 workers to faculty members to students. As mentioned above the celebration lasted two days, on the first day the students and faculty conducted an educational discussion on the “Importance of Girl Child Education” to encourage them to not only educate themselves but also their children which will eventually lead to them living a better life. The idea was to explain to them the changes that have happened in the world over the last few decades that have made it possible for girls and boys to be equal in achievements and opportunities and also that educating the women in the house leads to an educated family and a better life overall.

On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 50 girl students of the institute were taken for a visit to Nadabet India-Pak border. The purpose of the trip was to educate students about the border security forces there work and importance and encourage them to join the defense forces to safeguard our nation. Overall, the purpose of the trip was to make us students do our best for our future and make our country proud in whatever field we choose, and teach us about the great contributions of our soldiers for the safety and security of the country.

### **Proportion of Women Benefited:**

This celebration was enjoyed by all female students, faculties, and staff in which they are benefitted from the following points:

- They got to know about different schemes provided by the government for free education of girl child.
- Many female faculties and staff discussed the points which will be helpful for them to balance their professional and personal life.
- Women empowerment was
- Girls got to interact with females who are serving their country and how strong-minded they are to represent their field to different people who visit the border and also motivate people to help the society and country in different areas.
- An army officer at Nadabet also taught our girl students about the weapons they use for defense and how they stay focused on the goal to serve our country.

### **Measurable gains in knowledge:**

The first part of knowledge gain happened during the research of the educational discussion on “Importance of Girl Child Education” where we found out about the various programs’ government has for education of women and children in general. We got to know about the various stats and changes that have happened over the years. The class 4 workers also got to know about the thing the government wants to do for them and their rights. They interacted with the students and the faculty with their various questions and doubts about the same.

The trip was one of the greatest learning experiences ever. We got to know about so many things which we have no idea about. The importance of the Indian army, the border security forces, and their role in the protection of our borders. We were told many stories of the bravery and valor of our soldiers. We were also shown a display of the weapons and the machinery used by the army and given all the details about the make, model, and use of the same which was very fascinating. The crowd address was also very encouraging and motivational. The museum was full of stories of nadabet, its culture and bravery, the development of the border security forces over the years and across the border, and also showed us the new technology and innovations happening in the defense forces. We were also made to experience stimulations of combat through the video game and VR.

### **Measurable gain in skill:**

While conducting educational sessions for class 4 workers, they got to know how to enroll their kids for free in schools. Then at the border, we came to know how our border is protected by

the Jawans fearlessly and the lights at the border are even visible from satellite. One of the officers also shared his experience at BSF and we also got to know how female officers managed their duties towards, both their country and family. We even tied threads to few officers as a token of respect and appreciation. We also experienced how they fight in reality through VR and by playing a video game set up there.

### **Feedback:**

The program which was organized for the International Women's day celebration by the Gandhinagar Institute of Technology included a motivational session for "The Importance of Girl Child Education" to class 4 women which helped them to understand different schemes where girl students are given free education. Girl Students visit Nadabet India-Pak border where they got inspiration by speech which was given by BSF officer. They also enjoyed the museum and art gallery where they got to see the weapons soldiers are using in defense. Zero-point was also enjoyed by students where BSF people shared their experiences about working in the BSF and the sense of honor and pride that comes with it. The museum gave us a glimpse of all the tough conditions the BSF face while protecting our borders. Students enjoyed the event and trip arranged for the Women's day celebration and learned the value of our Independence which we got when our soldiers sacrificed their lives and how people are there to protect us. Our Girl students also interacted with a female army officer and got to know about their struggle and how they managed the situation being a female and also handle their responsibilities towards her family and her country.

### **Photo Gallery:**



Women's Day celebration



Talk on girl child education



Gift Distribution to class 4 women



Visit to Nadabet



India-Pakistan Boarder