

Guest Lecture on “Empowering Women, Inspiring Equality”

Introduction

The Department of Management Studies, MVJ College of Engineering, Bengaluru, organized a guest lecture on “Empowering Women, Inspiring Equality” on 6 October 2026. The session was conducted from **9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Seminar Hall 1**, Main Block. The resource person for the session was Dr. Manjula V, State Program Director for Mahila Samakhya Karnataka (MSK). The programme was organized to create awareness among students about women empowerment, equality and the importance of building a stronger and more inclusive society.

Objectives of the Event

- To create awareness among students about women empowerment and gender equality.
- To understand the importance of equality and inclusive participation in society and the workplace.
- To inspire students to contribute towards creating a fair, respectful and inclusive environment.
- To provide students with practical insights and perspectives from an experienced resource person.

Event Overview

The programme commenced at 9:00 am with the formal opening of the guest lecture. The guest, **Dr. Manjula V, State Program Director for Mahila Samakhya Karnataka (MSK)**, was welcomed by the Department of Management Studies. The session focused on the theme

“Empowering Women, Inspiring Equality” and highlighted the significance of empowering women and promoting equality in personal, educational and professional spaces.

The resource person interacted with the students and encouraged them to reflect on the importance of equal opportunities, confidence, participation and social responsibility. The session provided a platform for students to gain broader perspectives on women empowerment and the role of young people in building a stronger future.

The event was coordinated by **Prof. Darla Nagaraju and Prof. Keerthi M Kumar**. Student coordinators Deeksha, Tajunnisa and Tharun, all from MBA 2nd year, supported the conduct of the programme.



Dr. Manjula V, State Program Director, Mahila Samakhya Karnataka (MSK), delivering a session on Women's Equality and Empowerment.

During the lecture, Dr. Manjula V spoke about the importance of women empowerment and the need to promote equality in society. She highlighted the significance of providing women with equal opportunities in education, employment, leadership and decision-making. She encouraged students to develop confidence, self-reliance and a positive attitude while challenging social barriers and stereotypes that limit women's participation and growth. She also emphasized that equality is a shared responsibility and that both men and women should work together to create an inclusive and respectful environment.

Through her interaction with the students, she motivated them to become responsible citizens and contribute towards building a stronger, more equitable and inclusive society.



MBA II Year students enthusiastically participating in the guest lecture on “Empowering Women, Inspiring Equality.”



**Dr. Manjula V. with the faculty of the Department of Management Studies and MBA II
Year student coordinators**



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Key Highlights of the Session

- Awareness and discussion on women empowerment and equality.
- Interaction between the resource person and MBA students.
- Emphasis on equal opportunities, participation and inclusive growth.
- Encouragement for students to contribute towards a stronger and more equitable future.



Prof. Darla Nagaraju delivering Vote of Thanks

Outcomes and Impact

- Students gained awareness of the importance of women empowerment and gender equality.
- Students developed a better understanding of the need for equal opportunities and inclusive participation.
- The interaction motivated students to think about their role in promoting equality and social responsibility.
- The session provided valuable exposure to the perspectives of a professional working in the field of women empowerment.

Conclusion

The guest lecture on “Empowering Women, Inspiring Equality” was a meaningful and informative academic activity organized by the Department of Management Studies. The session provided students with valuable perspectives on women empowerment, equality and inclusive growth. The interaction with Dr. Manjula V helped students appreciate the importance of creating opportunities for all and contributing to a stronger and more equitable future.

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