

Report on  
**Celebration of International Women's Day- 2026**  
organized by  
Department of Mathematics  
School of Basic and Applied Sciences  
Harcourt Butler Technical University, Kanpur

**Date:** March 8, 2026 (Sunday)

**Time:** 12:00 PM

**Mode:** Online (Google Meet) Link: <https://meet.google.com/kjx-cirb-dss>

**Convenors:** Dr. Shivam Shreevastava, Dr. Abhinava Srivastav

**Distinguished Speaker:** Prof. Rekha Bali, Department of Mathematics, HBTUK

**Theme:** *“Give to Gain.”*

**Objective of the Event:** The event was organized to celebrate International Women's Day and to recognize the contributions, achievements, and potential of women in academia and society. The program aimed to inspire students and faculty members by emphasizing the importance of empowerment, inclusivity, and mutual growth. It also sought to promote the idea that contributing positively to society leads to collective progress and personal fulfillment, as reflected in the theme “Give to Gain.”

### **Events Highlights**

The Department of Mathematics, SOBAS, HBTU Kanpur celebrated International Women's Day with enthusiasm and active participation from students and faculty members. The event focused on spreading awareness about gender equality, women empowerment and the importance of creating supportive environments for women in education and professional fields.

The highlight of the event was the expert talk delivered by **Prof. Rekha Bali**, who shared her valuable insights on the role of women in academia, challenges faced by women professionals, and the importance of resilience, dedication, and continuous learning. She emphasized that empowerment comes through knowledge, confidence and the willingness to support others.

The theme *“Give to Gain”* was elaborated through examples highlighting how acts of mentorship, collaboration and societal contribution ultimately lead to personal and collective growth. The session encouraged participants to adopt a positive outlook toward giving back to society.

The event also witnessed interactive participation, where students engaged in discussions and shared their thoughts on women's empowerment and the importance of equal opportunities in education and careers.

### **Inaugural Remarks and Details of the Session**

The event commenced with opening remarks by the convenors, who welcomed the speaker and participants. The significance of International Women's Day was highlighted, emphasizing the need to celebrate achievements while continuing efforts toward equality and inclusivity.

During her address, **Prof. Rekha Bali** spoke about her experiences, motivating students to pursue their goals with determination. She stressed the importance of self-belief, continuous skill development, and supporting fellow peers, especially women, in academic and professional environments.

The session was highly interactive, with participants asking questions and engaging in meaningful discussions. The speaker's practical insights and motivational words left a strong impact on the audience.

### **Vote of Thanks**

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shivam Shreevastava, who expressed sincere gratitude to the distinguished speaker for her inspiring talk. He also thanked all the participants, faculty members, and organizers for their active involvement and contribution to the success of the event.

### **Conclusion**

The celebration of International Women's Day at the Department of Mathematics, HBTU Kanpur was insightful and inspiring. The event successfully highlighted the importance of empowerment, equality and collective growth.

The program concluded on a positive and motivating note, reinforcing the message that by contributing to others' growth and well-being, individuals can achieve meaningful success and create a more inclusive and progressive society.

## Photos/Screenshots

