

## International Women's Day Celebrations at ICAR- IISR, Lucknow

ICAR- Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow celebrated the International Women's Day. Dr. R. Viswanathan, Director, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. Dr. Sharmila Roy, Principal Scientist & Chairperson, Women Cell welcomed the Director, the guest speakers-Ms. Divya Mishra and Ms. Suman Rawat and the participants. Delivering a talk on The Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, Ms. Divya Mishra, Advocate, Family Court, Lucknow highlighted the major points of the Act. Ms. Mishra urged the women participants to be bold and report the complaint of any type of harassment to the higher authorities and Internal Complaint Committee. Ms. Suman Rawat, Chairperson, Pawar Wings Foundation, Lucknow delivered a talk on Women Welfare and Empowerment and urged everyone to help in making the workplace as gender neutral. Citing the examples of Ramayan and Mahabharat, Dr. R. Viswanathan, Director, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow narrated that villain as well as savior were present even in the ancient era. Several social reformers including Raja Ram Mohan Rai devoted their whole life for empowerment of the women. Dr. Viswanathan told that several women freedom fighters were associated even in Indian National Army and fought for the cause of India's independence. He highlighted that women are associated in every sphere of life today and contributing a lot for the welfare of society. The programme was conducted by Dr. Vineeka Singh, SMS, (Home Science), KVK, Lucknow and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Kamini Singh, RA, NAIF Project. All the staff of the Institute participated in the event.



