

**Celebration of International Women's Day in Collaboration with  
Chaitanya Foundation and Forbes Marshall at Bopkhel, Pune  
on 09<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, VAMNICOM celebrated International Women's Day at Bopkhel in association with Chaitanya Foundation and Forbes Marshall. Between 200-300 women were present at the venue to celebrate each other. These women were the members of Self-Help Groups supported by Chaitanya Foundation.

The event was graced by Dr. Sudha Kothari, Founder & Managing Director, Chaitanya Foundation, Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, VAMNICOM, Smt. Nani Ghule, Deputy Mayor, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Dr. Lalieetaa Bhagat, Assistant Professor, SNTD College of Home Science, Pune and Ms. Rutuja Chaphekar, Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, Forbes Marshall.

Dr. Sangeeta Shroff, Professor, Dr. Pallavi Ingale, Associate Professor as well as Ms. Sonal Kadam, Research Officer from VAMNICOM were also present at the event.

On this occasion, women cheered one another by sharing their success stories as well as their hardships.

Each speaker touched on different aspects of woman life. Director, VAMNICOM emphasized on capacity building of women in terms of product diversification and marketing, Smt. Nani Ghule appreciated the efforts of women and team spirit, Dr. Lalieetaa Bhagat shared her experience and struggle and encouraged women to be ambitious, Ms. Rutuja Chaphekar suggested every woman to take out at least one hour solely for themselves and Dr. Sudha Kothari requested all the women to share ideas with each other.



Dr. Hema Yadav (Director, VAMNICOM) with Dr. Sudha Kothari (Founder & Managing Director, Chaitanya Foundation), Dr. Sangeeta Shroff (Professor) and Dr. Pallavi Ingale (Associate Professor) were also present at Bopkhel





Director, VAMNICOM addressing the Women Members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at Bopkhel



Women Members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at Bopkhel



Director, VAMNICOM and Faculty Interacting with One of the Women Members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at Bopkhel



Director, VAMNICOM and Faculty at Clothing Stall Set Up by One of the SHGs