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INAUGURATION OF LILAVATI AWARDS 2020: 17 NOVEMBER 2020

New Delhi: All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) launched an innovative education program, AICTE's Lilavati Awards 2020 in the presence of honourable Minister of Education Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank". The theme of the Lilavati Award 2020 was 'women empowerment.'

Speaking at the event, Honourable Minister of Education Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said, "Today I feel elated to be a part of an innovative programme launched by AICTE in the form of Lilavati Award 2020. As we know the theme of the award is 'Women Empowerment' which has always been the top priority of the Modi government. Under the leadership of honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, we have launched several welfare schemes for the overall development of girl child and women in different spheres of lives. Be it Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Balika Samridhi yojana, CBSE Udaan Scheme, and many more, targeting the overall development of girls. With Lilavati Award-2020, AICTE has once again championed the cause of women empowerment and paving a way towards equality in education and innovation."

At the launch, Dr. Pokhriyal said, "If you educate a man, you educate a person but if we educate a woman, you educate an entire generation."

The Chairman of AICTE Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe in his address said, "To treat women with 'equality and fairness' in all spheres of lives, by the means of this initiative, all the stakeholders (especially the girl students) in AICTE approved institutions would get a unique opportunity to present a solution to the prevalent issues of gender discrimination, such as illiteracy, unemployment, economic and nutritional disparities, maternal mortality, human rights, etc. Also, if anyone has already made a successful effort towards making a mark in the society, in establishing women's emancipation/ empowerment at large, she/ he can showcase their efforts/ contributions."

Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Member, National Education Policy Draft Committee in her address said, "The Innovation Cell of Ministry of Education has launched two programmes under Lilavati Award 2020 for the women: i) Smart India Hackathon: Having team size of 6 with minimum 1-woman in the team ii) Canada-India Programme for Women Entrepreneur Exchange Programme. It will inspire the girl students and women to participate and excel."

AICTE Lilavati Award - 2020 is also accepting applications from the eligible candidates, who have undertaken remarkable intervention for the cause and made an impact, in the form of a short video clip (not more than 4-5 minutes' duration) that showcases their work under the

different sub- themes. The sub themes are Women Health, Self Defense, Sanitation, Literacy and others.

Dr. Amit Kumar Srivastava, Director (Student Development Cell), AICTE introduced the Lilavati Award 2020 and said, "With the support and guidance of honourable Minister of Education Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', we believe in achieving many milestones in the path of innovative education and women empowerment."

Welcome address of 'Lilavati Award' was done by Prof. Rajiv Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE, followed by the address of Prof. M P Poonia, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, AICTE who highlighted the pivotal role of AICTE in Women Empowerment followed by the address by Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Hon'ble Chairman, AICTE. Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank", Minister of Education, addressed the gathering at 5:30 PM. Vote of Thanks was proposed by Smt. Sanju Choudhary, Assistant Director, (Student Development Cell), AICTE.

The guidelines of the award can be accessed at <https://lilavati.aicte-india.org/assets/img/instructions.pdf>

The entries for the award can be submitted at <https://lilavati.aicte-india.org/>

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