



Women's Day Celebration



Las Damas de Rizal Doha chapter hosts seminar

Las Damas de Rizal (LDR) Doha chapter marked International Women's Day with its inaugural seminar themed 'Accelerate Action' recently, providing a platform for discussions and presentations aimed at empowering women.

The talks highlighted the importance of leadership, self-care, emotional intelligence, and gender equality in the workforce.

In her speech, LDR president, Dr Arne Binondo underscored the significance of the celebration, and declared the seminar open.

A video message from Lina Brosas, founder of LDR

and Paris chapter president, shared her vision for empowering women globally. Her message resonated with many attendees as she spoke about resilience and determination in overcoming the challenges women face today.

"From Routine to Rise: Nurturing Women Leaders," was presented by Dr Noemi Formaran, Education Committee head and event chairperson, focusing on developing leadership skills among women.

Sheila Marie Cantos, chapter auditor led a discussion on "Breaking Barriers and Soaring High" within the aviation industry, sharing her experiences as a woman

in a traditionally male-dominated field while JackieLou Cabautan, chapter assistant treasurer discussed about "Skin Care", emphasising the importance of self-care routines not only for physical appearance but also for confidence-building among women.

Dr Richelle Arugay, vice-president - Internal Affairs, talked about "Emotional Intelligence: Empowering Ourselves and Others" while engineer Victoria Bedon, addressed "Gender Equality in the Workforce," advocating for equal opportunities across all levels of employment.

As part of the event's cultural integration, an Iftar was served to honour Ramadan traditions, and allowed

participants to connect over shared experiences. The seminar also held a question and answer session with the participants and presented the Plaques of Appreciation to all the speakers and Certificates of Attendance to the participants.

Dr Noemi Formaran delivered the closing remarks and a vote of thanks as event chairman, summarising key takeaways while encouraging continued dialogue beyond this event. She also acknowledged individuals for their unwavering support and thanked all the attendees for the time they've spent as their presence played a vital role in the success of the event.

QTS holds event

Qatar Tamizhar Sangam (QTS) organised International Women's Day celebration for its members.

The programme started with Tamil Thai Vazhthu, Singapore embassy charge d'affaires Sumaya Baqavi was the chief guest.

Indian Cultural Centre president A P Manikantan and MES Indian School Abu Hamour Branch principal Pramila Kannan were

performances were showcased by QTS members and their families. The highlight was a debate show in Tamil titled 'Do men encourage or hinder women's development'. The cultural show participants were presented with trophies. The event was organised by cultural secretary Purusothaman. Literary secretary Nirmala Raghuraman welcomed the gathering and joint cultural



150 attend DCICAI programme



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) - Doha Chapter hosted a celebration of Women's International Day, themed 'Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges'.

The event brought together over 150 attendees, including members and their spouses, featuring insights from women leaders across industries.

Indian embassy second secretary Bindu N Nair was the guest of honour. Renault Nissan Technology & Business

Centre (India) chief financial officer Sheela Tharakan, MES Indian School (Doha) principal Dr Hameeda Kadar, Qatar Cricket Association's technical head and educator Shivani Mishra, and storyteller, trainer and coach Shanty Rose spoke on the IWD 2025 theme, gender equality. In his inaugural address, chapter chairperson Kishore Alex acknowledged the significant contributions of women leaders within DCICAI and emphasised the chapter's dedication to promoting

diversity and inclusiveness. Bindu N Nair, highlighted the powerful stories of women who have shattered norms and created connections across different spheres, stressing the importance of taking bold steps to promote gender equality in every facet of life. Sheela Tharakan shared her journey as a woman in finance, emphasising the need for equal opportunities and mentorship for women in corporate leadership.

Dr Hameeda Kadar spoke about how gender equality is sometimes misinterpreted, emphasising that true empowerment comes from embracing and being happy with oneself, regardless of societal expectations. Shivani Mishra shared her journey of becoming the first female on-field umpire to officiate in a men's T20, discussing how her strength, resilience, and willpower helped her break barriers in a male-dominated industry.

Shanty Rose spoke about the power of storytelling in inspiring change and how it helps in empowering women. The event concluded with the felicitation of all speakers by the chairperson and vice-chairperson Arun Somanath along with other executive Committee members. ICAI members residing in Qatar and aspiring to join the Doha chapter can contact Kishore Alex or Arun Somanath at 55060695 for further information.