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BARC Celebrates Int'l Women's Day with the theme 'Women Warriors: Unlimiting Potential'

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The Women's Cell of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) celebrated International Women's Day on April 25, 2025, with great enthusiasm based on the inspiring theme of "**Women Warriors: Unlimiting Potential.**" The event was held at the CC Auditorium and drew a large and engaged audience. Dr. B. K. Sapra, Chairperson of the Women's Cell, BARC delivered the welcome address, while Shri M. L. Mascarenhas, Director, BTDG presented the institutional address.

The celebration was graced by two eminent guest speakers whose lives exemplify courage, determination, and the ability to break through barriers. Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth, one of India's first women fighter pilots to be inducted into the Indian Air Force in 2016, delivered a rousing talk on perseverance and breaking gender norms in male-preferred field of aviation. Her journey from engineering to flying supersonic jets deeply resonated with the audience.

The second guest speaker was Indian Navy Surgeon Captain Vidhu Bhatnagar, a distinguished

neuro-anesthesiologist from Indian Navy Hospital Ship (INHS) Asvini and an author by passion. With extensive experience in this enigmatic field of medicine and use of impactful visuals, she kept the audience thoroughly engaged during her address that focused on resilience of women in high-pressure professions.

Adding an emotional dimension to the celebration was a powerful drama "*स्त्रियों की कहानी*" performed by BARC employees. This production, which has already won multiple awards at the All India Civil Services Cultural Meet 2025, received a spontaneous ovation for its gripping script, and poignant portrayal of struggles and triumphs of individuals with disabilities.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri A.G. Tirpude, Convener of Women's Cell, BARC. More than just a celebration, the event highlighted the immense capabilities and potential of women, indeed "Women Warriors."