

## Solapur

Urban Solapur Mahila Kalanjiam Federation has celebrated the International Women's Day with 200 members. Chief guests participated in the celebrations are Mrs. Shakuntala Shinde, Director, Gyansagar primary school, Mrs. RameshwariBiru, Corporator, Solapur, Mrs. Avantika Sangha, Assistant Manager, Syndicate bank, Mrs. DeepaliPatil, Teacher, Gyansagar primary school, Mrs. Anand Biru, Social worker, Solapur. Mrs. Shakuntala Shinde addressing the 200 women narrated the initiatives and efforts taken bySavitribaiPhule and her husband toward girls' education which lead to initiating the first Indian girls' school at Bhide Wada, Pune in 1848.

Mrs. RameshwariBiru has briefed how she trained 50 women on riding rickshaw, thereby creating livelihood to those women. Mrs. Avantika Sangha addressed the aspect of utilization of loans availed by women members of Kalanjiam. She emphasized though women members are availing loans, normally it's their male counterparts who are having the reaping the benefits as the women in the families are lacking the decision making power. Ms. Manisha Waghmare addressed the Kalanjiam members and educated them in women empowerment and gender equality. Mrs. Jijabia, Mother of ChathrapathiShivajiwas recalled by re-citing poems about her. Solapur Mahila Kalanjiam Federationhas also organized free health camps in three slum areas, wherein 280 members got benefitted through thefree health diagnosis camps.