

PRESS NOTE

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Meeting the Immediate Healthcare Needs of the Underprivileged: SRM University-AP Wraps the Week-long Free Health Camp

A week-long International Women's Day celebration at SRM University-AP, AADHYA'23, concluded with a valedictory function held on Monday, March 13, 2023. AADHYA'23 lauded the strength and significance of women in society through multiple impactful activities. Dr G Vani Mohan IAS, Principal Secretary, State Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of Andhra Pradesh; Dr Vidya Sundarajan, Head, PHRMD & QAD, IGCAR Kalpakkam; Ms Menaka, Head, RAMS, RESD, SQRMG, IGCAR Kalpakkam; and Dr Deepti Vepakomma, Professor and Head, Pediatric Surgery Dean (Research) AIIMS, Mangalagiri, were the dignitaries who graced the occasion with their valuable presence. "Every individual desires to go beyond their limits to achieve what they dream, and that's why we leave no stone unturned in making the endeavours of the women of SRM AP ground-breaking," said Prof. Manoj K Arora, Vice Chancellor of SRM AP, while addressing the gathering.

A Free Health Camp organised by the Health Centre and NSS Cell of SRM *AP* was the major highlight of the women's day celebrations, providing free medical check-ups and consultations to the attendees for one week. The camp was conducted for all women faculty, staff and workers of the university and women in the surrounding villages such as Neerukonda, Kuragallu and Nidamarru. Experienced medical professionals led the medical camp that allocated comprehensive healthcare services such as general check-ups for Blood Pressure, Sugar, Oral Cancer, Breast Cancer etc.

The President of Neerukonda village expressed how such health camps help meet the immediate healthcare needs of the underprivileged communities in rural areas, as the services offered are diagnostic, preventive and referral. "Camps like this help us to get proper medical treatment for free without having to travel 2 hours to Guntur or Vijayawada. It allows housewives and elder citizens to resolve their health concerns without the strain of travel and medical expenses," added Suvarnalaxmi, a resident of the Neerukonda Village. Over 70 individuals who participated in the camp were between the age group of 45 to 65. AADHYA'23, held from March 7 to 13, 2023, was a huge success, providing much-needed medical services to the rural outskirts of the university.