

**"WOMEN CAN ENSURE A CLEANER GOVERNANCE -  
Sri Y.SIVA SAGAR RAO, CMD, VSP"**

"Women have been playing a significant role by occupying key posts in various fields. They can ensure cleaner governance, said Sri Y. SIVA SAGAR RAO, CMD while speaking at the International Women's Day celebrations at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, today. The programme was organized by the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant wing of the Forum of Women in Public Sector (WIPS). '50% of the medical graduates, 25% of the software professionals and 25% of the Presidents of Village Panchayats are Women', observed Sri Sagar Rao. He called upon the Visteel Mahila Samithi (VMS) and WIPS to jointly strive for the girl child literacy movement. He complimented WIPS and VMS for their efforts in improving the life of womenfolk and social service. "Women have been fighting for the equality, justice and peace for over nine decades since inception of the International Women's Day way back in 1910", Sri Sagar Rao added. Women can change the face of the World with creativity, Sri Rao added. Sri Rao released the newsletter 'DISHA' of WIPS on the occasion.

The guest of honour, Smt. BINDU SARMA, IFS., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam complimented the WIPS and VMS members for their untiring efforts for the upliftment of the womenfolk in and around Ukkunagaram. Smt. Bindu Sarma said that Indian women have come a long way and have brought laurels to the Nation. Women are sensitive, dedicated and devoted, observed, Ms. Sarma. She said that Women can ensure better governance.

Sri K.A.Naidu, Director (Personnel), VSP said that women have been occupying and bringing laurels to the positions occupied by them. Women were given due importance in our rich traditions, religions and society. Women play a vital role in many walks of life and if the mother is educated, the entire family will be educated, said Sri Ayyappa Naidu. He complimented the Visteel Mahila Samithi (VMS) and WIPS for their active role in the upliftment of women.

Sri P.K.Bishnoi, Director (Finance), VSP said that Women have high Intelligent Quotient (IQ), Emotional Quotient (EQ) and are emotionally balanced and hence they can handle any job perfectly. Earlier, a debate on "Employment for Women a boon or bane?" was organized in which the members of WIPS and VMS have actively participated. 19 Women employees of VSP who have completed 25 years of service in VSP were felicitated on the occasion.

Smt. Chinnamma Sagar Rao, President, Visteel Mahila Samithi, Smt.K.Mohini Naidu, Vice-President, VMS, Sri MVR Sarma, GM(CP&C), Dr.Smt.V.Suryaprabha, DGM(Medical) & Coordinator, WIPS, senior officials of VSP, union leaders and members of VMS & WIPS have participated in the programme.

