

Joyous celebration of womanhood by ATA

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CHICAGO: American Telugu Association (ATA) celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) on March 19 at Royal Palace Banquets, in Chicago Ridge, a Chicago suburb, with over 250 actively participating in various activities. The theme of International Women's Day "Be Bold for Change" resonated with everyone.

ATA celebrates women's day with great dignity to celebrate the accomplishments of women in political, economic and social sectors. The event started with a prayer song and lamp lighting ceremony followed by welcome speech and history of IWD by Sunitha Reddy. In her opening remarks, Dr. Meher Medavaram stressed on the need for women to come together to work for gender parity and recognizing IWD's important agenda offering clear actions and solutions to help both individuals and organizations to create inclusive spaces for all the people all over the world.

They also had prominent phy-



Swapna Reddy, Dr. Sheela Konda - Vice chair of Radiology, Amita Healthcare and Mary Bedel, President of National Alliance were recognized by ATA

sician Dr. Sheela Konda - Vice chair of Radiology, Amita Healthcare speaking on breast cancer awareness which was very informative and educational. She made a slide

presentation on facts relating to breast cancer screening and prevention. This was followed by Mary Bedel, President of National Alliance on Mental Illness from Indiana, who spoke on the importance of recognizing the signs of mental illness and how women can reach out to help themselves and their families. She shared community resources that are available for the treatment of mental illness.

Swapna Reddy an Attorney and Co-Director of ASAP at Urban Justice Center spoke on the burning issue of Immigration and her work with the refugee population. She put to rest some of the speculations regarding the travel ban which has been imposed by the

Trump administration. Audience had a chance to ask questions about Immigration issues. The event included various games, like Jeopardy and Telugu speaking competition. Women enthusiastically participated and winners

ingly successful and memorable event made possible with active participation and help of the entire ATA Chicago team.

A delicious lunch was served and there was immense appreciation from all the women. Vendor

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Women were entertained by Hari Madhuri with her live singing and they danced to the beats of the DJ. It was an overwhelm-

stalls provided a nice shopping experience. Women from all walks of life shared a wonderful afternoon of learning, networking and empowering themselves.



ATA Lamp Lighting ceremony kicking off the program

ATA celebrates grand Holi in Milpitas



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MILPITAS, CA: ATA (America Telugu Association) Planning Chair Raghu Reddy organized a Grand Holi festival at Dixon Landing Park, Milpitas, California on March 18 from 11.30 am to 5 pm. A large family gathering along



with children from Milpitas, Fremont and San Jose attend this Grand annual Holi festival.

ATA organized this Holi festival for the third year in row, Raghu said. He said NATA is very active in other social and cultural activities including Diwali, New Year and Bathukamma festivals

under his leadership.

Grand Holi colors and delicious food were served on the colorful occasion along with organizing of volley ball, cricket and dance program for families. The festival lasted till 5 pm where individuals including kids had a blast.