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Spirit of camaraderie at GVMC

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Close to 500 women employees of the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation had great fun participating in games such as lemon-and-spoon, housie, musical chair, needle-and-thread, and 50-metre walking competition on the occasion of International Women's Day at Swarna Bharathi Auditorium on Friday.

A few women at the venue had other plans. Sailaja was so excited with the idea of spending some extra time with her friends over lunch.

Geetha of NMCH High School said she had a great day in the morning at school as her male colleagues offered gifts to women teachers on the occasion.

“Last time, the management also invited SHGs. This year, only GVMC employees and outsource personnel have come together to rejoice the special day,” said a few employees.

Addressing the gathering, Municipal Commissioner M.V. Satyanarayana said: “Earlier, women in villages were treated as *g rama devata* and given the pride of place. Today, the scenario is different. Women face a lot of problems at workplace. We need to work together to create a conducive atmosphere and respect them for what they are.”

Cash prize and saris were given away to the winners of the lucky draw.

Additional Commissioner of GVMC K. Ramesh said women had come a long way compared to 30-40 years earlier.

“However, the need of the hour is their safety and security. Men should treat women with dignity and make them feel comfortable at workplace,” he added.

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M.V. Satyanarayana.