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**Workshop on Diya making and painting, paper decorative from waste paper
by NSS K R Mangalam University on
the occasion of
International Women Day**

Date: 7th March 2024

Venue: Anganwari, Lakhuwas

Event Type: Hands on Experience Workshop

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Women of village

Coordinators: Dr Mina Kumari and Dr. Neeraj Kumari (NSS Coordinator)

Organized by: NSS, K R Mangalam University, Gurugram

Participants during awareness workshop: 31 NSS Volunteers and approx. 25 Rural Women

Introduction:

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement. It gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women. It is a day to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of women in politics, business, science, arts, and every other field, as well as to recognize the countless women who have paved the way for future generations. In celebration of International Women's Day, NSS, K. R. Mangalam University organized a workshop **Diya making and painting, paper decorative from wastepaper** on 7th March

2024 to empower the women of the village in all aspects of life, and support for meaningful change towards a more inclusive and equitable society.

Objectives:

The main objective of organizing this workshop was to foster creativity and explore the economic potential of traditional crafts and innovative uses of waste materials among the women of Lakhuwas village.

Content:

The workshop was staffed by Dr. Neeraj Kumari, NSS Coordinator where she briefed about the motive to celebrate International Women Day. Dr. Neeraj illustrated the stories and achievements of women who have broken barriers, shattered stereotypes, and inspired positive change in their communities and beyond. She also briefed about the role of women in the development of a country. The workshop was preceded by NSS volunteers where they taught the participants about clay preparation, molding, and embellishment methods to create beautiful and eco-friendly diyas. Following the Diya making demonstration, participants were introduced to the concept of upcycling waste paper into decorative items. Various techniques such as paper quilling, origami, and papier-mache were demonstrated, highlighting the versatility of waste materials in crafting intricate and visually appealing decorative.

Women engaged in a hands-on session where they crafted their own diyas and paper decorative using wastepaper. This interactive session encouraged creativity and resourcefulness, as participants experimented with different designs and techniques under the guidance of skilled artisans.

In the last, Dr. Neeraj discussed the role of Ministry of Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSME) to job creation, poverty alleviation, and overall economic development. She explained about the registration process on MSME to start a small business MSMEs contributes.

Conclusions:

The workshop was concluded with vote of thanks and ensure the participants to conduct such kind of workshops which provide opportunities for skill development and capacity building, equipping individuals with the knowledge and expertise needed to establish and grow MSMEs in the craft and decorative sector.

Event outcomes:

The provided participants with valuable skills in traditional crafts such as diya making and painting, as well as innovative techniques for creating decoratives from wastepaper. Through skill development and creative expression, the workshop empowered participants to explore entrepreneurship opportunities and generate income through the sale of their handmade crafts.





