

Monnet Foundation celebrated International Women's Day, 2013

Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 8th March '2013: "A women is a full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform", with this thought Monnet Foundation celebrated International Women's Day on 08th March '2013 & Social Worker, Ms. Shatabdi Pandey along with President - Monnet Women Club, Ms. Jasbir Kaur were the Chief Guest and inaugurated the event by lighting of lamp.

Around 400 women from near-by villages like Kurud, Natka, Chatauna, Mandir Hasaud, Tulsi, Sheri Kheri, along with Mitandin - Sarpanch, Anganbadi personnel, Monnet female workers, women from Monnet Ladies Club, Monnet staff & Monnet DAV Public School girl students attended the occasion.

Commenting on the event, Ms. Jasbir Kaur said, "*Any kind of work, big or small, holds equal importance. Life is full of struggle and one should not lose hope, because hardwork always pay off*". She also added that "*Education for women is very important and useful at every stage of life. It is also important as it can impart overall confidence in her & will help in overall development.*"

During her speech, Ms. Shatabdi Pandey said, "*Women across the globe started working by forming cooperative set-up and have been successful. Today's women should not consider themselves any lesser in comparison to the male population and should stand for their own rights.*"

A Group from Monnet Ladies Club, Monnet DAV Public School and Monnet Foundation performed folk dances and also sang folk songs. Students from Monnet DAV Public School also presented themselves as versatile women of India. With other activities like tug- of-war, musical chairs, the event concluded successfully.

About Monnet Foundation:

At Monnet, care for the community forms an essential component of its corporate social responsibility objectives which led to establishing Monnet Foundation. Through this foundation, Monnet endeavours to make a positive contribution to the underprivileged communities by supporting a wide range of socio-economic, educational and health initiatives. Its key areas of focus are health, education, women empowerment, sustainable livelihood, and infrastructure development.

About Monnet Group:

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coal mine in India and is also engaged in power generation for both captive use and as an Independent Power Producer (IPP).

MIEL has manufacturing facilities in Raipur and Raigarh, Chhattisgarh and from its 1.5 MTPA integrated steel manufacturing facility at Raigarh, MIEL would be producing structural steel, TMT BARS and Plate Mill Plates (PMPs) to cater to the rapidly growing infrastructure & construction industry. MIEL presently has generation capacity of 230 megawatt coal based thermal power at Raipur and Raigarh plants for captive consumption. Monnet Group has transformed to be an Independent Power Producer through its subsidiary Monnet Power Company Limited (MPCL). MPCL, is setting up a pit head thermal power plant of 1050 MW (2 units of 525 MW) in Angul, Orissa.

The Group also carries out coal washing and beneficiation for its internal consumption as well as for other users, both in the public and private sectors. The services in this field extend from concept to commissioning under a single roof and operation of washery both in coking and non-coking sectors.

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