

## The ICFAI University, Sikkim Commemorates International Women's Day 2025

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The ICFAI University, Sikkim, proudly celebrated International Women's Day with a grand event themed *"Motherly Heart: Ultimate Need for World Peace."* The program, held in honor of the Golden Jubilee of Sikkim Statehood, highlighted the indispensable role of women in fostering peace, harmony, and social progress.

The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including **Smt Raj Kumari Thapa, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Er. Pradhumna Shrestha, Retd. Principal Chief Engineer, Govt. of Sikkim & Secretary General of UPF-Sikkim, and Peace Master Krishna Adhikari, Secretary General of the Universal Peace Federation of India (UN ECOSOC, NGO).**

The program commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a vibrant traditional dance performance by the ICFAI Cultural Club. A speech competition was held, where students eloquently shared their insights on the crucial role of women in shaping a peaceful and progressive world. A special highlight of the event was **the felicitation of Ms. Preeti Sharma, an NSS student volunteer from ICFAI University, Sikkim, for her exceptional achievement in representing Sikkim at the Republic Day Parade 2025 at New Delhi.** Delivering the keynote address, Smt. Raj Kumari Thapa emphasized the unwavering strength and nurturing spirit of women stating that their compassion and leadership are essential in building harmonious and inclusive society.

Malika Kalfay from Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College, Tadong secured the first position of the competition, while ICFAI's own Arpan Sharma placed second, and Anna Singhal from IHM Rumtek took third place.

The event concluded with the announcement of the speech contest winners and a heartfelt vote of thanks, by Ms. Pragya Chettri, Assistant Professor cum Universal Peace Club Head, who expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the distinguished guests, participants, and organizing team for making the event a resounding success. She highlighted the university's commitment to fostering inclusivity and peace through education and community initiatives.