

Workshop on Women Entrepreneurship

Chief Guest:

Prof. J.S. Dhiman (Dean, Planning and Teachers Matters)

Introduction

The Institute of Vocational Studies (IVS), Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, organized an insightful workshop on Women Entrepreneurship on 18th November 2025 with the objective of fostering entrepreneurial skills, leadership qualities and self-reliance among young women. The workshop brought together students of the department—primarily girl participants—as well as students from nearby colleges.

Objectives of the Workshop

- To promote entrepreneurial thinking among young women.
- To provide guidance on financial support systems, including MSME schemes.
- To highlight successful models of women-led enterprises in Himachal Pradesh.
- To motivate participants through interaction with experienced entrepreneurs and professionals.

Participants

The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from:

- Girl students of IVS, HPU Shimla
- Students from nearby colleges
- Faculty members and research scholars

Speakers and Key Sessions

Rtd. Major Dr. Ritu Kalra

Rtd. Major Dr. Ritu Kalra delivered an empowering keynote session focusing on leadership, self-confidence and resilience among aspiring women entrepreneurs.

Ms. Tanuja Dhanta

Ms. Tanuja Dhanta, President of the Homestay Association of Himachal Pradesh shared insights into the homestay business model and community-based tourism entrepreneurship.

Mr. K. Shailesh Singh

Mr. K. Shailesh Singh (Assistant Director MSME) from MSME Solan conducted a session on government schemes, financial support and entrepreneurial assistance provided through MSME.

Workshop Activities

The workshop included interactive sessions, Q&A rounds and group discussions where students actively shared their ideas.

Outcomes of the Workshop

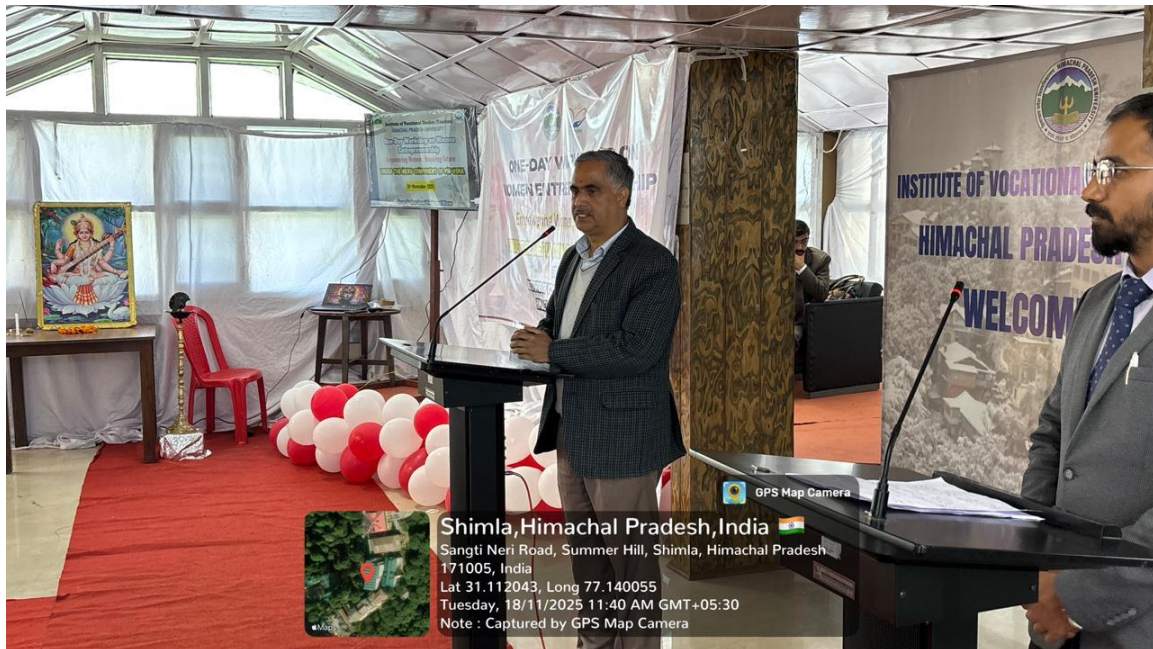
- Enhanced awareness of opportunities for women entrepreneurs.
- Increased motivation and confidence among participants.
- Better understanding of MSME schemes and tourism-based entrepreneurship.
- Strengthened networks between students, faculty and industry professionals.

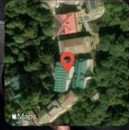
Conclusion

The workshop served as a valuable platform for young women to gain exposure to entrepreneurial environments. The insights shared by the speakers offered both inspiration and practical knowledge.









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