

# **WOMEN IN STEM ROADSHOW**

## **SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT: WORKSHOP #8**

**Kurnool, February 20 and 21, 2018**

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The decision that city of Kurnool was chosen as one of the six cities to host Women in STEM Roadshow in India was a celebratory moment for students and faculty of various colleges including Vasavi Mahila Kalasala, Osmania College, KVR Government Degree College. There was great excitement and anticipation amongst the girls, there was a wait list prepared as the numbers began to increase.

We had forty-six (46) students that were selected and four (4) teachers. One of the students, Hajara Bi, traveled from Banaganapalli; a distance of 73kms. She was interested to learn about the opportunities available for women in STEM fields.

The participants were engaged and listened to every word that was spoken by Dr. Sultana Nahar, Dr. Karen Irving, Dr. Anil Pradhan, and Dr. Nasreen Haque. The insight offered by eminent scientist Dr. Sultana Nurun Nahar was inspirational, the girls were motivated to excel in any the STEM field of their choice. The encouragement offered by Honorable Acting Consul General of Hyderabad, Donald Mulligan, set the tone for the rest of the day. He mentioned that the prophet's wife Bibi Khadijah, against all odds worked hard and was a successful business woman. The girls had glowing compliments in their post-survey report; here below I am quoting just a few-

*Syeda Naziya* - "Thank you for choosing Kurnool for such a wonderful workshop. This has been very useful to me for higher education abroad."

*Kumari Praveena* - "I am expecting to meet and learn about the presence of women in STEM field." And after the workshop she wrote "It was a very interesting workshop, very motivated, I learned about the field that has scope in the world. Very useful workshop."

*Renuka* - "I came to know about the process that one should go through in order to pursue their education in USA and also different online courses which are totally free like MOOC. I also learned about teaching career in USA."

*Khalida Zeba* - "This workshop has been useful to me and everyone who attended. It provided an awareness about visa application process."