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## 'Women have resilience to overcome obstacles in their path to growth'

Tamilisai Soundararajan urges women to take care of their health, especially as they are the most engaged with familial well-being; Lt. Governor, CM present mementoes to women officials

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omen need to be aware of their rights and the various targeted schemes implemented by the Central and State governments, Lieutenant Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan said on Wednesday.

Addressing International Women's Day celebrations hosted by the Department of Women and Child Development at Gopalasamy Nayagar Thirumana Mandapam, Villianur, Ms. Soundararajan, urged women to take care of their health, especially as they were the most engaged with familial well-being. While it is an uphill task for women to rise to the top in



Chief Minister N. Rangasamy felicitating Lieutenant Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at a function held on the occasion of International Women's Day on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

any career, they have the resilience and mental fortitude to overcome any challenge, she said.

Chief Minister N. Rangasamy said the government was committed to ensuring gender equality and further empower women. The Lt. Governor and Chief Minister presented mementoes to women officials. Speaker R. Selvam, Women and Child Development Minister C. Djeacoumar, C. Udayakumar, department secretary, P. Muthumeena, director and others participated.

Padma awardee Nalini Parthasarathy, former paediatrics professor at Jipmer and founder of the Haemophilia Society, was chief guest of the function held at the Tagore Government Arts and Science College.

Sasi Kanta Dass, college principal felicitated the guest. Kala, Head of English Department, also spoke. Subashini Dhilip, Chartered Accountant, was honoured for entrepreneurial drive.

Pondicherry University organised an expo on organic products. Gurmeet Kaur, wife of Vice Chancellor Gurmeet Singh, was the special invitee. The Registrar (in-charge), Rajneesh Bhutani, flagged off a minimarathon.