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Uttara University marks women's day with panel on women's safety.



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Uttara University marked International Women's Day 2026 with a programme at its multipurpose hall on Monday, 9 March, from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

The event brought together guests, academics, professionals and students to celebrate women's achievements and discuss issues related to women's safety and empowerment.

The programme began with a welcome address highlighting the significance of International Women's Day and the need to ensure equality and respect for women in all spheres of society. A group recitation of Kazi Nazrul Islam's poem *Nari* was performed by Bangla department lecturers Shovon Chakravarty, Md Abdul Hakim, Md Amit Hasan Shohag and Saifullah Munsur.

Barrister Rashna Imam, senior advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, attended as chief guest. Special guests included Supriya Rani Das, academic and ICC match referee; Kyaw Sein Thay Dolly, managing director of Cloths "R" Us Ltd; Professor Saima Feroze, academic and international shooting sports judge/jury; and Ulfat Jahan Moon, managing director of Aichi Healthcare Group.

Speaking at the event, Barrister Rashna Imam stressed the importance of ensuring women's safety and dignity in society. She said, "Moral policing against women must stop. A woman's freedom, choices and dignity should not be controlled or questioned by society. True progress will come when women are respected as equal citizens."

The programme was chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Eaysmin Ara Lekha. Professor Dr Parveen Akther Jemy, adviser to Uttara University, and Professor Dr Syeda Afroza Zerin, dean of the School of Arts and Social Science, were also present as distinguished guests.

In her remarks, the vice-chancellor encouraged women to recognise their inner strength and potential. She said, "Every woman carries a spark within her. That spark represents courage, talent and the power to bring positive change. It is important for women to nurture that spark and use it to achieve their dreams and contribute to society."

The second session featured a panel discussion titled "A safe country for women". The discussion included Dr Ishrat Hossain, dean of the School of Business Administration, and Dr Md Tareque Aziz, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Physics at Uttara University, alongside the invited guests.

The event ended with a token of appreciation ceremony, where the vice-chancellor presented commemorative gifts to the guests.