Name of the Event : Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Holkar 300th Birthday Celebration

Venue: ECA-201 room

Date of event : 27/02/2025

Resource Person: Dr. M. Ashok, Principal of MREC

As part of the Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Holkar 300th Birthday Celebration, a distinguished lecture was delivered by Dr. M. Ashok, Principal of MREC. The event commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, led by Dr. A.S. Reddy Garu, Principal of CMR Engineering College, Guest, AND H&S HOD Dr. K.V. Reddy Garu. Following this, Dr. A.S. Reddy Garu addressed the gathering and introduced Dr. M. Ashok.

In his insightful lecture, **Dr. M. Ashok** elaborated on the **life and contributions of Maa Devi Ahilyabai Holkar**, emphasizing her selfless service and exemplary rule. He described how she was not just a queen but a visionary leader who dedicated her life to **women's empowerment, justice, and the preservation of culture and nature**.

Dr. Ashok further shared his personal inspiration drawn from Maa Ahilyabai's legacy over the last four decades of his service as a Baha'i Pioneer for rural and tribal women. He highlighted her efforts in preserving nature, rivers, trees, and temples, advocating for a society free from discrimination.

One of the key messages from his speech was the importance of sticking to cultural roots while embracing modernization without losing traditional values. He urged the audience to respect their mother tongue, uphold cultural heritage, and avoid excessive westernization, as character is built through cultural identity.

The lecture concluded with a call to **honor and learn from Maa Ahilyabai Holkar's contributions**, ensuring that her legacy continues to inspire future generations. The event was an enlightening experience for students and faculty alike, reinforcing the values of selfless service and cultural pride.







