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HONOUR FOR WOMEN: A participant getting her prize at Linea Fashions.

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E ducational institutions, government offices, voluntary organisations and corporates observed International Women's Day on March 8. In Nanganallur, Lakshmi Ladies Club, Inner Wheel Club and self help groups of Adambakkam organised a function, in which the turnout was overwhelming.

Savithri Vaithi of Vishranthi Illam, Nallammai Ramanathan of Abirami Mega Mall, Shoba Chandrasekar, film producer, Kothai Venkatapathi, discourse exponent, Shanmuga Priya and Hari Priya, classical musicians, and Bhuvaneswari, computer expert, were honoured for their contribution to the respective fields. Cultural and sports events were held and prizes distributed to winners. R.S.Bharathi, Alandur Municipal Chairman, and R.Prabha, General Manager, Canara Bank, were the chief guests.

The Day was also celebrated at Linea Fashions for the third successive year at its premises in Madras Export Processing Zone – Special Economic Zone. Aishwarya Rao of National AIDS Control Society delivered the presidential address and pointed out that India had probably the largest number of professional trained, qualified and employed women in the world.

The company, a part of Sri Lanka based Mas Holdings, has a unique 'Women Go Beyond' scheme and under this, Valarmathi was selected as 'Empowered woman of 2007.' She was given a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 15,000. Perkinian, general manager, and Martin, manager, human resources, were among those present on the occasion.

It was also Women's Day at Tambaram. Members of the United Women Self Help Groups of West Tambaram organised a function at Ambedkar Marriage Hall.

Apart from placing their list of demands and their achievements in the past one year, members also presented cultural programmes.

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