

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OBSERVANCE IN CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Introduction: Department of social work of central university of Kerala observed international women's day on the theme 'women empowerment on March 8th, 2016. Welcome speech was delivered by Dr. Laxmi , convener, international women's day, faculty Central University of Kerala. Prof. (Dr.) G. Gopakumar, Honourable Vice Chancellor of Central University of Kerala inaugurated the program. In his inaugural speech he emphasized on need for women empowerment to attain participatory development. Prof. (Dr.) M.S John Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences presided the program. In his presidential address he quoted the importance of gender parity. The guest of honour Mrs. Sharadha S. Nair, President, Pullur- Periyar Grama Panchayath was felicitated by the honourable Vice Chancellor. She shared her experiences of limitations and obstacles of working in Panchayath as a president and stressed on the importance of women empowerment. The Registrar of Central University of Kerala Prof. (Dr.) K. P Suresh also focussed on Importance of Gender sensitization at family level. Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Jilly John, Head in charge Department Of Social Work.

Talk on Women Empowerment

A talk on the topic "need for women empowerment" was delivered by Dr. Anu Unni, of Kerala University. She elaborated the women status in India and continuous struggle and subjugation faced by them in social, economic, cultural and political spheres. She emphasised how this subjugation makes the women marginalised and vulnerable and put them at peril. The existing patriarchy system in India and marginalised condition of the women makes them vulnerable to violence and atrocities. Even though there are many laws to prohibit the atrocities and violence still it is prevalent at large. So, she stressed on the sensitisation of the men, improve the education status of women, proper implementation of law.



Rally on Women Empowerment

A rally was initiated from CUK, Periyekampus to Periyekjunction students shouting slogans with regard to need for women empowerment. Students of CUK, faculties and chief guest went on a rally. The rally started at 4 p.m in the evening at Central University Campus to Periyek Junction. All the participants carried pluck cards and raised slogan against women atrocities and violence. They also emphasised the need for women empowerment through songs and slogans. The rally covered all the main road of Periyek junction to sensitise the people on the important of women empowerment. Open public talk was arranged in the bus stand. The rally ended by reaching the campus by 5.30 pm.

