

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION ON MARCH 8th 2017

Women Empowerment and Human Resource Development Centre of India (WHI) celebrated the Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup> in association with International Women's Peace Group (IWPG), International Alliance of Women, LBS institute of technology for women, All India Women's Conference (AIWC), Chirayin Keezhu branch and Sandepani school.

The function commenced with the welcome address by WHI Chairperson Dr.K.G.Vijayalekshmi. According to her it would be better to give awareness to the students as it can be easily conceived and transmitted to the next generation.

She spoke elaborately about International Organizations like **IWPG AND IAW** and their activities on women's cause across the world.

This was good awareness for students and other participants.



Dr Vijayalekshmy , chairperson, WHI welcoming the guest and participants

The chief guest was Additional Chief Secretary Mrs. Sheela Thomas IAS, Govt. of Kerala. Our chief guest spoke about the violence against women. According to the Chief guest, even the most popular personalities were subjected to violence. Mrs. Sheela says that instead of conducting seminars and meetings against violence, the women group must implement measures to eradicate the issue and bring peace and harmony. For that women should be bold enough to speak freely and frankly. In olden days women did not have the courage to speak openly. Now the situation has changed, women are more courageous to speak and act against violence. She added that the whole society should encourage it. Mrs. Sheela Thomas, IAS, appreciated the participant organizations in general and IAW and IWPG in particular.



Additional chief secretary addressing the gathering

Irishika, the college union chair person of L.B.S Engineering college gave a speech thanking the organizing agencies for giving her and the students of L.B.S the opportunity to participate in the women's day celebration, followed by the peace rally .



After the inaugural function teachers and students of Sandepani along with L.B.S students and with women participants made a peace rally to Manaveeyam road carrying placards with captions such as 'stop violence against women', 'stop female foeticide', 'treat children well', 'be a man not a beggar to ask dowry', 'bruises fade, but the pain lasts forever', 'not all wounds are visible', 'be bold' etc.. The peace rally was flagged off by the chief guest.



Flag off by Mrs . Sheela Thomas IAS

At Manaveem road, the peace rally and street play was inaugurated with the welcome address of Dr.K.G.Vijayaleshmy. The chief guest for the peace rally was the renowned play back singer Mr.Sudheep Kumar.



The chief guest said women has three wonderful roles; as a daughter, sister and mother. **It is the duty of man to protect womenhood against violence of different categories. Then he sang three songs praising mother, sister and daughter.**

After the inaugural address there was a street play in the form of a mime play conducted by the students with five themes. They were child labour, domestic violence, dowry death, molestation and birth of girl child.



Street play



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After the mime, students along with the women participants made a peace rally back to school carrying placards.



The function was a great success as it invoked the message to respect women and to stop violence against them.

*Dr.K.G.Vijayalekshmi*