

**International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women with Legal Services Authority, One Day Seminar for Matriculation School Teachers with the One Day Seminar on “ Legislations Protecting Women in India- Challenges in Implementation 25.11.2015**



To mark the **UN International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women-2015**, one day workshop on Legislations Protecting Women and Children in India-Challenges in Implementation was organised by the Department of Women's Studies on 25<sup>th</sup> November,2015 by Bharathidasan University, Khajamalai Campus, Tiruchirapalli, in the Seminar Hall of Department of Women's Studies. Teachers and government officials participated in the workshop.

Dr.N. Manimekalai, Head and Professor, Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University welcomed the gathering and introduced of Chairperson.The Inaugural address was delivered by Ms. R.Revathi, District Revenue Officer, Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project, Tiruchirapalli. She started her speech by recalling an incidence that a 11years girl was pushed into prostitution because of acute poverty of her family and emphasised on napkin use and incinerator facility in every school and putting all round effort to bring changes at the grass root level.

Following the inaugural address, key- note address was presented by Dr.Z.AnnieVijaya , Superintendent of Police, Southern Railway, Tiruchirapalli. In her address she narrated several incidents and events of violence against women. Besides, She explained the problems and difficulties in implementation of Domestic Violence Act and Eve Teasing Act.

Dr.S.Thenmozhi ,Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Tax, Tiruchirapally briefly detailed the story of TajMahal in the context of and also expressed her concern over exploitation of women and considering them as a reproductive machine. In African countries, the status Muslim women is very poor comparing to other countries.

Dr. R. Rajendran, Former Headmaster, K A P Viswanathan Higher Secondary School, Tiruchirapalli spoke about matriarchy. He explained the change of matriarchy to patriarchy with an example of the story of Akilandeswari Temple, Erumbeaswari Temple, ThiruEngoimalai etc.,

In the noon session, Ms. Christy Subathra, Correspondent, CREA matriculation School, Tiruchirapalli. She kicked off the session by singing song emphasizing women empowerment. She spoke about problems faced by women in public places and gave tips to how to react. Sophisticated life will not be empowerment of women. Self dignity, liberty in thoughts should be developed among women .

Mr.S.Martin, President Bar Association, Tiruchirapalli gave a brief details some important Acts in Indian constitution like Criminal law, Domestic Violence Child Abuse Child Marriage prohibition, Sexual harassment on women at work places and perverted behaviour and voyeurism, harassment and stalking. He distributed orange color ribbon to signify opposing violence against women.

Dr. N.Murugeshwari, Professor, Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University extended her vote of thanks.