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### **One day Workshop on “ Role of Youth in Promoting Gender Equality” on the International Working Women’s Day on 08.03.17**

Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University organized International Working Women's Day One day Workshop on “Role of Youth in promoting Gender Equality” on 08.03.2017. Dr.N.Manimekalai, Director and Head spoke on the significant of Women's Day and the theme of this year “ Be Bold for Change“. She also emphasized the need to organize the workshop for youth both male and female. Dr. A. William Jhon Bosco, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, Periyar E.V.R College, delivered a key note address. In his address, he explained the gender issues in linguistic, culture and practices. How language and cultural practices are internalized by the society to act with patriarchy approaches. Then he also explained by screening some Tamil films songs, how media reinforce the women to act with the patriarchy view by women herself. He extended that there is a need that every woman should understand themselves as a human being and should have unique identity to prove their quality. He explained that Culture is often equated with nature and this is what keeps women confined to submissive role. Every woman should be bold enough to come over the barriers. Dr. R. Gayathiri, spoke the history of women's day. In her address, she explained that how men should view the women and understand women. Men have to realize and share the work not only at home but also in the workplace. To make understand about the gender issues to men is the need of the hour.