

## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION: 2017-18



International women's day is an occasion that is celebrated every year in the institutions with festive spirit and enthusiasm as a special day to honour woman hood and to commemorate the service rendered by women to the society by nurturing the humanity. Though it annually falls on March 8<sup>th</sup> it was celebrated on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March in the year 2017. The years' celebration kick -started with a trailblazer event , a flash mob performance of 50 girls dancing from the cusped arcade leading to the college . The entire campus was stunned by this symbolic assertion of freedom and unity by the meek damsels of Mannaniya, as it was unprecedented. The guest of honour was a versatile personality, Smt Bindu B an acclaimed social activist, film critic, poetess and an eminent teacher.

The memorable occasion was presided by the Vice Chairman of the college, Miss Aleena, a final year B.Com Student. The head of the institution Sri Badaruddin delivered the welcome address and lauded women for their contributions reminded how the respect of women is already ingrained in the Indian value system. . After he ceremonial

presidential address by our petite Vice Chairman, the chief guest inaugurated the event with a truly motivating speech exuded confidence as she instilled fortitude in to the girls to fight against atrocities and sexual harassment that ravages our society. She profusely quoted lines of poems ,folk songs and adages to sustain her valid ideas. She was disillusioned at the lack of presence of boys in the audience, and even endorsed their presence in the future women's day programmes. Faculty heads of the three prime departments of the college Dr Mercy Raj ( Dept of Chemistry ), Sri Abdul Hashim (Dept Of Islamic History), Sri Hashim (HOD in Charge, Dept of Commerce) delivered felicitation Speeches high lighting their diverse perspectives regarding women. Dr M.S Noufal endeared the audience with his impressive and thought provoking words. Two of the senior-most lady teachers of the institution, Mrs Asha Kumar (HOD, Dept of Hindi) and Dr Jaseedha. K (HOD, Dept of English) was honoured by the girls in a thought full gesture. The formal vote of thanks brought the session to its ceremonious closure in a cordial manner.

The afternoon session comprising of the cultural programmes saw the girls of the college painting the stage red with their uninterrupted and vibrant performances such as Balloon dance ,cinematic dance, group songs and solo performances devoid of any inhibitions. Prizes were distributed to all the avid participants as well as the winners.

## ACTIVITY REPORT OF WOMENS STUDY UNIT 2017-18

**Elocution competition** – An elocution competition was organized on 31st October by the gender forum MYTRI and WSU of the college. The topic given was “gender equity”. The competition was held at the seminar hall of the college and there were around 25 student participants. There were 12 girls and 13 boys representing almost all the classes, BA, B Sc, B Com and TTM, and the representatives from M. com students. Majority of the students who participated expressed their views supporting the need of gender equity. The winner was Ms. Abhirami of 2nd year TTM. The cash prizes for the winners were distributed by the principal at the college day function.

