

## **KU's Department of Education organises national-level seminar on 'Gender Equality'**



**Srinagar, Mar 10:** Kashmir University's Department of Education on Thursday organised a national-level seminar on 'Gender Equality: Debates and Discourses'.

Dean College Development Council Prof Mohiuddin Sangmi was chief guest at the inaugural session of the seminar, which was organised by the department as part of the varsity's celebrations related to International Women's Day.

In his presidential address, Prof Sangmi referred to numerous challenges that come in the way of women empowerment and also highlighted the need for greater awareness to help curb crimes against women.

Head of the Department Dr Tasleema Jan formally welcomed the guests and participants and introduced the theme of the seminar. She also highlighted the need for acknowledging the achievements and contributions of women in different fields and stressed on recognising different roles that women play in the society.

Noted writer and Sahtiya Academy winner Prof Naseem Shafaie, who was a guest of honour, said she has been advocating through her poetry that women need to be respected and accepted as having their own existence and essence.

Prof Haseen Taj, former Dean and Head, Department of Education, University of Bangaluru, presented the keynote address and highlighted the theme of 2022 Women's Day: 'Gender Neutral Society'. She stressed upon the need to celebrate the socio- economic, cultural, political achievements of women.

Former Dean and Head, Department of Education KU, Prof Mahmood Ahmad Khan threw light on the history of the International Women's Day and appreciated the multiple roles that a woman can play.

Assistant Professor Dr Amina Parveen delivered a vote of thanks at the inaugural session, which was followed by technical session chaired by Prof Nighat Basoo, former Dean and Head, Department of Education Central University of Kashmir. It was co-chaired by Dr. Aamina Parveen.

Dr Kounsar Jan presented a detailed report about the event, following which a certificate distribution session was conducted wherein Prof Tasleema Jan and Prof Basoo distributed certificates among the participants.

Assistant Professor Dr Manzoor Ahmad Rather coordinated the event and Dr Mohammad Amin Dar acted as moderator.