

## **International Women's Day celebrated at KU**

**Srinagar, March 08:** On the International Women's Day, the Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir organized a one-day program in collaboration with State Resource Centre for Women (J&K) at Ibn Khaldun Auditorium, Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir.

The theme for the program to mark this year's International Women's Day was "*Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for change*."

The program proceedings included panel discussions and speeches by various experts. A documentary on "*HameriBet*" was screened which was followed by a "*Signature Campaign*".

Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Registrar University of Kashmir, in his speech talked about the rights of women and highlighted significance of International Women's Day.

He assured the support of university administration in every endeavor that will promote women empowerment.

Prof Asifa Jan, Dean School of Social Sciences, in her address emphasized on the need to give women equal space and opportunity in every field so that they can showcase their talent and abilities. Dr. Aadil Bashir, Co-ordinator Social Work, stressed on the need of close co-operation of various stake holders to ensure justice, equality and non-discrimination of women in the society. He shared the findings of the research undertaken by the department on domestic violence in Kashmir. Ms. Sameena Mir, Gender Expert in her speech deliberated upon various schemes and programs launched by the central and state Government from time to time for the up-liftment and overall development of women.

Ms Muslim Jan Media Coordinator University of Kashmir emphasized upon the need of women to be strong and develop the leadership qualities. She talked about the contribution of the women in the development of the society.

Mr. Javaid Rashid, Assistant Professor social work conducted the proceedings of the event.