

# Street Play Commemorating Women's Day at MERC, KU



**Srinagar March 11:** Media Education Research Centre (MERC), University of Kashmir here on Tuesday organized a series of events to commemorate International Women's Day.

Keeping in view the theme set by the United Nations for this year, the Women's day celebrations revolved around gender equality. The programme started with a string of street theatre acts revolving around various social issues including dowry, domestic violence, acid attack, eve-teasing etc. confronting the society. The acts were performed by the first semester students of the Centre in the scenic lawns of the varsity. The theme of the street play was scripted and directed by Faisal Aakhoon, second semester student of the Centre. The play was followed by mesmerizing songs and poetry citation weaved around the theme.

Underlining the philosophy of the theme of the event, Vice Chancellor Central University of Kashmir, Prof. Mehraj-ud-din Mir appreciated women for their performance at various levels and the efforts they put in to make life meaningful. Addressing a gathering that had assembled to witness the live performance of the students, he asked women to be bold enough to face the challenges and move forward.

Aalia Masoodi, who has been a trainee with India's International Movement to United Nations (IIMUN), also spoke on the occasion. Stressing for equality and justice, she said that women should believe in themselves and strive for carving a niche for themselves.

Dr. Aaliya Ahmed, Head of the Department, also spoke on the occasion and put on record the appreciation for the efforts of the students and thanked MERC team for making the event possible. She thanked KU admin for their continuous support.