

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020-2021
WOMEN'S CELL
MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE ERNAKULAM

Women's Cell Maharaja's College Ernakulam celebrated the International Women's Day on March 8th 2021 with much zest and zeal. It was inaugurated by Dr Rathy Menon, renowned critic and social activist. The programme started at 11:00 am with the welcome speech of Women's cell coordinator Shajila Beevi. She spoke about the changing paradigms and evolution of modern day women and elaborated on the new spaces women have occupied in recent times. She gave a brief report of Women's Cell activities in the campus in the previous years which was highly acclaimed by the NAAC Peer team as well. In his presidential address the Principal expounded on how important it is for men and women to complement each other in academic and social spaces. Dr Rathy Menon who inaugurated the function explicated on the theme 'Choose to challenge.' It's high time we channelized the energies of the youth in a positive way alerting them to the realities of life. She on a nostalgic note reminisced about the yester years of Maharaja's college and took the audience through the memory lanes. She urged the female audience to take up new challenges in life and also to constantly articulate female protest even if it invites the wrath of society. The Vice-principal felicitated the function and vocalized that we need not only identify the problems of women but to find solutions to them as well. She motivated the audience through her compelling tales. A memento as a token of love and appreciation was presented to Dr Rathy Menon by the Principal. The prize distribution of various programmes conducted for students by the Women's Cell was done by the chief guest. Suchithra, the representative of non-teaching staff also unveiled her experiences as a woman in the asymmetrical power relations. Finally the formal function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr Priya Menon

The published works of female teachers were exhibited as a part of Women's day celebration. Divya Thulasi Assistant Professor of History stunned the audience with her mesmerizing rendition of Meghamalhar. Dr Pooja of Dept of Music recited her own poem 'Amruthu' which reiterated the theme of women empowerment. Dr Limna P of Dept of English introduced her book *Mirage of Life* to the audience and recited two of her favourite poems from her collection. Dr Priya Jose entertained the audience with her song. Lakshmipriya the student who won first place in essay writing competition spoke about the quarantine days and its psychological effects on students. The non-teaching staff Ms Suja entertained the audience with a song which was followed by a poem recital by Julie Chandra. Dr Suja T V too recited her own poem. The programme concluded at 13:15 pm with a community song sung by all the participants.