

One Day Workshop on “Pledge for Parity**” to celebrate the
International Women Day (8th March 2016)
collaboration with Chhattisgarh State
Commission for Protection of Child Rights, PRIA and *Water Aid*
organization**

International Women’s Day was observed on March 08, 2016. One day workshop to commemorate the theme for the year “Pledge for Parity” was organized in collaboration with Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, PRIA organisation and World Vision. Prof. Reeta Venugopal in her address expressed concern that although women have been relentlessly contributing to the social, economic, cultural and political growth , still it has been postulated that gender parity can be achieved only by the year 2133. So as we celebrate women’s day, it is also important to take a pledge for parity so that the women and girls can fulfill their dreams and ambitions. Ms. Shatabdi Pandey (Chairperson, Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights) speaking on “Beti Padhao, Beti Samjhao” reiterated that in addition to educating the girl child in the literal sense, it is imperative to educate them in the true spirit of the word so that they can make informed choices.



Ms. Harshita Pandey (Chairperson, Chhattisgarh State Women Commission) stressed that to move at a fast pace towards achieving gender parity, youth have to bring in the swift changes in the society. Ms. Shobha Soni (Chairperson, Social Welfare Board) pointed out that female foeticide is the prime reason for the widening of the gender disparity.

Prof. S.K. Pandey, Vice-Chancellor of the University added that women are capable and have the potential for creation, but due to lack of opportunities her vast potential remain unexplored.

Mr. Satinder Singh (Member, PRIA) observed that effective implementation of the government policies can accelerate the attainment of gender parity. Mr. P.P. Soti (Member, State Planning Commission) elaborated on the vision of Yuvaniti of the state government and solicited the youth to come forward so that in the new policies being framed have the development aspects including the gender parity can be ensured. During the occasion, Ms. Simmi Shrivastava (Member, Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights) and Prof. Promila Singh (SoS Psychology, PRSU) also expressed their views.

