

EWU holds discussion on Int'l Women's Day

East West University (EWU) organised a discussion marking the International Women's Day on its campus at Aftabnagar in the capital yesterday, says a press release.

The theme of the programme was 'Time is now: Rural and Urban Activist Transforming Women's Lives'.

Speaker of the National Parliament Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, was the chief guest. She said, "Despite being equal in merit, the participation of women in the workplace in our country is only 35 per cent. Women's empowerment is being restricted due to family, social and mental constraints". Therefore, to remove these restrictions on women's rights, she urged men to join the struggle of women for their empowerment.

Dr Nazneen Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), and Dr Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director of Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), took part in the discussion. Dr Mohammed Farashuddin, chairperson, Board of Trustees of EWU, and former governor of the Bangladesh Bank, Prof MM Shahidul Hassan, Vice-Chancellor and Prof Fakrul Alam, Pro Vice-Chancellor of EWU, were also present.

They highlighted the progress of women in Bangladesh in the last four decades. While urging all to be vocal about their rights until equal participation is guaranteed in all cases.



Speaker of the National Parliament Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury speaks at a discussion organised by East West University (EWU) on its campus at Aftabnagar in the capital yesterday marking the International Women's Day.

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