

Women's role important, says CJ

BANGALORE, DHNS: Tradition and culture of India have held women in high esteem and the new generations should continue to uphold this tradition and view women at par with men, Karnataka High Court chief justice Cyriac Joseph said on Saturday.

Inaugurating Women's Day celebrations jointly organised by Department of Women and Child Development and Karnataka Legal Services Authority, in Bangalore, Chief Justice Cyriac Joseph said women have important role in everybody's life.

"Women are like salt in our lives. There would not be taste in food if there is no salt. Similarly life without women," the Chief Justice said.

Adviser to Governor PKH Tharakan said the Karnataka State Government has many programmes for the welfare of women such as Bhagyalak-



Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Cyriac Joseph along with Kitturu Rani Chennamma awardees, at a programme organised by the Women and Child Development Department, and State Women's Development Corporation, at Bal Bhavan, in Bangalore on Saturday.

shmi, for the girl child and Stree Shakti, self-help group programme are two such programmes.

Special awards for active Stree Shakti self help groups, Kitturu Chennamma awards for organisa-

tions involved in welfare of women, and individuals including actress Jayamala, Rohini Nilekani of Akshara foundation were presented on the occasion.

Tharakan formally laid foundation stone for Mahi-

la Bhavan. Karnataka High Court Justice Gopala Gowda launched E-Mahile programme.

Before the inaugural ceremony eminent personalities took part in the Walk for Women.