

President's Message

To mark the
International Women's Day 2025

Celebrating Women's Achievements and Gender Equality



International Women's Day, celebrated on the 8th of March every year serves as a powerful reminder of the vital role women play in every facet of society, and to underline it, for humanity in short. As we mark this important day, it is crucial to reflect on the progress that has been made towards gender equality, while also acknowledging the continued challenges that women face globally.

The UN has declared this year's (2025) theme, "empowering women, empowering humanity". This theme calls for action to achieving equal rights, power, and opportunities for all, envisioning a future around women empowerment, where no woman is left behind. This reminder calls for celebration and reflection on women's extraordinary achievements. It focusses on the extraordinary contributions made by women across various sectors including, academic, political, economic, and cultural.

Recognizing these achievements is essential, but as underlined earlier, it is equally more

important to address the many difficulties women are subject to worldwide.

Often, from being devalued in family units to domestic violence which impact the well-being of women and their development, to unequal pay at work, lack of representation in leadership positions and roles, the need for renewed advocacy remains live and urgent. As progress regarding equality between women and men seems to move slowly or very slowly or many a time seems stagnating in some parts of the world, on the path of time, it is high time to accelerate the change and reverse the tendency and dynamics for more parity and inclusion.

The progress made thus far must be paired with a commitment to further action to eradicate gender disparities, or rather the blatant inequalities between women and men. As citizens, educators, politicians, policymakers, and advocates come together, it is crucial to promote a collaborative environment where both men and women actively work towards achieving gender equality.

Each voice counts in this movement for change, and collective action is imperative for supporting women's leadership and rights. So, let us celebrate the milestones achieved till now, at least, and the spirit of resilience that continues to inspire generations, ensuring that the path towards equality is strengthened, upheld and undisputed.

Let us admit, everyone has a role to play in transforming the landscape for women. But, as much it is the responsibility of men, it is for women as well to remain consistent in their quest to improve things around and integrate the movement for change with a view to empowering women. We must all promote solidarity and a sense of collective responsibility. By uniting efforts, we can help dismantle systemic barriers to women's participation and leadership. Together, we can pave the way for a more equitable society where women thrive in all aspects of life.

We take this opportunity, therefore, to express our most sincere gratitude to all women in the world.

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