# INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The United Nations' (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is an occasion for governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to raise public awareness of violence against women. It has been observed on November 25 each year since 2000.

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#### International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2022:

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed on November 25, every year. It is a day to pay tribute to the Mirabal sisters, the Dominican Republic activists who were murdered at the order of Rafael Trujillo in 1960. The United Nations aims to raise awareness about gender-based violence against women. This year's campaign is a 16-day initiative starting on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women and concluding on International Human Rights Day on December 10. Here is everything you need to know about this day....

## International Day for the Elimination Of Violence Against Women: Theme

The 2022 theme of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is 'UNITE! Activism to End Violence against Women and Girls.' According to the United Nations' official website, this campaign will be an initiative of 16 days of activism starting from November 25 and concluding on International Human Rights Day on December 10.

### International Day for the Elimination Of Violence Against Women: Significance

According to the United Nations' official website, Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in the world today. Furthermore, it still remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it. The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is commemorated to raise public awareness about the issues surrounding gender-based violence. It is also a day to spread awareness about how this gender-based violence manifests itself in physical, sexual and psychological forms. The United Nations hopes to raise awareness about the adverse consequences of VAWG for women of all ages.

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#### International Day for the Elimination Of Violence Against Women: History

The UN General Assembly in 1979, adopted the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Yet violence against women and girls is a problem that can still be seen worldwide. To tackle this issue, the General Assembly issued resolution 48/104, to lay the foundation of a world free of gender-based violence.

Since 1981, November 25 has been commemorated as a day to raise voices against gender-based violence. This date honors the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally murdered on the order of former President Rafael Trujillo in 1960.

The General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women through resolution 48/104 on 20 December 1993....



## Why we must eliminate violence against women



Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it.

In general terms, it manifests itself in physical, sexual and psychological forms, encompassing:

- **↓** intimate partner violence (battering, psychological abuse, marital rape, femicide);
- sexual violence and harassment (rape, forced sexual acts, unwanted sexual advances, child sexual abuse, forced marriage, street harassment, stalking, cyber- harassment);
- human trafficking (slavery, sexual exploitation);
- ↓ female genital mutilation; and
- Child marriage.

To further clarify, the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women issued by the UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life."



The adverse psychological, sexual and reproductive health consequences of VAWG affect women at all stages of their life. For example, early-set educational disadvantages not only represent the primary obstacle to universal schooling and the right to education for girls; down the line they are also to blame for restricting access to higher education and even translate into limited opportunities for women in the labor market.



While gender-based violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, some women and girls are particularly vulnerable - for instance, young girls and older women, women who identify as lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex, migrants and refugees, indigenous women and ethnic minorities, or women and girls living with HIV and disabilities, and those living through humanitarian crises.

Violence against women continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development, peace as well as to the fulfillment of women and girls' human rights. All in all, the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - to leave no one behind - cannot be fulfilled without putting an end to violence against women and girls.





Media interaction with Dr. Anindita Mukherjee Madam



Ankita Pal from  $2^{nd}$  year, CSE Department

Especially in India life of a woman is not easy going. Since childhood she is taught to be polite, gentle that shows typical 'girlish' nature. They are taught how to dress, how to walk, how to talk and bit everything and it's started a long ago. If we go down to the ancient times we see women were always cursed since their birth. Girls were used to produce children for the continuity of generation. If a girl tended to protest she had to gain tear and pain. They were even forced to do illegal abortions and feticides. If not killed directly they were tried to bind in the housework. Where boys were highly educated girls were not given the chance to be educated. According to society girls were not eligible enough for getting job. As we all know women are about half of the population in the world. Even with such an acute understanding and knowledge the sad reality prevails. Often women are not given any role to play in decision making of many professions.



Speech by Dr. Priti Sukla Madam from ME department



Speech by Dr. Anindita Mukherjee Madam from CSE Department



Song by Ms. Tulika Ojha Madam from EE department



Song by Koyana Datta, 1st year CSE



Recitation by Swastika Dhole, 1st year CSE



Song by Falguni Mandal, 1st year, CSE



How do we expect the world to grow when the decision makers in our patriarchal society are only men and men are making decisions on behalf of women without comprehending the struggle in a woman's life? Instead of paying respect domestic violence's including physical and mental tortures are increasing. People are still not enough aware about Dowry system.

But revolution starts from a single change. Taking this one step is not easy. But some women set example of women empowerment with their diminishing courage at those early ages.



Women are the epitome of wealth and power. They are part and parcel of our society. They play the role of mother, wife, homemaker, cook, teacher, friend, Nurse all at the same time while catering to every body's needs and what not. They are the living mould of Maa Durga. But it's our dismay that still there exist the ignorance of women.



Domestic violence against women is a rising phenomenon that knows no geographical boundary, age limit or color bar, and affects every type of family relationship and social class. Statistics show that 12% to 15% of women in Europe face violence in the home every day. It is one of the most widespread violations of human rights worldwide, and must be combated.



#### Group Dance Performed by girls

Preventing violence, protecting its victims and prosecuting the perpetrators are the cornerstones of the convention. It also seeks to change the hearts and minds of individuals by calling on all members of society, in particular men and boys, to change attitudes. In essence, it is a renewed call for greater equality between women and men, because violence against women is deeply rooted in the inequality between women and men in society and is perpetuated by a culture of tolerance and denial.



In spite of the restrictions and boundaries women decide to uplift their status in society. But the outside world is still not safe for them. Women are in the trap of rape. Whenever they choose to speak for themselves and raise voices being sabotaged they have to face acid attacks and rape which totally ruin their lives. Society leaves no effort to mortify and malign their character and mind. Their work field is also hampered due to this. Above all they are captivated. If violence's increase like this development of our society will be hindered.



So, laws and rules should be regulated strictly to make people aware of this and abstain from this. We should remember a woman is a person who manages inside and outside world equally in her own hands without having a management degree.



Now, in India women are stepping outside to work and earn living to support themselves and their families. They are dreaming to be the ruler of their own kingdom where men can't control their will and wishes. Of course this shit did not happen overnight. Every chance is slow. The first step must be to acknowledge their contribution to the economic sphere and create more opportunities for them in every field. When opportunities will be created equally te wall of inequality will be removed.



Drama performed by girls

The Program was ended by vote of thanks to Program Convenor.

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