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OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024



The **Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC)**, in collaboration with its global membership and affiliates, is pleased to join with other organizations, associations, agencies, groups and individuals in observance of the 49th anniversary of United Nations declared International Women's Day. The seeds were planted in 1908, when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter working hours, better pay and the right to vote. It became official in 1975 when the United Nations (UN) started celebrating the day and setting an annual theme.

The UN theme for International Women's Day 2023 is **"INSPIRE INCLUSION"** and the overarching theme is "Invest in women: Accelerate progress." It emphasizes the importance of creating an inclusive society and investing in women's empowerment.

International Women's Day has become a date to celebrate how far women have come in society, in politics and in economics, while the political roots of the day mean strikes and protests are organized to raise awareness of continued inequality.



“We honor all women who struggled for their rights and equitable treatment, and persevered under very harsh conditions and obstacles to achieve respect and dignity. While significant advances have been made, there remain many hurdles to overcome and many obstacles to be removed for women to advance and achieve full potential and bring about equity at all levels. IDC’s Women’s Forum has taken many initiatives on women’s issues. Women are encouraged to advance this agenda forward and be examples to women of the developed and developing world” - *Ashook Ramsaran, President, Indian Diaspora Council.*

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.