

International Women's Day



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Since the last few years the world has witnessed a not so silent revolution aiming women emancipation carried out mostly by the women for the women. The revolution has reached such a stage that today many women claim to walk shoulder to shoulder in the journey of life.

An International Women's Day observed on the March 8th is a flame that proves that women have come of age in an otherwise patriarchal society. Today there is hardly anything that a man can do which a woman cannot, provided she wills.

Along with the rest of the world Guwahati too celebrated International Women's Day. The Directorate of Social welfare organized a day long seminar and sale cum exhibition of the products of SHGs at the NEDFi Haat in Ambari.

Eminent personalities such as Minister for Social Welfare, Ajanta Neog, Secretary Social welfare, Hemanga Sharma, Dr Dipali Dutta, Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Junu Neog, Kula Saikia, Kabita Bhattacharya etc were present on the occasion.

The seminar focused on a number of important issues concerning the northeast such as woman trafficking, domestic violence etc and also at the same highlighted the positive points of the social status of women in the northeast.

Every woman or man for that matter, is born with an inherent will to survive against odds, to put a brave front during troubled times which sometimes tends to wear away with the vagaries of time. External factors lead to further loss of faith in oneself and life and then there comes a time that she loses all hope and becomes a mere shadow of her earlier self. This is when she falls prey to the scheming monsters of the world that comes in the form of dowry demons, abusive relationships or sexual harassment.

Proper education love and affection in childhood creates a confident woman in adulthood but only a handful of the Indian girl-child is fortunate enough to enjoy such a status. Poverty and the obsession with the male child of an average Indian family is a constant impediment to any real development of the little women in our country.

There is no denying the fact that many women, many urban women have achieved great heights in their chosen fields marching ahead in life matching every step with their male counterparts but these are mostly modern women of modern India.

But now the need of the hour is to provide a wake up call to the women in the villages. Now its time to hand over the flame of women emancipation to the women of the villages, then only then can this revolution find a fitting release.

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