

A call for Gender equality.....

International women's day is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to caste or division, cultural or economic or political. This journey was started in 1908 when 15000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay and voting rights. Since then various struggles have been went on by the women and in 1910 a woman named Clara Zetkin tabled the idea of International Women's Day in a conference of working women in Copenhagen. She proposed that every year in every country there should be a celebration on the same day –a Women's Day to press for their demands. It is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender equality.

Uday Social Development society also celebrates International Women's Day every year in all the 6 units. The members of 12 SHGs took initiative to gather together 250 women Dharampuri cluster, Khandwa district. The guests of the program were Mrs. Seema Prakash, Sr. Elsie SSpS from Holy Spirit School Khandwa, Mr. Manoj Daniel the Sarpanch (village president) from the village, and Fr. Johnson. The effect of networking can be obviously proved in the celebration of International Women's Day when Gram Panchyat sponsored this program by providing tent, mike and chairs. The theme of the program was 'Women's Rights'. The people of Dharampuri and the SHGs women from 09 villages got an opportunity to recognize their rights and gradually. Towards the end every women took oath that she will raise voice against any sort of discrimination happened with women and spread awareness in the society on women rights. Games and cultural activities were conducted in the seven villages of Dharampuri cluster. Prize was distributed to the winners on this occasion.

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