

Happy International Women's Day!

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The **Library Resource Center** at **Jaipuria Institute of Management, Jaipur** wishes all the women in the organization a very Happy International Women's Day!

The world celebrates Women's Day on March 8 each year to recognize the social, cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements made by the women across the globe. However, it is our duty to remember how this day came to be. Let us revisit the past a little bit.

In the early 20th century, many women flooded the streets of New York to raise voice against poor working conditions, unequal pay, discrimination, and no right to vote for the government. The movement gained momentum in the US and Europe and slowly trickled to all the parts of the world to raise awareness regarding women's suffrage. If you really think about it, it wasn't too long ago that women did not have the right to vote in the elections. In fact, in some countries, women previously had the voting rights and those rights were stripped off to enable only white men the right to vote.

Discrimination, bias, gender inequality, some form of sexual violence/abuse/assault at home, schools, colleges, workplaces, or while travelling is quite common for women. Many women live with it, face it every day, or have faced them while growing up.

Ideally, we should not have just a day in a year to celebrate ourselves. If the world did not face such extreme violence and disparity against half of its population, we would not have the need to dedicate and highlight women's accomplishments. It would have been a completely normal and routine affair had things been different. Unfortunately, it's not.

I believe this day gives us a chance to raise awareness and educate others about the problem of discrimination and inequality against women. Knowing about the problem in depth will help us recognizing it in our surroundings, or when it happens to us and take corrective steps to mitigate the issue in some way or help someone in any way possible.

We are fortunate to have the education that we have received, the rights to vote, access to healthcare, and many benefits that come from being in a developing country, stable socio-economic background. However, many women are not. Therefore, let's build each other up rather than tearing each other down. This year, the theme of International Women's Day is **#BreakTheBias** - A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that is diverse, equitable and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together, we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all **#BreakTheBias**

This year, the theme for International Women's Day by United Nations (UN) is Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow – A Call for Climate Action for Women, By Women.

Here are some of the resources if you would like to read more on the topic:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/in-focus/2022/03/in-focus-international-womens-day>

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

International Women's Day: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Women%27s_Day

Women's Suffrage: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_suffrage

Gender Equality: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gender_equality

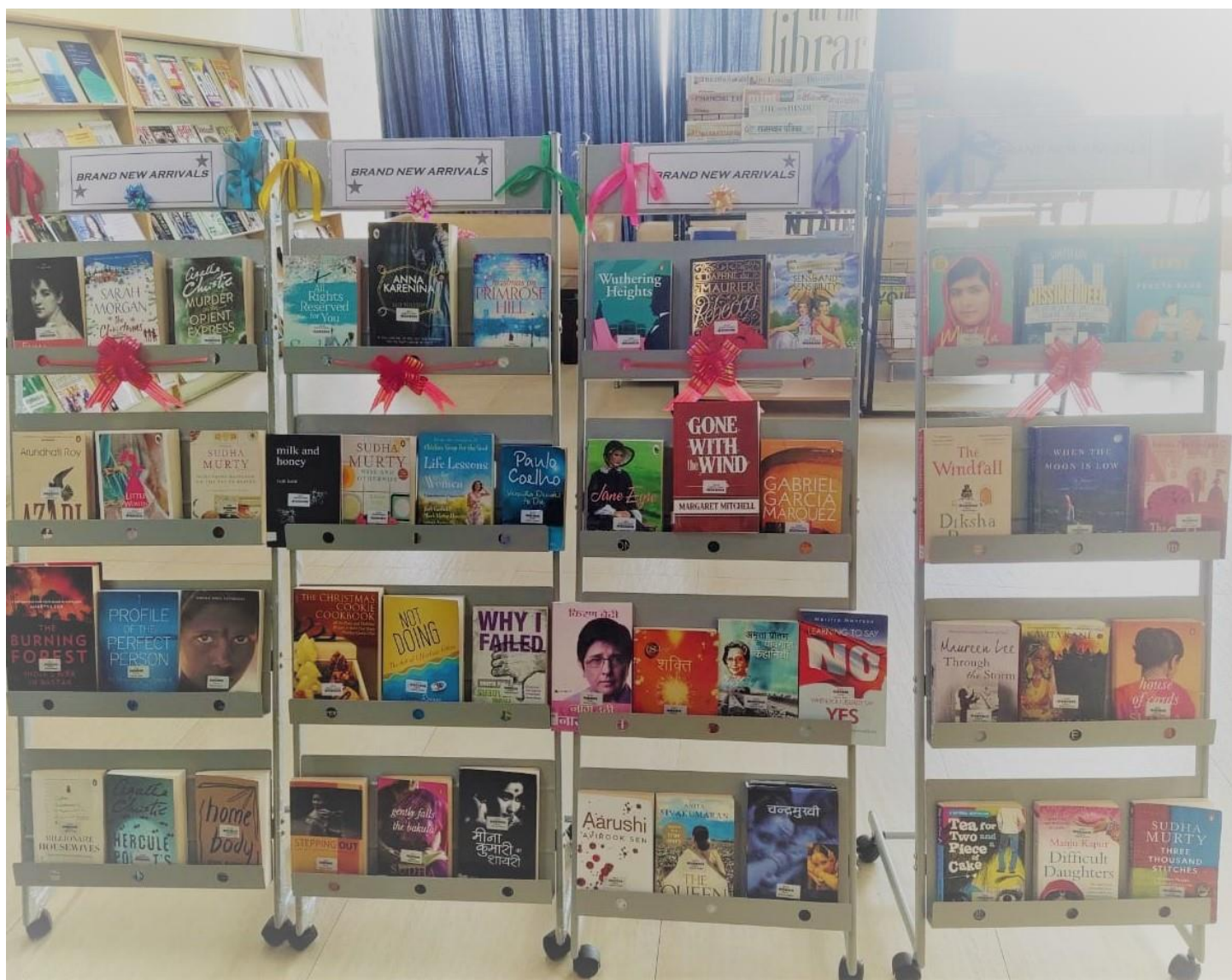
Reproductive Rights: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reproductive_rights

Violence Against Women: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_against_women

Here are compiled lists of books and resources on International Women's Day by Women, on Women

- ✚ <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/the-read-down/books-about-women-who-changed-the-world>
- ✚ <https://www.penguin.co.uk/likeawoman/>
- ✚ <http://splash.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/2450237/8-books-to-read-on-international-women-s-day>
- ✚ <https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/find-your-next-read/reading-lists/2017/mar/international-womens-day-a-vintage-reading-list/>
- ✚ <https://www.bustle.com/articles/146403-15-books-to-read-this-international-womens-day>
- ✚ <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2017/03/08/365-books-women-authors-international-womens-day>
- ✚ <https://www.clpe.org.uk/sites/default/files/IWD2017.pdf>

In the honor of this day, the Library Resource Center at the Jaipur campus is showcasing some of its collection written by women, on women, and for women.



Some research articles on the topic are attached to the email:

- ❖ Measuring the Use of Politeness in Language on the Demonstration Poster International Women's Day 2020 (Pragmatic Studies)
- ❖ International women's day: fighting for the right to health care while facing COVID-19
- ❖ Women's Health Strategy: Time to have Women's Voices at the top of the Agenda
- ❖ Gender and Leadership in Conflict Settings
- ❖ Editorial 18:3 Celebrating women in higher education on International Women's Day
From Ignorance to Distrust: The Public "Discovery" of COVID-19 Around International Women's Day in Spain
- ❖ Empowering Women in Health Technology
- ❖ ITR Celebrates International Women's Day
- ❖ Women Leadership in Science, Technology, and Society
- ❖ International Women's Day 2009-2020 on Twitter: Postfeminist or Fourth Wave Feminism?
- ❖ International Women's Day: Dismay at Alcohol and Arms Ties