



President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu to Grace International Women's Day Celebrations at Manekshaw Centre tomorrow

Event to witness participation of women from various fields reflecting the diverse contributions of women across the nation and Government's commitment to advancing women-led development

Two panel discussions to take place after inaugural ceremony

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The Government of India is celebrating International Women's Day tomorrow (8th March 2026). The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) will organise a national-level celebration at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, which will be graced by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.

The event will be organised in the august presence of the Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annpurna Devi, and the Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Smt. Savitri Thakur.

International Women's Day, observed globally on 8 March, celebrates the achievements and contributions of women across diverse fields and reaffirms the collective commitment towards gender equality, safety, dignity, and empowerment of women.

The programme will commence with a welcome address by Shri Anil Malik, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, followed by audio-visual presentations highlighting the increased workforce participation of women across sectors and showcasing key Government policies and schemes aimed at women's empowerment.

On the occasion, the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu will deliver the keynote address.

The Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annpurna Devi will also address the gathering and highlight key initiatives undertaken by the Government to strengthen women-led development in the country.

Following the inaugural ceremony, the programme will continue with two panel discussions. The first panel discussion will focus on "Labour Codes – Enhancing Empowerment of Women," while the second panel will discuss "Self-Help Group Women as Entrepreneurs."

The event is expected to witness the participation of around 1,000 women from more than 150 Ministries, Departments, and organisations, including representatives from the Armed Forces, police, media, healthcare, sports, and other sectors, reflecting the diverse contributions of women across the nation and

the Government of India's commitment to advancing women-led development.

The event will also be webcast live at:

<https://webcast.gov.in/mwcd>.

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Join us for the celebrations of International Women's Day.

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