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For all members

Dear comrades,

Women the Builder of the Nation (8th March – International Women's Day)

We greet all our members, leaders, executives and very special greetings to our women comrades on the occasion of International Day of Women 2016. We salute them with all respect and regards.

Women are an integral part of the society. Working women are an inseparable part of the working class movement. But from time immemorial women are being denied their due and equal share in every walk of life. During the 2nd International Congress of Socialist Women held in Copenhagen in 1910, the renowned German Communist and trade union leader Com. Clara Jatin proposed that a day be observed every year as International Women's Day and since 1911 Women's Day is being observed the world over. From 1914, it is being observed on 8th March. It is an occasion to pledge ourselves to carry forward the struggle for equality of women.

We must not forget the sacrifices of women and their contribution in building the families as well as nation. It is our moral duty to continue our support and put all out efforts to keep the spirit of Women's Empowerment. In this man made society woman has been relegated to background only to lose her identity. The voice of protest against the brutality, suppression and atrocity on women, the double standard of morality has been finding expression in the woman's liberation movement over time immemorial. The instances of ill treatment, rapes, misbehavior, undue advantage, blackmailing has taken the women into grip of fear and in a different state of mind.

A woman by virtue of her birth has to live a life of hardship from birth till her death. It is the polluted atmosphere, unhealthy and diseased thoughts of modern society that has culminated in to disgraceful treatment with girl child, pushing her to filth and dirt. Such unhealthy practices is growing day by day, due to which the education of girl child, the health, the attitude and approach towards girl child is one that of inhumane, disgraceful and disgusting leaving her in a painful miserable and shocked state. The strength and health of a nation rest on as to what extent and how well we care for the girl child. The tender heart and delicate mind of a girl child must be protected; her emotion and sentiments must find full expression to contribute to this

nation. Today's girl child is tomorrow's mother. If mother is healthy, strong and psychologically sound and fearless, she can give rise to strongest ever nation with strongest and sound people.

Our civilization that has adored and respected woman over the centuries addressed its country in reverence and respect as mother India, worshiped her in different names as goddess Durga, Laxmi, Saraswati and so on realizing its unlimited, everlasting power and quality. The time has come to realize what damages we have caused involving ourselves in such disgraceful, condemnable, inhumane and heinous acts. The result is that the nation is growing weaker. It is never late, let's revive our old tradition and healthy thoughts and start from home and give utmost importance to the girl child, respect and love to spouse, sister, mother, extend our courteous behavior to lady colleagues and lady customers too and help them in building a sound and healthy home, institution, organization and nation.

It would not be repetition to write, in a male dominated society; the women suffer in all fields of life. Right from the moment of birth till death, they suffer from severe handicaps in the fields of education, health care and child bearing and rearing. We as bankmen must resolutely and single-mindedly fight against all these inequalities and repression in whatever form. Our behaviour and actions towards women should and must be one that of respectful loving and continued one. Only than the celebration of Women's Empowerment day be justified.

Nature has endowed women with immense power of tolerance. The time demands Laxmi Bai like fighter, Mother Teresa like loving and compassionate lady for building a strong nation in every respect. We have women as nurses, teachers, bank officers, bank workers, executives, trade union leaders, flying officers, IAS officers, business class of women toiling hard to have their due position in the society. Amidst diversity of thoughts we have oneness of opinion about women. Our cultural base, civilization and religious books mention women with a mark of respect. Unfortunately with the passage of time respect and regard to women was found reducing and diminishing with the evil touch of western civilization.

Today's woman is in the process of learning to face all the challenges, falsehood, false ego, double standard and prepared to protect herself from falling a prey to any evil design of man. Psychologically backed-up, physically fighting fit and educationally sound today's woman have snatched the right from the falsehood and ego filled man marching ahead with dignity, grace and confidence growing strength to strength by woman's empowerment. The modern woman of India today is paving its path to revive its past glory through women empowerment gaining awareness, steady fastness, resolute, confidence and iron will power, walking hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder as PARTNER not as weak, meek and subordinate.

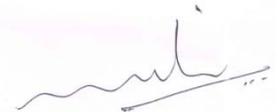
The modern India in its classical revival looks forward to woman not only as respected and adored but as leading educationist, leading advocate, politician, writer, minister, social worker, nurse, doctor, sports woman, pilot, scientist, engineer, cricketer, hockey player, speaker, administrator, Trade Union leader, business woman, singer, dancer musician, artist, over and above all a dedicated wife and mother who shares and cares the man-hood, society and generation. No more confined to four walls of house and kitchen, today's woman is capable of doing anything and everything competing with man. She has capabilities to take over all and every responsibility and has immense potentiality to change the world to peaceful, loving ever developing home. It has to be carried in the right spirit if we are to see the daylight; a world set in order for graceful and dignified living.

Our future will be safe and sound, our society will be healthy and strong, and our nation will be proud if and only if the spirit of women empowerment continues. We might have grown bigger, larger and wiser but unless a woman in this land is respected and equal opportunity is being given, the nation can simply not be rich. Let's motivate the women workforce in all fields, to bring forth a sound, healthy, rich and powerful nation through continuous emphasis and efforts on women empowerment. We as bankmen raise our strong voice against all these exploitation, atrocities on women.

Let all men and women employees stand unitedly and fight against the exploitation of women in all forms at home or at work place or in society so that an exploitation free home, work place, society and country is established in true sense of the term. It would be a revolutionary approach if we all can contribute by appealing to the lady employees for their due place in their field, in higher management and help them to participate in all walks of our activities with equal rights. Only celebration of the Women day on 8th March every year will not serve the purpose.

We salute all our lady members with all respects and regards.
We salute the day '8th March, 2016' being the day of women.

With warm greetings,
Yours comradely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. S. Shishodia', with a horizontal line underneath it.

(S. S. Shishodia)
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