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Press Statement

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IWPC on International Women's Day

The Indian Women Press Corps extends its warm greetings and salutations to all women journalists on the occasion of International Women's Day (IWD). As women and workers, we recognize and acknowledge the tremendous struggles of ordinary working women of our country. We also recognize the double burden of work many working women have to undertake as well as the unfairness of unpaid labour of household work.

Even as there are achievements and milestones achieved by women individually, however, as a collective, the majority of women, are still deprived of equal economic, social and political participation. Equal opportunities of education, accessing health, employment and safe spaces still elude the vast majority of the female population. The vast majority of women workers are in the informal sector characterized by low wages, security of employment and absence of social security. Women in the media also do not have either security of employment or social security.

As women, we are equally if not more concerned at growing forms of misogyny and the exponential increase in the culture of violence against women. Such violence acts as a deterrent for equal participation by women in all spheres of life including in the media.

We hope policy makers will take an urgent notice of the challenges faced by working women, including in the media so that the full and complete participation of women as equal stakeholders in every sphere is realized.

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