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Observance of World Human Rights Day 2019

The **Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC)**, in collaboration with its global membership and affiliates, is pleased to join with other organizations, associations, agencies and individuals in observance of the 71st anniversary of World Human Rights Day on December 10, 2019 stipulating universal values and a shared standard of achievement for everyone in every country.



Human Rights Day “commemorates the day the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The UDHR is one of UN’s major achievements as well as the first enunciation of human rights across the world. Adopted on 10th December 1948, the Declaration stipulates universal values and a shared standard of achievement for everyone in every country”.

“The Declaration of Human Rights has inspired over 60 human rights instruments making it a common standard of human rights, and is the most translated document around the globe in over 500 languages.

“The year 2018 of **Human Rights Day** marked the beginning of a year-long celebration of 70 years since the international community adopted the Declaration – celebrating all our inalienable rights and freedoms including a right to education, a decent living, health care and a right to live free from any form of discrimination among others. Despite the efforts to protect human rights, the hostility toward human rights and those who defend them continues to rise.

“As a result, this year’s **Human Rights Day** advocates for everyone to stand up for their rights and those of others – civil, economic, political and cultural rights. Additionally, the day aims to enlighten us about how our rights are a foundation of sustainable development and peaceful societies. The day also acknowledges the advocates and defenders of human rights around the world.

2019 Theme: Youth Standing Up for Human Rights

“After a year marked by the 30th anniversary celebrations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which culminated on 20 November, 2019, our plan is to capitalise on the current momentum and spotlight the leadership role of youth in collective movements as a source of inspiration for a better future. Under our universal call to action "Stand Up for Human rights," we aim to celebrate the potential of youth as constructive agents of change, amplify their voices, and engage a broad range of global audiences in the promotion and protection of rights. The campaign, led by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), is designed to encourage, galvanise, and showcase how youth all over the world stand up for rights and against racism, hate speech, bullying, discrimination, and climate change, to name a few”.

IDC’s focus on: Human rights for children, women, gender equality, religious and political rights, ethnic origin and heritage, senior and the elderly, social equality and justice, guaranteed legal protection and rule of law, refugees and displaced populations, persons with disabilities and compliance with guaranteed rights under own constitutions and UN Charter (Human Rights), human rights for Romani people.

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.