



**WE CAN**

END ALL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**25 November to 10 December 2007**

## **16 DAYS ACTIVISM**

Thousands of people and hundreds of institutions & organizations have been working together to bring an End to the Violence Against Women and Girls. To give an organized effort to such campaigns we are organizing several programmes during these 16 days.

**25 NOVEMBER:** Observed as International day for violence against women, and

**10 DECEMBER:** Observed as International Human Rights day.

This campaign from November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup> gives a symbolic message that Any Violence Against Women is the violation of their Human Rights.

The violence against women not only affects the victim but affects everyone. If mother is victimized children also get affected, if violence is committed on a daughter her parents and relatives also suffer. Whenever woman is inflicted the entire society gets affected.

Any violence against women results in farsighted consequences. Whenever there is violence against women it results in social, emotional and economic loss to the society and nation as a whole.

**When violence against women affects all of us equally then it becomes our collective responsibility to put an end to it with a collective endeavour.**

### DO YOU KNOW-

- Every year there are 10 lakh female foeticide in our country.
- In 2003, 3 lakh girls who were less than 15 years of age became mothers, despite the fact that Child Marriage is a crime in India.
- In India, in 2003, 1,32,720 cases of violence against women were registered.
- In Rajasthan, 3 women are raped and 4 women are killed everyday.

*Source: Newspaper, NCB and Govt. documents.*

### YOU CAN TAKE AN INITIATIVE:

- ❖ Think at least for 16 days whether at your home, family, in your relations and with unknown women and girls Are you discriminating with them? Are you committing any atrocities against them?
- ❖ Try to change your behaviour.
- ❖ Discuss this issue with atleast 16 people, friends and relatives around you.
- ❖ Think yourself and contemplate why female sex ratio is declining so rapidly? Why atrocities are committed on women for being women? Why do girls afraid of others? Why does one discriminate amongst boys and girls? Why do women go on fast, follow norms and oblate for fame, prosperity and life of sons, brothers and husband?

Several programmes are being organized by the Volunteers and Changemakers in Jodhpur, Jalor, Pali, Sirohi, Barmer, Jaisalmer and Bikaner and several other places through alliance with "We Can campaign". Such as:

- ◆ Organizing on Foot March, Cycle and Vehicle rallies with different departments, organizations and networks.
- ◆ Awareness programmes at school and college level.
- ◆ Lighting candles and taking resolutions.
- ◆ Symbolic 'Holi Dahan' for violence against women.
- ◆ Making human chains.
- ◆ Signature campaign.
- ◆ Street shows etc.

Please do participate with your friends and colleagues in these programmes. How much we can change is difficult to say but one thing is certain that it is not impossible. We firmly believe that the small endeavours can bring in vital and wider transformations & changes.

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