

All India Council of Christian Women

(Women's Wing of the National Council of Churches in India)

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Invitation: Break The Silence!!!! Reflect Faith in Action



Dear Fellowpilgrims of Justice and Peace,

Greetings from All India Council of Christian Women, Women's wing of National Council of Churches in India.

25 November is the UN declared International Day for the Elimination of Violence. Between 25 November to 10th December, **Human Rights Day "16 Days of Activism Campaign against Violence on Women, girls and Children"** is commemorated throughout the world. This campaign aims to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The Theme for this *16 Days Activism Campaign* in 2015 is declared as **"From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Make Education Safe for All!"**

AICCW invites member churches of NCCI, women's fellowships of member churches, organizations, institutions to join in this 16 Days Activism Campaign to join NCCI & AICCW in our campaign

365 Days Zero Tolerance to Gender Based Violence: Make it Happen Now!!!!

Your Church, Women's Fellowship, organization may be already engaging in prophetic missions, projects activities to end the culture of gender based violence. Please share with us your stories in ending the culture of violence on women and children which we will share with member churches and partners. **Your strategies to weave peace to promote gender justice can be inspiration to others.** Please send us reports stories and photographs to aiccw.office.ncci@gmail.com,

Shanti!Shalom!Salam

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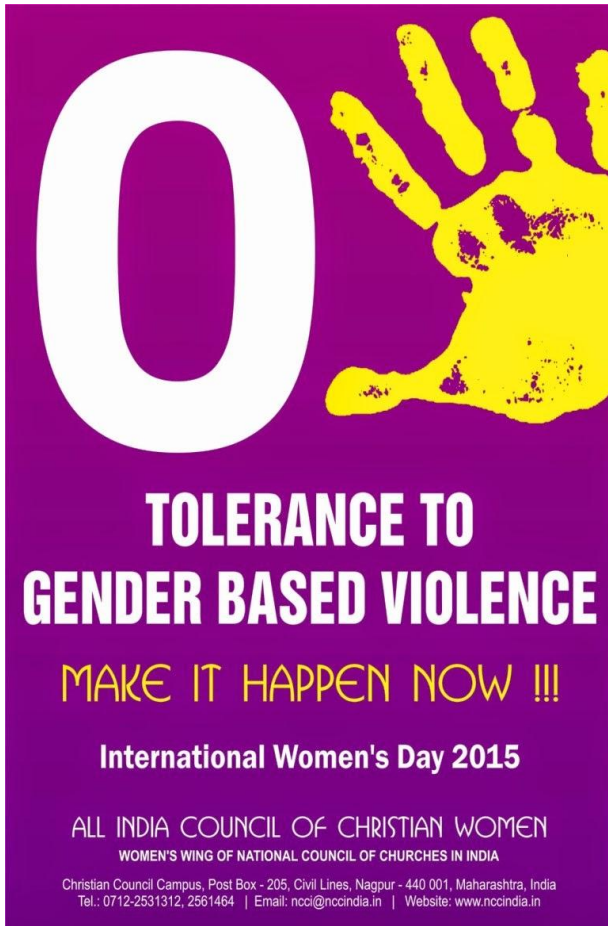
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The Campaign aims to:-



- Create awareness, **conscientize & educate** communities, individuals, Church & lay leaders to work towards eradicating gender-based violence.

- **Nurture spirituality** of justice, peace, healing & reconciliation, and reflect faith into action to eradicate gender-based violence through various training programs, advocacy work, etc.

- Promote **Positive Masculinity** through and equip men and women church leaders and communities to emphasizing on men women partnership eradicate violence **on women and children.**

- Engage in **vigorous advocacy** for Zero Tolerance to any form of gender-based violence at home, work place, communities, and even churches & faith-based organizations.

- Educate people about **Child Protection Policies, Sexual Harassment & Gender Justice Policies,** and implement such policies in churches and organizations/institutions.

- **Mainstream gender justice.**
- **Empower and support children and women at risk.**
- Strive to **eradicate poverty which fuels feminization** of violence especially violence against women, children and people from vulnerable communities.
- Act as **pressure group on government** for implementation of laws and just legal system that prevents violation of human rights of women and children.
- Enhance **networking to support rehabilitation and healing survivors** of gender-based violence.
- Promote **gender justice education in curriculums** and social ethics in schools and colleges.
- Promote **Thursdays in Black Campaign** to create a world free of Rape and gender based violence.
- Equip Churches to end the violence of **Human Trafficking and Sexual Slavery**

ALARMING FACTS



- About once every five minutes an incident of domestic violence is reported in India, under its legal definition of "cruelty by husband or his relatives". (<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india>)
- India the fourth most dangerous place or country in the world for women.
- India is the most dangerous place in the world to be a baby girl. Newly released data shows that an Indian girl child aged 1-5 years is 75% more likely to die than an Indian boy, making this the worst gender differential in child mortality for any country in the world. ([www. timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india](http://www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india))
- One rape in every 20 minutes in India ([www. timesofindia.indiatimes.com](http://www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com))
- 50 million girls have gone "missing" over the past century because of female infanticide and foeticide as per reports of UN Population fund,
- A CBI report in 2009 says 90 per cent of trafficking took place within the country and there were some three million prostitutes, of whom about 40 per cent were children.
- Girls who marry before 18 are more likely to experience domestic violence, sexual violence within marriage than their peers who marry later. Child brides in India often face a higher risk of contracting HIV because they often marry an older man with more sexual experience.

