

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

"There are two powers in the world; one is the sword and the other is the pen.  
There is a third power stronger than both, that of women."  
- Malala Yousafzai -

## Why do we mark this day?



International Women's Day is a day to celebrate the achievements of women in various fields and the progress of acquiring gender equality. It serves as a global campaign for women's rights and to overcome stereotypes, gender biases, and inequality.

Thus, on this day, women's efforts are acknowledged, and the day further serves as a reminder to advocate and raise awareness on the importance of women and their rights. Although women have gained certain rights through time, there are still issues that need to be addressed regarding women and their rights. Therefore, protests and campaigns demanding equality and justice such as the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements are being made globally.

## Questions for Discussion

- How have things changed for women in your country and around the world?

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- How long has Women's Day been celebrated?

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## Meet Today's Global Citizen



### Loujain al-Hathloul

Loujain al-Hathloul has been fighting for women's rights and is considered one of the most prominent and outspoken women human rights defenders in Saudi Arabia. She was arrested in 2018 for her resistance against the country's ban on women driving. She has been active in opposing the Saudi male guardianship system. She uses social media to spread her thoughts and social comments.