

## INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Australia India Society of Victoria (AISV) Taskforce on Prevention of Domestic Violence (DV) is celebrating The International Women's Day on 8 March 2011.

### Background Information on the Taskforce

The Taskforce chaired by AISV Vice President Dr Manjula O'Connor, is comprised of professional bodies and the Indian community. Jewish Community is represented by the Jewish Taskforce on DV in selected projects.

- Indian Community represented by AISV, DISHA(ladies philanthropic organisation), FIAV
- Professionals DV
- service delivery organisations such as Immigrant Women's Domestic Violence Service, (now called IN TOUCH), Drummond Street Services(NGO service delivery and research organisation).
- University of Melbourne's Centre for International Mental Health.
- Sunshine Court Magistrate
- Sunshine Court Family Violence Worker
- Victoria Police
- Jewish Taskforce on DV
- Relationships Australia(Greensborough Branch)
- Victorian immigrant women refugee organisation

The AIMS of the Taskforce are to develop MEANS AND WAYS OF PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE in the Indian community, AND to improve access to and usage rate of Domestic Violence and family services, to improve community education on DV related issues, and develop prevention strategies.

Initially it was aimed at the Indian community only, but we are now moving into the area of researching Muslim women and families as well as working with The Jewish community on developing ideas for White Ribbon Day in November 2011.

At our last meeting held on 7 December 2010, the Taskforce membership decided to hold a celebration of International Women's Day on Tuesday 8 March at 6 30 pm.

We chose western suburbs as that is where most ethnicities are represented.

Free food, Entertainment, Dancing will be provided by KAPS College,

The evening will be open to women, men and children of all cultural backgrounds.

### Theme of the Day

***“Women and men united to end violence against women and girls.”***

All of us – men and women, soldiers and peacekeepers, citizens and leaders – have a responsibility to help end violence against women. States must honour their commitments to prevent violence, bring perpetrators to justice and provide redress to victims. And each of us must speak out in our families, workplaces and communities, so that acts of violence against women cease."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, 2008.

The day will be inaugurated by

MP Ms Andrea Coote –Parliamentary Secretary to Ms Mary Woolridge on Women's Affairs and Community Affairs.

Other speakers will be

- CG of India Ms Anita Nayyar,
- Magistrate Noreen Toohey,
- CEO Nth Melbourne Football Club,
- Dr Gurdip Aurora & Dr Manjula O'Connor.

Dr Manjula O'Connor.  
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