



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
2026

.Voices of Strength.



International Women's Day 2026

celebrates the courage, creativity & strength of women everywhere.

It honors achievements, breaks stereotypes & inspires empowerment, reminding us of the many “*shades of her*” that shape a brighter, equal & stronger world.



SHE leads with courage, grows with grace & inspires with every step.

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Wise

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Outstanding

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Motivated

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Empowered

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Nurturing



Message from *our* Ashok.

To Our Incredible SoftCloudians across Geographies

On International Women's Day 2026, let us take a moment to recognize the strength, resilience, talent & leadership that women bring into our workplaces, homes & communities every single day. Progress is built when respect is intentional & inclusion is lived - not just spoken.

On a personal note, I have been shaped & strengthened by the incredible women in my life at home & at work, who continue to teach me grace, courage & quiet strength. Their influence reminds me daily that leadership begins with empathy.

May we continue to learn, support & stand beside one another as equals. Together, we can create a culture where everyone can grow, lead & thrive.

Stand tall. Stand equal. Stand together.

With respect & admiration

Asokan Ashok





The people who inspire me the most are the women who quietly hold our world together - mothers, wives, working women & sisters. They may not always stand on stages or receive awards, but their strength, energy, & dedication make them true heroes in everyday life. Whenever I observe them closely, am filled with admiration & respect. I often wonder where they get their energy from. From early morning until late at night, they are constantly moving - cooking, cleaning, working, planning, caring, organizing & supporting everyone around them. When I think about true strength & inspiration, I think about them - the women who quietly but powerfully shape our lives every single day.

- Deepak Haridoss

The woman who inspires me most is my mother. Her resilience, quiet strength & unwavering belief in our potential have shaped who I am today. She leads with compassion & integrity, balancing responsibilities with grace while always putting family first. No matter the challenge, she faces it with courage & optimism. Her ability to uplift others, even during difficult times, reminds me daily that true leadership begins with kindness & perseverance.

- Praveen Inala

Mother, Wife & Colleague - both have similar Qualities. Blindly trusting my words its good/bad won't matter giving full freedom to make anything.

- Venkateswara Achari Vadla

one way to support the women around you?



I feel all women manage multiple roles at the same time - working professionally, taking care of home, supporting family members & handling emotional responsibilities. So, we can support by actively sharing household tasks, decision-making & responsibilities, we show respect for their time and energy. Additionally, support her dreams, not just her duties alone.

- Deepak Haridoss



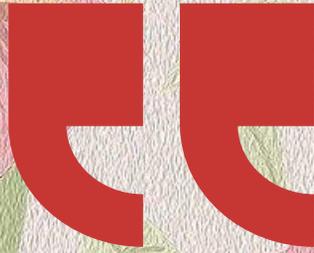
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**A STRONG WOMAN STANDS UP FOR HERSELF.
A STRONGER WOMAN STANDS UP FOR
everyone else.**

– Unknown

My mother inspires me the most. When I was just 2–3 months old, she started working as a teacher in a private school for a salary of only ₹400 per month. Even though it was very difficult, she worked extremely hard to support our family. She continued working tirelessly until I completed my 10th class.

After my father got a government job, she chose to stay at home & fully dedicate herself to taking care of our family. Her sacrifices, strength, patience & unconditional love have always inspired me. She is my biggest motivation, and everything am today is because of her. ❤️

- Harika Thippeswamy



The woman who inspires me the most is my mother. Her strength, resilience & selfless love shape who I am every day. She has taught me the value of hard work, kindness & perseverance, even in the face of challenges. No matter how tough life gets, she stands strong for her family & supports us with unwavering faith & courage. Her quiet sacrifices & endless care remind me that true leadership begins at home.

- Ankit Jeswani

The woman who inspires me the most is my mother. Her strength, patience & unconditional love have shaped who I am today. She has always balanced responsibilities with grace, never giving up even during challenging times. Her quiet sacrifices & unwavering belief in me motivate me to work harder & stay grounded. On this Women's Day, I celebrate her resilience & the countless women like her who are the true backbone of families & society.

- K Niranjan Reddy

one way to support the women around you?



One important way to support women is through strong family support, especially from husbands. While workplaces offer salary, recognition & confidence, homemakers work nonstop without enough appreciation, which can cause stress. Being a homemaker needs great patience & strength. I sincerely request families & men to support their mothers, sisters, daughters & wives by sharing household work, helping & appreciating them. Small support at home makes a big difference. ❤️

- Harika Thippeswamy



One simple way to support the women around me is by listening to their ideas, valuing their perspectives & acknowledging their contributions openly. Creating space where women feel heard & appreciated helps build confidence & encourages them to grow & lead. Whether it is appreciating their work, checking in on their well-being, or standing up for them when needed, small actions can make a big difference.

- Ankit Jeswani



On this Women's Day, I will support the women around me by celebrating their achievements, big or small & openly appreciating their efforts. A simple "thank you," public recognition, or words of encouragement can boost confidence & create a positive, inclusive environment where women feel valued, respected & empowered every day, not just today.

- K Niranjan Reddy

**Inspiring
Change,
Creating
Impact.**

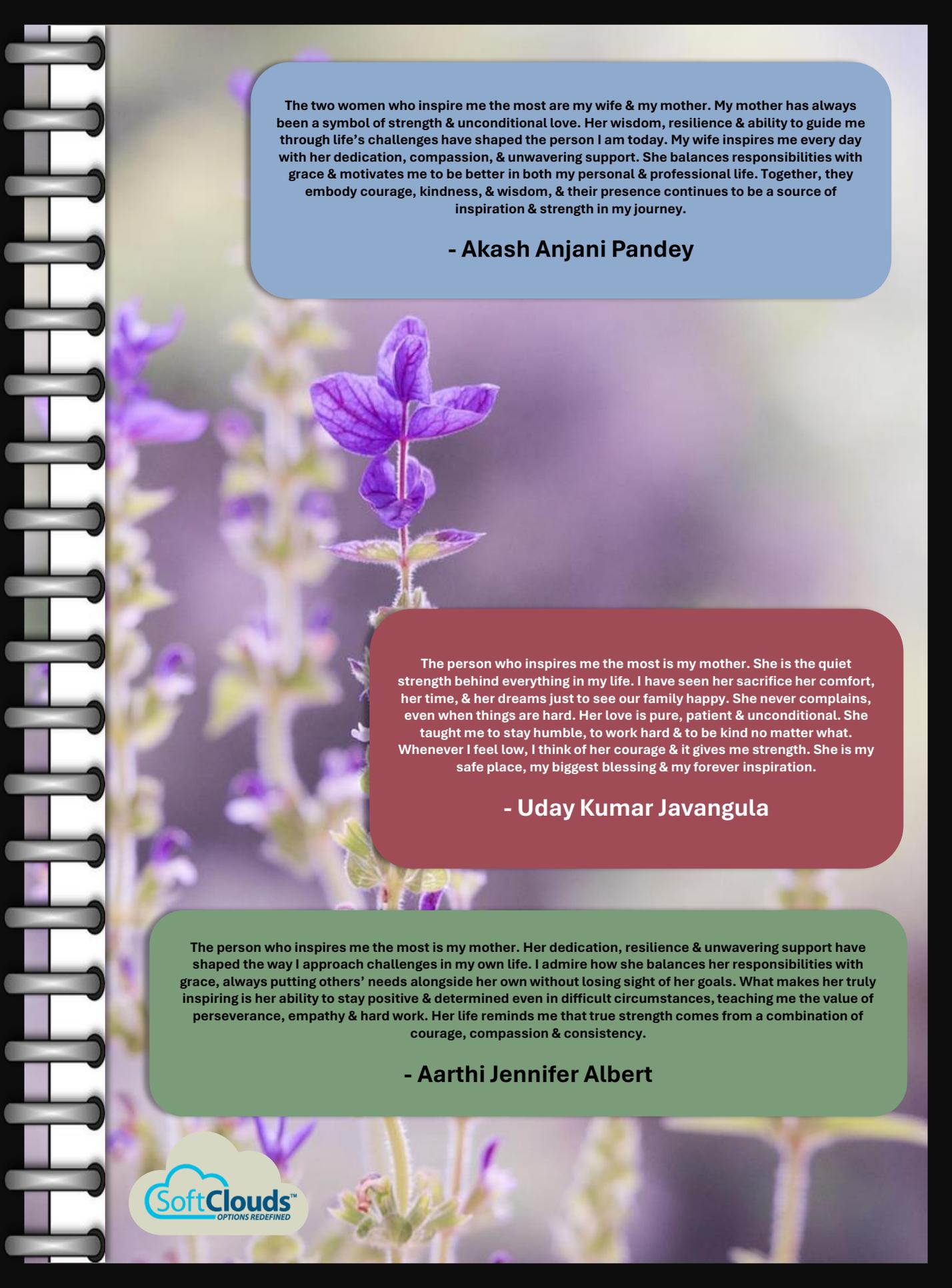
**Bold in
Voice,
Strong in
Spirit.**

**THE MANY
SHADES OF
HER**



**Balancing
Dreams &
Determination.**



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The two women who inspire me the most are my wife & my mother. My mother has always been a symbol of strength & unconditional love. Her wisdom, resilience & ability to guide me through life's challenges have shaped the person I am today. My wife inspires me every day with her dedication, compassion, & unwavering support. She balances responsibilities with grace & motivates me to be better in both my personal & professional life. Together, they embody courage, kindness, & wisdom, & their presence continues to be a source of inspiration & strength in my journey.

- Akash Anjani Pandey

The person who inspires me the most is my mother. She is the quiet strength behind everything in my life. I have seen her sacrifice her comfort, her time, & her dreams just to see our family happy. She never complains, even when things are hard. Her love is pure, patient & unconditional. She taught me to stay humble, to work hard & to be kind no matter what. Whenever I feel low, I think of her courage & it gives me strength. She is my safe place, my biggest blessing & my forever inspiration.

- Uday Kumar Javangula

The person who inspires me the most is my mother. Her dedication, resilience & unwavering support have shaped the way I approach challenges in my own life. I admire how she balances her responsibilities with grace, always putting others' needs alongside her own without losing sight of her goals. What makes her truly inspiring is her ability to stay positive & determined even in difficult circumstances, teaching me the value of perseverance, empathy & hard work. Her life reminds me that true strength comes from a combination of courage, compassion & consistency.

- Aarthi Jennifer Albert

one way to support the women around you?

I believe the best way to support the women around me is by showing them respect, care, love & encouragement in everyday life. Offering genuine support, listening to their voices, and appreciating their contributions helps them feel valued & empowered. Even small gestures, such as giving thoughtful gifts or words of appreciation, can bring happiness and remind them how important they are.

- Akash Anjani Pandey

I support women around me by encouraging them & being there when they need help. I always listen with respect, stand by them in tough moments & help create a space where they feel safe & valued. Even small acts of support can make them feel confident & secure.

- Uday Kumar Javangula

I support the women around me by actively listening, encouraging their goals & celebrating their achievements, creating an environment where they feel empowered to grow.

- Aarthi Jennifer Albert





WOMEN: A STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

43%

global workforce are **women**.

30%

managers are **women**.

70%

health workers are **women**.

25%

board members are **women** worldwide.

55%

University Graduates are **women**.

60%

women participate in community programs.

40%

entrepreneurs are **women**.

35%

policymakers are **women**.

33%

Parliament Members are **women**.

The first person who inspires me is my MOTHER. She has been my constant strength, especially during my toughest times. Her resilience, patience & quiet sacrifices shaped who I am today. Beyond her, I deeply admire every working woman who balances career, children, household responsibilities & still carries a SMILE. The strength it takes to manage multiple roles with grace & determination is truly inspiring. Their ability to nurture, lead & persevere motivates me every day.

- Shyam Gopalyam

When I think about Women's Day & the purpose behind celebrating it, my thoughts immediately turn to my mother - the woman who has shaped me more than anyone else in this world. She is not only the most important person in my life, but also the living embodiment of strength, compassion & resilience. She has always believed in me, even when I doubted myself. She reminded me that failure is not the end but a steppingstone toward growth. Her words of encouragement have been the fuel that kept me moving forward during times of uncertainty. She has been my first teacher, instilling values of honesty, kindness & humility.

- Vishwanath Krishanashetty

My grandmother (Philomena) is a government teacher who earns a decent salary, but she has never spent much on herself. Instead, she uses her income to help others. She lives in a small house with very few facilities, yet she never hesitates to support anyone in need. She helps students with education fees, people who need funds for training courses, farmers facing difficulties & anyone who asks for help. Her kindness & generosity inspire me every day. She teaches me to stay humble, be down to earth & always help those in need whenever possible.

- Balaswamy

one way to support the women around you?



One meaningful way to support women is by genuinely listening & creating space for their voices to be heard. Encouraging their ideas in meetings, sharing responsibilities at home & acknowledging their efforts can make a real difference. Small acts of respect, appreciation & equal opportunity go a long way in building confidence & empowerment.

- Shyam Gopalyam



I support the women around me by actively amplifying their voices & ensuring their contributions are recognized. In meetings, I make it a point to highlight women's ideas if they're overlooked and give credit where it's due. I also encourage open dialogue & create space for women to share their perspectives.

- Vishwanath Krishanashetty



Inspired by my grandmother, who always helped others without expecting anything in return, I support the women around me by encouraging & appreciating them. Just like she uplifted students, employees, farmers & those in need, I can uplift women by listening to their ideas, recognizing their efforts & standing by them when their voices are unheard. Small acts of respect & support can make them feel valued, confident & empowered.

- Balaswamy



WOMEN TODAY

Making a Difference



1. Women's voices heard.
2. Women leading.
3. Stereotypes challenged.
4. Role models inspire.
5. Balancing work & life.
6. Supporting each other.
7. Creatively shaping industries.
8. Small wins, big change.



The woman who inspires me the most is my mother. My inspiration doesn't come from someone famous, but from someone whose strength & sacrifices I have witnessed closely. She was married at just 16 & had to leave her education behind due to circumstances, not lack of ability. Yet she made sure her unfinished dreams never became mine. Though she didn't understand my studies, she sat beside me while I learned, giving me courage and confidence. From her, I learned resilience, gratitude, and the true value of education.

Everything I am today built on her foundation, her prayers, and her struggles, to the world she may be ordinary, but to me she is my greatest inspiration and blessing.

- Neha Kumari

MOM- Since childhood, I have seen her quietly struggle in a joint family, adjusting & sacrificing without complaints. When Dad fell ill, she became his strength, managing hospital days & home responsibilities together. After we lost him, she stood strong for us. In 2020, when I had a serious accident, she fought for me with prayers & unwavering hope.

She gave me life once & saved it again.
So proud of her never-giving-up spirit.

- Priya Atri



The woman who inspires me the most is my grandmother, who is over a century old. I feel truly blessed to still have her guidance in my life. She has witnessed so many changes in the world, yet she remains calm, kind, & strong.

Her life was never easy, but she never complained. She always tells us to stay together as a family, respect everyone & trust in God during tough times. Every morning, she blesses us with a smile that brings peace to my heart. For me, she is the true example of patience, strength & unconditional love.

- Rajat Goel

one way to support the women around you?



One small way I try to support the women around me is by genuinely listening to them & respecting their views. Sometimes, giving someone space to speak & acknowledging their efforts makes a big difference. I also make it a point to appreciate good work openly & encourage growth opportunities. Simple respect, equal treatment & timely encouragement can go a long way in making someone feel valued & confident.

- Rajat Goel



Stand for fairness, let her dedication lead. Support the women around you by valuing their work & dedication & not letting noise, favoritism, or gossip overshadow their efforts.

- Priya Atri



I support the women around me by offering genuine encouragement & ensuring they feel heard & valued. I appreciate their efforts, recognize their achievements & stand by their ideas so their voices are acknowledged. Through small, consistent gestures - respect, collaboration & support during challenge, I try to create a positive space where they feel confident, empowered & appreciated.

- Neha Kumari



WOMEN'S DAY IS NOT JUST A CELEBRATION.

IT IS A REFLECTION.

A REFLECTION OF HOW FAR WE HAVE COME,

AND

HOW MUCH MORE WE CAN ACHIEVE
TOGETHER.



Every day, I find inspiration in one woman or another. From childhood, my mother has been my greatest inspiration - her strength, resilience & selfless love shaped who I am today. Over time, I continue to be inspired by the incredible women around me, whose courage, determination, love & grace make a difference in big & small ways.

- Sunitha

Sudha Murthy inspires me through her humility, hard work & compassion. Her journey as one of the first women engineers in India teaches me to stay determined & confident. Her kindness & dedication to helping others remind me to stay grounded & give back whenever I can. Through her stories & her life, she inspires me to become a better, more balanced & compassionate person.

- Harini Ravikumar

The woman who inspires me the most is my mother. Her strength, patience & quiet sacrifices have shaped who I am today. She faces every challenge with grace & reminds me that true strength is often gentle & selfless.

- Vasanthavelan



one way to support the women around you?



One meaningful way to support the women around us is by standing beside them with respect, encouragement & equal opportunities. When we truly value their voices & contributions, we strengthen not just individuals but society as a whole, because women are the pillars that hold it together.

- Sunitha



A women-friendly space starts with respect, inclusion & appreciation. Listening without interrupting, valuing contributions, offering support without assumptions & standing up against unfair treatment help women feel safe, confident & empowered. Small daily actions can make a big difference.

- Harini Ravikumar



One simple way I support the women around me is by actively listening.

- Vasanthavelan



**SHE BELIEVED SHE COULD,
SO SHE DID.**

– R.S. Grey





My mom inspires me through her quiet strength and steadfast integrity. She meets challenges with resilience, never complaining and always finding a path forward. Her dynamic spirit and confidence in raising two daughters motivate me and give me the strength to face life's obstacles. She believes in me even when I doubt myself, encouraging me to aim higher while staying grounded. She's my go-to person for guidance and solutions.

- Prathima Talamanchi



The woman who inspires me most is my mom. She has built an incredible career in academia while leading initiatives focused on advancing, recruiting & retaining women and underrepresented faculty, especially in STEM fields. I deeply admire her resilience & commitment to creating meaningful, lasting change. At the same time, she has been a supportive & empowering mom. She raised me to believe I could pursue any path, including STEM, with confidence. Her balance of strength & kindness has shaped who I am today.

- Ayla Green

Am greatly inspired by J. Jayalithaa (former Chief Minister of Tamilnadu). She is a woman who ruled the state of Tamil Nadu (India) with courage & determination. Even when she was criticized & faced problems, she remained confident & courageous. Her life teaches me that whatever problems we may face in our lives, with courage, confidence & determination, we can overcome any problem. She showed strong leadership & made bold decisions for the development of the state. Her journey from an actress to a respected political leader continues to inspire many women to believe in their strength & rise with confidence.

- Menaka Nanjappan

one way TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN around YOU?

Share your experiences to motivate & guide them as they navigate their paths. Recognize that many women juggle multiple responsibilities to balance work & life, so offering flexibility & understanding can make a meaningful difference. Your support & encouragement can help them stay focused, build confidence & achieve their goals.

- Prathima Talamanchi

One meaningful way to support the women around us is by intentionally recognizing & celebrating their contributions, both big & small. Taking a moment to express gratitude & acknowledge accomplishments can make a lasting impact. Small acts of encouragement & advocacy help create an environment where women feel valued, supported & empowered to continue growing & leading.

- Ayla Green



One way I support the women around me is by genuinely listening to them & encouraging them to believe in themselves. I try to appreciate their efforts openly, encourage them in meetings or discussions & stand by them during challenges.

- Menaka Nanjappan

THE BEST PROTECTION ANY WOMAN CAN HAVE ... IS

COURAGE

- Elizabeth Cady Stanton



The person who inspires me the most is my mother. Her resilience & unwavering dedication to our family have shaped who I am today. She taught me the value of hard work, patience & staying strong during difficult times. Watching her handle challenges with positivity & grace motivates me to approach both my personal & professional life with the same mindset.

- Akshata Babu Devadig

As most of you know, I am extremely proud of my 3 daughters. Each has taken their own path & each is very successful in their chosen field. What is most inspiring is that each has created their own path. One daughter is a lawyer who does not currently practice (gee, I wonder where she got that? :) She's very well respected in her work & is raising two amazing young boys. Her twin is a paralegal who carved out a niche in her firm that didn't previously exist. Besides her career success, she also chose to have & raise an incredible young daughter. My daughter is very successful in her career in technology sales. She & her husband relocated to Denver and are making their life there.

- Brian Friedman

My wife inspires me the most. She is kind, loving, intelligent & incredibly caring in everything she does. The way she supports me, understands me without needing many words & stands by me through every situation truly motivates me. She has a quiet strength & warmth that makes our life better every day. Her ability to balance emotions with wisdom & always see the positive side of things inspires me to grow, improve, & become a better person.

- Nishant Pawar

The person who inspires me the most is my Mom. She inspires me not because of fame or titles, but because of her quiet strength, resilience & unconditional love. Through every challenge, she has remained strong & selfless, always putting her family first. Watching her work hard & face difficulties with courage has shaped the person I am today.

- Nagesh Pawar

one way to support the women around you?



I support the women around me by ensuring their voices are heard & giving credit to their ideas. Even small encouragement can help create a more inclusive & respectful environment.

- Akshata Babu Devadig



Listen, support & encourage. Sometimes this means being supportive of a path I may not agree with, but after voicing my contrary opinion, I always support, even if it's not the path I think she should take.

- Brian Friedman



One small but meaningful way I can support my mom is by lightening her load without being asked. Whether it is helping with chores, handling a situation, checking in on how she is feeling, or simply giving her time to rest, these small actions show that I see & appreciate everything she does. So often, moms carry responsibilities quietly & continuously, offering support before she has to ask can make her feel valued and cared for.

- Nishant Pawar



One simple way I support the women around me is by actively listening.

- Nagesh Pawar



A woman's greatest strength lies in her resilience & compassion.

She carries responsibility with grace, faces challenges with courage & uplifts others while pursuing her own dreams.

Her power is not just in what she accomplishes, but in the positive impact she creates wherever she goes.





The person who inspires me the most is my mother. Though she is not highly educated, she manages every responsibility in her life with remarkable confidence & grace. She handles challenges smoothly, makes thoughtful decisions & keeps everything together even during difficult times. Watching her balance family, work & unexpected situations has taught me that real wisdom comes from experience & emotional strength. Her determination motivates me to stay strong & committed to continuous learning and growth.

- Deekshitha Nalwade

The person who inspires me the most is Rajmata Jijabai, mother of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Her strength, vision, & unwavering belief in values shaped one of the greatest leaders in history. She taught courage, self-respect, & dedication to dharma & people. Despite challenges & political instability, she raised Shivaji Maharaj with strong moral principles & a vision of Swarajya. Her resilience & character-building leadership inspire me to stay grounded in values while working toward bigger goals.

- Raju Lingampelli

Rosa Parks was a brave woman who stood up for justice. In 1955, she refused to give up her bus seat to a white person, which violated segregation laws at the time. Her act of peaceful resistance led to her arrest & sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Her act of defiance fueled America's civil rights movement. The seamstress & activist who just wanted equal rights became the "Mother of the Freedom Movement" & her strategic yet risky protest left a lasting legacy of fighting injustice that changed America's course toward freedom & equality.

- Steven Wade

one way TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN around YOU?

In my daily life, I uplift women by showing love, respect & gratitude. I deeply admire my mother's sacrifices & ensure she feels valued & supported. I appreciate & respect my wife for her strength & care in our family. As a father, I cherish my two daughters & encourage them to grow with confidence, courage & self-belief. Empowerment begins at home through respect, encouragement & equality.

- Raju Lingampelli

I respect women as 100% equals yet still treat women with chivalry.

- Steven Wade



Support women by recognizing their contributions, offering encouragement by showing respect & understanding in everyday interactions helps her to build confidence.

- Deekshitha Nalwade

Message from our Balaji

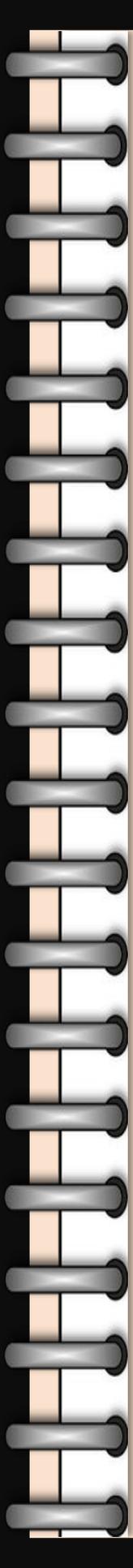
A NATION RISES WHEN ITS WOMEN RISE.

LET WOMEN WALK WITH FEARLESS MINDS, STRONG VOICES & LIMITLESS DREAMS.
SHE IS NOT A SYMBOL OF SILENCE, BUT A FORCE OF COURAGE & WISDOM.
WHEN WOMEN LEAD WITH KNOWLEDGE & CONFIDENCE, SOCIETY MOVES FORWARD
WITH STRENGTH.

LET US CELEBRATE THE POWER, DIGNITY & BRILLIANCE OF EVERY WOMAN.
TODAY & ALWAYS, MAY HER SPIRIT REMAIN BOLD, FREE & UNSTOPPABLE.

HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY 2026.





CELEBRATE HER
TODAY
&
every Day.

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.Voices of Strength.

