



CIRCULAR

Sub: Courts and Judges – International Women’s day is celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> March every year – International Day of Women Judges (IDWJ) is being celebrated from the year 2021 onwards on 10<sup>th</sup> March - General instructions to all the Principal District Judges, to celebrate the International Day of Women Judges, this year – All the Principal District Judges are required to submit a report in this regard – Instructions issued.

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The International Women’s Day is celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> March, every year and the International Day of Women Judges, a relatively new phenomenon is celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> March, every year since 2021. The Judicial Officers across the State participate in celebrations of International Women’s Day on 08<sup>th</sup> March every year and hence celebration of International Day of Women Judges on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, one day after International Women’s Day, may constitute duplication of content and resources, to some extent.

**Therefore, all the Principal District Judges shall consider celebration of the International Day of Women Judges, this year.**

The following are the list of suggestions to all the Principal District Judges, for implementation as they see fit, in keeping with available resources:-

**I. Panel Discussion**

**Some suggested and optional topics are**

**(a) Empowerment of women Judges**

**(b) Frequently asked questions (FAQs) in regard to the discharge of duties as Judicial Officers (including administrative duties) and sharing of wisdom on how the FAQs could be best answered.**

(c) A study of best practices followed by women Judges across the State, Country and Internationally.

**II. An oration by a guest speaker on a topic of relevance to women Judges.**

All the Principal District Judges are required to forward a report, as to whether a programme was conducted and if so, the details of and the manner in which International Day of Women Judges was celebrated in their respective Districts.

The receipt of this Circular is required to be acknowledged at once.

**HIGH COURT OF MADRAS  
CHENNAI,  
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**REGISTRAR GENERAL**

**To**

1. The Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai
2. All the Principal District Judges/District Judges.
3. The Chief Judge, Puducherry.
4. The District Judge-cum-Chief Judicial Magistrate, The Nilgiris @ Uthagamandalam.
5. The Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai.
6. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai.

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