



Mother's Day Tribute – Honouring the Women Who Lost Everything

As the world celebrates Mother's Day today, we pause to remember and honour those women whose lives have been torn apart by violence.

In the Hindu way of life, women are not merely respected but revered as embodiments of Shakti, the divine feminine energy that sustains the universe. Sacred texts such as the Vedas and Manusmriti describe women as mothers, teachers, seers, and upholders of Dharma, forming the spiritual and moral bedrock of society.

A profound verse from Manusmriti reminds us of the dharmic duty of society to care for and protect women:

“na strī svatantryam arhati | pita rakshati kaumāre, bhartā rakshati yauvane | putrās tu sthāvare jīrṇe, na strī svatantryam arhati ||”

This is not a call for subjugation, but a framework of responsibility and guardianship, where a woman is never left vulnerable or unsupported at any stage of her life.

When terrorists kill a man in front of his wife, a son before his mother, or a brother beside his sister, they not only destroy a life, they shatter the dignity and emotional universe of the women left behind. These are not just personal tragedies, but acts of profound adharma, a breakdown of moral and spiritual order.

On this day of remembrance and reflection, the Hindu Council also expresses deep concern for the suffering of Hindu women in Bangladesh, who have faced systematic violence and displacement over the past year. Their pain, largely ignored by the international community, calls for urgent moral clarity and compassionate action.

The Hindu Council of Australia stands in solidarity with all women who have lost everything, whether through terror, persecution, or neglect. Their pain is sacred. Their courage, immeasurable. Their demand for justice, undeniable.

As a society rooted in Sanatana Dharma, we reaffirm our collective duty to protect, uplift, and honour women, not only on Mother's Day, but every day.

Let this occasion serve not just as a celebration, but as a call to action, to uphold Dharma, seek justice, and ensure that such atrocities never repeat.

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