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Dear Lady Colleagues,

On the occasion of International Women's Day 2026, I extend my warm greetings, on behalf of the Income Tax Department and on my own behalf, to all the women officers and staff of the Department. This day offers an opportunity to acknowledge and recognise the dedication, professionalism and invaluable contribution that you bring to strengthening our institution.

2. Over the years, the presence of women in the Department has grown significantly, and today we are proud to have more than 9,000 women colleagues serving across the country. Whether in field formations, investigation wings, taxpayer service centres, administrative roles or policy assignments, your work contributes meaningfully to the effectiveness and credibility of the Department.

3. In my interactions with many of you across the organisation, I have often felt the conviction, energy, freshness of perspective and a strong spirit to perform and deliver that you bring to your responsibilities. I am sure that colleagues across the organisation would readily agree that these qualities—together with professionalism, empathy in taxpayer-facing roles and the ability to address complex challenges—greatly strengthen our collective efforts and reinforce the trust that citizens place in the Department.

4. The Income Tax Department administers a dynamic statute. With the transition to the Income Tax Act, 2025 from 1 April 2026, immense opportunities lie ahead for all of us in terms of professional growth, deeper subject expertise, and strengthening our contribution to nation-building. As we navigate these developments, the continued participation and leadership of women colleagues will remain central to our collective progress. As an institution, we remain committed to fostering an environment where every colleague can contribute fully and realise their professional potential.

5. I am also conscious that many of you balance demanding professional responsibilities with important roles within your families. The Department values this commitment and remains dedicated to maintaining a supportive and responsive work environment while creating a workplace that is fair, respectful, and supportive.

6. On this International Women's Day, I thank you for your dedication and service. Let me say that your commitment continues to strengthen the Department and inspire those around you. May you continue to grow, lead and inspire in the years ahead. GOD Bless!

Warm regards and best wishes,

  
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