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Message

I am sending this message with a deep sense of gratitude over the role played by womenfolk, on the occasion of the International Women's Day, that honours the contribution made by women who make up half of humanity and act as a decisive force in the existence and progress of the social establishment of any country.

As a Nation we salute our women. This is attested by social indicators such as literacy rate, social inclusion and life expectancy, where Sri Lankan women are on par with the developed countries. I am also very proud of the many achievements and the victories gained by our Sri Lankan women that have done our country proud.

My administration is committed to creating a platform where Sri Lankan women can contribute to the betterment of our society as an equal player. We will provide an environment where she will make her own decisions and will be free to reach her aspirations. She will not be subject to any violence or discrimination against her.

This year's International Women's Day themed, "Woman's Courage - Nation's Strength" has my complete support and I wish it every success.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa

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