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Human Rights Day is the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The formal inception of Human Rights Day dates from 1950 after the Assembly passed resolution 423(V) inviting all States and interested organisations to adopt 10 December of each year as Human Rights Day. The popularity of the day can be shown by the fact that the commemorative Human Rights Day stamp issued by the United Nations Postal Administration in 1952, received approximately 200,000 advance orders.^[5]



A 1963 postage stamp from Soviet Union, commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights



A 1998 postage stamp from Germany, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

When the General Assembly adopted the Declaration, with 48 states in favor and eight abstentions, it was proclaimed as a "common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations", towards which individuals and societies should "strive by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance".

The measure was received by both advocates and critics alike as "being more declarative than legislative, more suggestive than binding."¹

Although the Declaration with its broad range of political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights is not a binding document, it inspired more than 60 human rights instruments which together constitute an international standard of human rights. Today the general consent of all United Nations Member States on the basic Human

Rights laid down in the Declaration makes it even stronger and emphasizes the relevance of Human Rights in our daily lives.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, as the main United Nations rights official and his Office plays a major role in coordinating efforts for the yearly observation of Human Rights Day:

Today, poverty prevails as the gravest human rights challenge in the world. Combating poverty, deprivation and exclusion is not a matter of charity, and it does not depend on how rich a country is. By tackling poverty as a matter of human rights obligation, the world will have a better chance of abolishing this scourge in our lifetime... Poverty eradication is an achievable goal.

— *UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour, 10 December 2006*

The 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights occurred on 10 December 2008, and the UN Secretary-General launched a year-long campaign leading up to this anniversary. Because the UDHR holds the world record as the most translated document (except for the Bible), organizations around the globe used the year to focus on helping people everywhere learn about their rights.

On 9 December 2001, President George W. Bush made a Presidential proclamation that Human Rights Week began on 9 December. He also made the same proclamation on 10 December 2008.

Government Degree College, Seethanagaram observed the World Human Rights Day on 10 December 2019. The programme was designed by Sri.S. Rajendra Prasad, Head, Department of Political Science. The programme was conducted at the Seminar Hall of Arts Block. Dr K. Sudhakar, the Principal of the college, led the programme. Speaking on the occasion, he described the significance of the World Human Rights. He briefly explained the history of the Human Rights. Sri. S. Rajendra Prasad, the Head of Political Science, discussed the Human Rights Importance, UNO Declaration to bring awareness among the students. Sri. V. Narayana Moorthy, the Vice Principal, Smt. P. Kusuma Kumari, the IQAC Coordinator, the other staff and the students participated in the programme.



