

# New Internationalist

The people, the ideas, the action in the fight for global justice

## India's women march



New Internationalist Easier English

Ready Pre-Intermediate Lesson

# This lesson:

- Vocabulary
- Reading
- Speaking
- Writing





- 1) How many women are in this photo?**
- 2) How do you think the men feel?**
- 3) What do you think the man in the centre is talking about?**

## **Match:**

- 1) caste system**
- 2) rights**
- 3) dalit**
- 4) protest**
- 5) slogan**
- 6) celebrate**

- a) “For tomorrow we take action today!”**
- b) traditional social classes in India**
- c) lowest social class in India**
- d) do something special for an idea or a person or a day**
- e) complain**
- f) what everyone should have, eg education**

Read the first part of the article in 10 seconds and answer the questions:

**1)The article is about India.  
Yes/no?**

**2)The article is about  
women. Yes/no?**

Nagpur is the capital of the Indian state of Maharashtra in the west of the Indian peninsula, It is the headquarters for the Hindutva movement. The Hindutva movement attacks Indian women for not being 'traditionally dressed', or for acting in an unHindu or unIndian way. But these are only their ideas.

Women from all over the country arrived at Nagpur to celebrate Indian women and to protest against the caste system, the way men control life, and discrimination of all kinds. The women were meeting to speak against hate and intolerance on 10 March, the 120th anniversary of the death of Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule. She was a great woman who protested for dalit rights in the 19th century. Dalit women, Muslim, adivasi, bahujan, minority, differently abled, queer women, transgender people, sex workers, nomadic tribeswomen, students all protested together – for justice, friendship, peace, freedom, equality, and respect.

# **Read the text again and answer the questions:**

- 1) The Hindutva movement is unhappy about what Indian women wear. Yes/no?**
- 2) The Hindutva movement is unhappy about what Indian women do. Yes/no?**
- 3) Indian women think men control their lives. Yes/no?**
- 4) Indian women from one background came to protest. Yes/no?**

**Manjula Pradeep is a dalit leader. Put  
what she says in order:**



**with different ideas  
came together**

**Women from different backgrounds  
to talk about our fear.  
on Valentine's day**

**The Hindutva movement is beating up women and men  
It is horrible.**

**in parks and on beaches.  
Hindu culture and tradition.  
They say they are protecting**



Put Manjula Pradeep's sentence in order:

**these people**

**the country.**

**want**

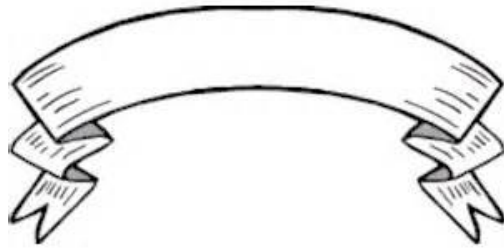
**We do not**

**to control**

Make a list of the ways you think men  
sometimes control women's lives:

They...

Write a slogan to help women:



Make a banner and chant the slogan in your classroom.

# Homework



**Read all the article:**

[https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Chalo Nagpur:  
India%E2%80%99s women march against fascism  
and caste](https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Chalo_Nagpur:_India%E2%80%99s_women_march_against_fascism_and_caste)

**Find words which mean:**

- a) money for travel
- b) someone who works for an idea
- c) describes a system with complete control over people
- d) describes someone who changes their sex