



Honours to India's Hansa Mehta

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Recently, the President of the [United Nations General Assembly \(UNGA\)](#) honoured [Hansa Mehta](#) on the **International Day for Women in Diplomacy (24 June)**.

- This day honors and acknowledges the contributions and accomplishments of women in the **realm of diplomacy**.

Hansa Mehta:

- She was a prominent **Indian scholar, educator, social reformer, writer and diplomat from India**.
- She was born on **3rd July 1897** and was a **champion of women's rights**.
- Mehta played a pivotal role in revising the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#) to include **gender-inclusive language**.
 - She successfully changed the phrase, **"All men are born free and equal,"** to **"All human beings are born free and equal"** in **Article 1** of the **UDHR**.
- As the President of [All India Women's Conference \(AIWC\)](#) in **1946**, she led the drafting of the **"Indian Women's Charter of Rights"**, which demanded [gender equality](#), civil rights and **justice for women** in India.
- She was also part of the [Constituent Assembly](#) of India, a member of its **Advisory Committee** and **sub-Committee on Fundamental Rights**.
- She was the **only other female delegate**, apart from **Eleanor Roosevelt** to the [United Nations Commission on Human Rights](#).

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