And I can't describe womanhood in one sentence; it has rather a complex meaning that I think no woman can perfectly describe. That is because, we feel deeply about womanhood and its existence in the world.

**Professor Firdous Azim**
Chairperson of Department of English & Humanities, BRAC University

If you want me to describe women in today's society, I believe relatively women's position has improved. Yet, it has not reached the bar. If we look closely, women are working as subordinates in workplaces compared to men. Gender base subordination movement should be highlighted, and only then it will be a social justice. What today's women are talking about is equality.

Even today many families are giving more importance to males rather than females. Women are expected to have more responsibilities towards the family than men. I'm saying that because I'm a teacher, I work with young women all the time. And the majority of them don't have as high ambitions compare to men. Women are abiding by their familial responsibilities. They are sacrificing opportunities either because their families are supporting them or they themselves cannot put up with the society. So when a brilliant student comes up to me with a disappointing face saying even though she got the scholarship she can't go abroad to study, I feel women are not given the freedom that they deserve to have. When it comes to men, their ambitions are far off the leash than that of women. I see men taking those opportunities and becoming the leaders of next generation.

The attitude has to be changed on personal levels.

**Shumana Sharmin**
Feature Editor of Prothom Alo

Those of us who are working in the Media, we write for both genders and not particularly for women. Which is why, when we highlight women's rights issues, we don't necessarily place it under a particular section, it can be a part of the main paper or it can be a part of the women's weekly section. Point is, we want both men and women to read it.

This year's IWD theme also stresses on the same idea, men and women are being asked to work against violence. Therefore, our target as journalists should be writing for both genders. And I'm glad to say this that every year, both men and women work on women's rights related projects in Prothom Alo, which motivates our male readers to read more.

**Anisul Hoque**
Deputy Editor of Prothom Alo

Bicycles have two tires; both have to work together in order to ride the cycle. That is why I feel that both men and women have to work together and have to help each other to make a better society. Every single individual should change himself or herself. We are educated, but whether the education is taken into personal level is a matter of question.

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