



# LIGHTHOUSE



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Both boys and girls enthusiastically participate in the classroom's social and academic atmosphere. Both are equally talented and brimming with enigmatic abilities. Each person needs to be recognised for their unique traits, accomplishments, beliefs, and character. This emphasizes the importance of understanding that people shouldn't be held to gender-based standards but rather should be encouraged to achieve what they do best. In the twenty-first century, both boys and girls can succeed in anything they set their minds to. And with the least amount of effort, "Gender Equality" can be achieved everywhere in our tiny universe.

**By the Editorial team**

## AN EGALITARIAN WORLD

Gender equality is a human right, not one that is meant to be a lonely fight. While being predominantly vital for the tranquil coexistence of humankind and the main essence of living, equality hasn't always been a fair fight. An ideal world would be one purged of this inequality; a world free from discrimination and disparity. By stemming the biases of old ideologies, the ones deeply rooted in old stereotypes and prejudices, society would be taking the first step towards curbing this unfair notion. The optimal societal life would also be one that is emptied of the expected ideologies that are projected onto people - A world where careers and roles wouldn't have a predominant gender attached to them. Equality on the gendered spectrum - an egalitarian world - isn't quite far from becoming a lived reality, if only all of us begin to challenge the antiquated perspectives out there.

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## AN EQUAL WORLD

A world of justice, where both genders respect each other and live in harmony. Isn't it a fascinating idea? Just a few centuries ago, this would be regarded as impossible. But, is it really? In fact, this paradise was once a reality, it was the Early Vedic Age where neither gender was superior or inferior, but equal. We, the most sentient life forms on the planet discriminate women for the mere reason of the difference in gender. Women were denied education and the right to vote, they were restricted to their houses and viewed as gender inferior to men. Just imagine, humans progressing exponentially in all fields as we use the skills of both genders instead of holding back half of the talent. Women should stand up for themselves and for those around them more. Powerful thoughts can change the world, once they reach a certain intensity.

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## TIME TO PONDER

This note will unleash the invisible genders along the spectrum. We all know about males and females. How females are underestimated, underappreciated. But there are so many others whose silent calls we fail to hear. Listing a few of them would be transgender, non-binary, gender fluids, etc.

Most often people fail to recognize them and also blindly disrespect them, considering them as "non-existent". Ignoring their pronouns by which they are identified by, secluding them in the local community and not giving them the opportunities they deserve are where we all are failing as humans. Why are they not appreciated for their talent and only downgraded?

Firstly, let's normalize these genders. Let's normalize them and respect their existence. Let's create an environment where they feel comfortable to step out of the darkness and reveal their true selves. Their voices shouldn't be silenced! Gender shouldn't matter, ability should!

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## A WORLD WITH GENDER EQUALITY

Gender equality is a fundamental human right, which is achieved when people regardless of their genders have equal rights, conditions and opportunities which is essential to achieve peaceful societies with full human potential.

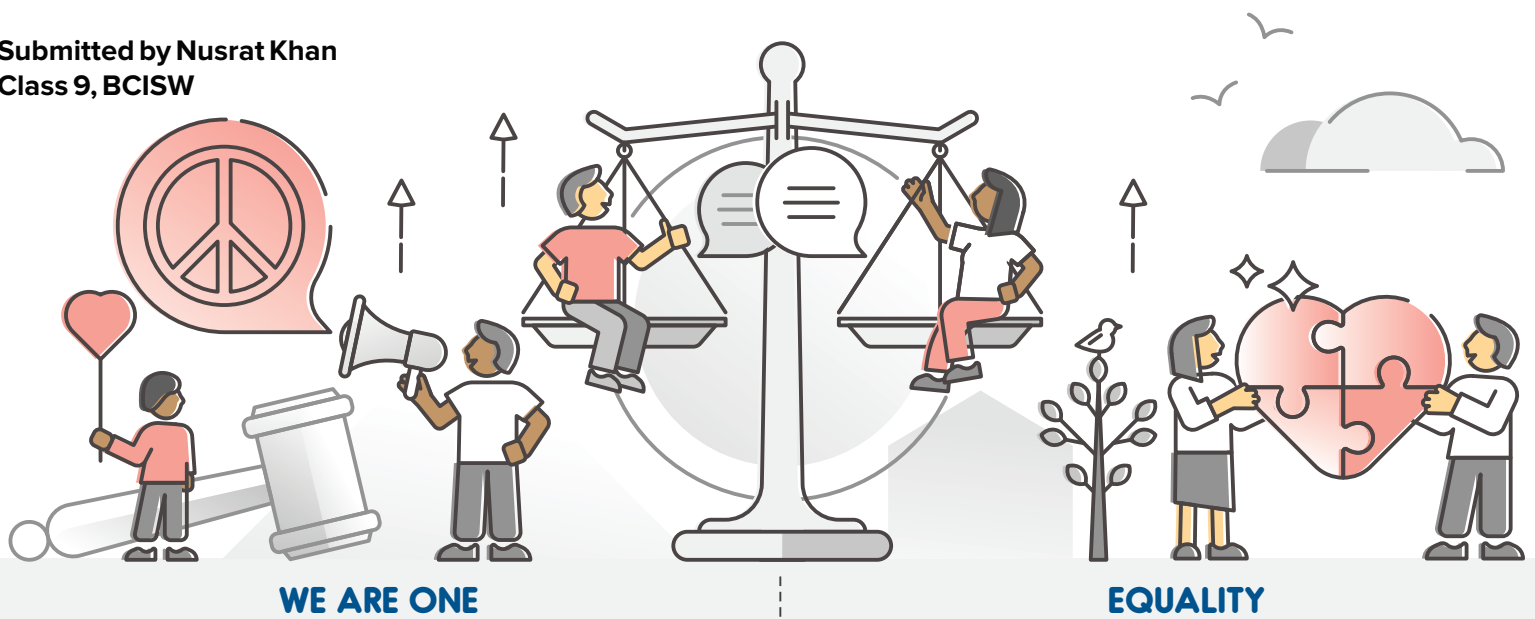
We could say that we have come a long way with gender equality over the past decade, with the female literacy rate increasing by 14.4%. In 2021, the rate was 91.95%. And women not only in education but also in the country's economy, industry and sports sector have been a major part to spur productivity and growth.

Gender equality had its advent in one of the most popular sports in India, cricket, with generally men being the only one to be taking part in, however now it's a sport also being enjoyed by women, For instance, Mithali Raj who is one of the greatest Indian woman cricketers and has guided her team to two 50 over world cup finals.

Even though we feel accomplished there is still a long way to go to achieve full equality of rights and opportunities between men and women. According to a UN report, Achieving full gender equality could take close to 300 years. But, what would a world with gender equality look like?

Well, a world with gender equality would be a place where people are paid on the quality of the work done and not on the basis of their gender, it would be a place when the government would subsidize literacy in rural areas, where society will be disinterested and where decision making would be done by the both genders. More than anything else, it would be a place where either of the genders are not being stereotyped.

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This topic has been argued and discussed all over the world. Compared to the past, this biasness has reduced tremendously, but the problem hasn't been completely resolved.

Gender biasness is seen in the spheres of caste, religion, regionalism, workplace, etc. It is also seen in pay parity, sport, misogynist attitude, female foeticide, etc. Many social reformers are trying to address these issues.

Gender equality also means treating lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgenders equally. They should be given the same opportunities and respect as anyone else.

I envision a future world where gender equality is practiced rather than preached in every home without the need for any social reformer. In the near future, there should be no gender biasness because we are born equal.

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The amount of power this word contains is flabbergasting. The number of history and stories that were created using this same world is admirable; but the worst part is that in the world right now, some groups will still think that they are superior when compared to other groups. Inequality will still exist. It won't matter how much awareness is spread unless it is put into practice; after all, actions do speak louder than words. The best way to increase equality is acceptance. There will be certain unalterable things and just accepting them will not only bring comfort to the other person, but also you will look like someone who is open-minded. But it's not all bad. Change does take time and we have progressed a lot, the transition is quite impressive. We really did go from not allowing women to vote and learning to allow both. Of course, this change required decades, if not centuries, but it still progressed, and it will remain that way.

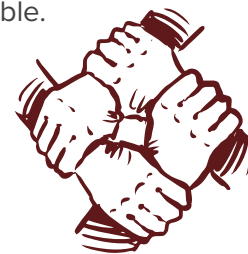
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## A WORLD WITH NO BOUNDARIES

Our world is not only broken into countries but also into pieces of differences. And one of them is gender. Society has influenced the perceptions of the capabilities of every gender where one is privileged or prioritized over others. Gender equality is a fundamental right of people and we must respect everyone's ideas, and opinions despite their gender. In this modern world, we cannot be bound by such differences, we must come together as a team and share our ideas to create a better future. To create better solutions to emerging crises, gender equality is not just imperative but also a necessity. I envision building a world in which men and

women equally have access to resources and opportunities, participate in decision-making, and value different behaviours, aspirations, and needs. A world where gender equality is not observed as a human right, but is considered a basic trait of humanity to respect someone. The world should be a place where people are selfless towards each other. A world where discrimination is unthinkable.

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## PARITY IN TRUE SENSE

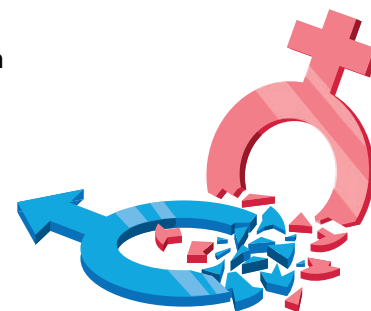
There once was said to be an encounter between Alexander the Great, the king of great Macedon and a Greek philosopher, when the great king found the wise man scrambling through some bones. When questioned about his act, the wise one replied, "I am trying to find the bones of your father, but I cannot distinguish them from those of a slave." Oh, what truth this simple statement holds!

Men and women, both are different from each other in so many ways. But look closely, and you shall find that despite these differences, both hold the same life. We are made from the same flesh and blood and breathe the same air and meet our ends on this earth. Oh, then why this discrimination?

The fight for gender equality isn't a fight of men vs. women! It is a fight of man and woman vs. the old conservative ideas

that hold our entire green sphere down! It is not a cry for help! It is a battle cry! A battle cry against the very same ideas which caused blood spills everywhere! Both genders deserve to be equal! Women should be treated equally! Both men and women should get equal opportunities! Both men and women should receive the same care! Both should be able to voice not only their opinions but also their feelings freely! Gender equality is not just a fight for the "suppressed genders" against men. All of us suffer equally from this! So, let us go out there, and fight, not for "man" or "woman", but for humans!

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## EQUALITY BEGINS WHEN MINDSET CHANGES

In this world with a massive population, there are people still striving and fighting courageously for equality. The most frequently heard equality is gender equality. In spite of striking development by the government in India still, there are places where gender equality doesn't exist or is neglected. Not only India, the Arabic countries also contribute a lot towards a world of inequality. In spite of countless government policies, people aren't taking the advantage of it as they are clueless about it. For example, there are numerous reservations in the educational, political, and sports fields for women.

Many a time women are overrated and men aren't given adequate relevance everyone should perceive that even men have feelings and emotions and even they can sob and express themselves whenever a man cries in front of everyone it's told that they are frail. This ugly mindset of the people should change. By changing our hideous mindset we can make a world of equality possible and make this world a better and superior place to live in.

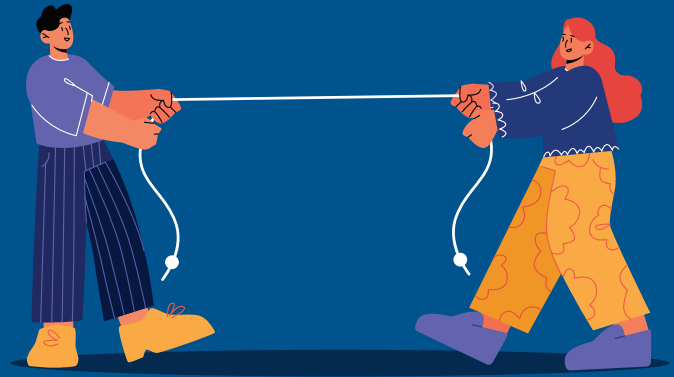
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## RESPECT THE DIFFERENCES

Equality is regarded as the basis of Democracy. The concept of equality is also closely associated with the theory of natural rights. Equality implies treatment and opportunities of all people alike. However, equality had been a neglected term for ages. After several years of revolution, equality has laid and strengthened its roots in today's Society. Accepting that we all are different on various bases can be difficult, but not impossible.

One can be a man or a woman,  
A Hindu, Muslim, Jain, Sikh, Parsi or Christian,  
Fair or Dark,  
Just like all the 7 colours of a rainbow,  
Everyone is different,  
Beautiful in their own way,  
Unique as they are,  
Yet when assembled together,  
Create something Magical!!



Being different is what makes us who we are. Embracing our peculiarity, makes us powerful. Therefore, the Right to Equality is essential for all individuals for their development.

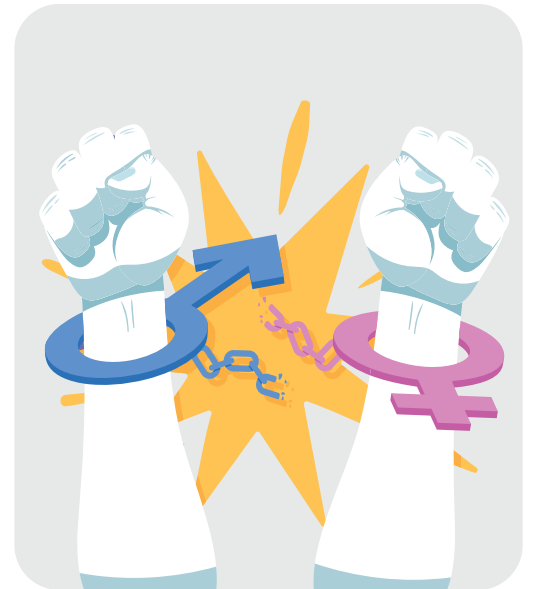
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## NEW WORLD

Gender equality has been a topic for discussion for many years, but what does gender equality really mean? Gender equality is when people of all genders have equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities whether be men or women.

To see a world with gender equality you can imagine your father cooking food in the kitchen. Wouldn't it be fun watching? A gender equal world would be a world transformed. We will see that not only women but also men are doing the household. There will be an equal ratio of boys and girls in school and workplaces. The world will be a place where every man will be able to express his feelings or emotions and every woman will be given the right to education. It will be a place where a female sportsperson, entrepreneur or even driver aren't underestimated. A gender equal world would be a place, where equality and justice are not just a topic to speak or fight about but an unspoken part of human existence.

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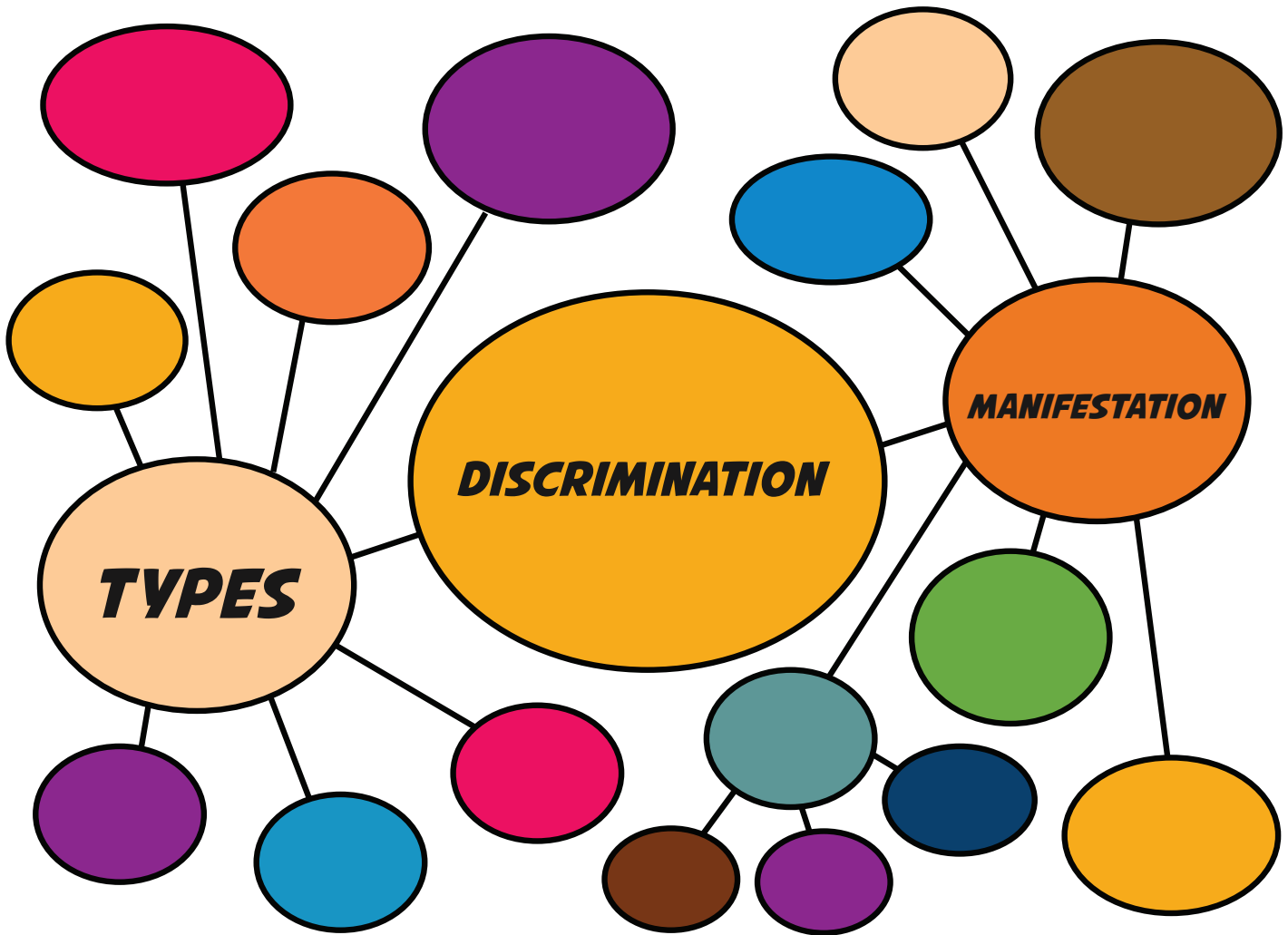
## ACTIVITY 1

List down the similarities between a boy and a girl



Kids are just KIDS!

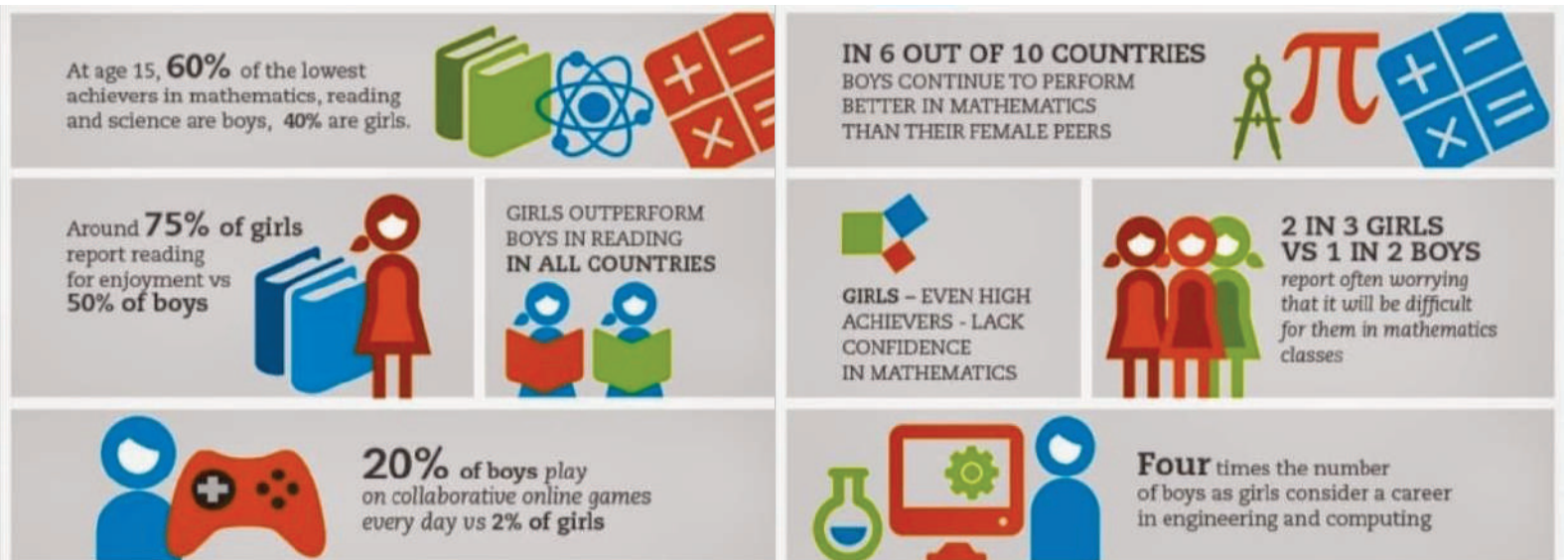
## ACTIVITY 2



ANSWER KEY: **Types:** Language, Gender, Race, Age, Rationality, Religion, Ethnicity. **Manifestation:** Abuse, Education, Insult, Employment, Housing, Hate, Crime, Speech, Groups

## ACTIVITY 3: FACTS

# THE ABC OF GENDER EQUALITY IN EDUCATION



## ARTIST OF THE MONTH



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## SCHOOL CORNER

Gender equality is when people of all genders have equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities. It is a matter of equitable distribution of power, influence and resources in the society. Equality is about ensuring that every individual has an equal opportunity to make the most of their lives and talents.

In our School, we aim to educate our children towards maintaining the right behavior with everyone and being respectful towards all individual differences. Our teachers plan the teaching learning methodology through which they are able to encourage all our learners to participate in a variety of hands on learning experiences. Students observe and perform activities which creates a positive self esteem and each learner tries to further enhance his work. Positive reinforcements help in moulding children well and they are ready to move on to the next level. We are able to work on a differentiation plan through which teachers are able to engage the learners with learning needs so as to suit their cognitive development. Integrating learners in the main stream education is very essential and we constantly strive to provide a holistic learning experience for all our students.

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