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DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Parivartan, The NSS unit of Mata Sundri College for Women organized 'Documentary' on 23rd of August, 2021.

It was celebrated under International Day for the remembrance of the slave and its abolition. Topic for the documentary presentation was "Victory over slavery haiti and beyond". The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is an international day celebrated August 23 of each year, the day designated by UNESCO to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.

Slavery has existed since the beginning of civilizations where the growth of cultivation and warfare brought about injustices that allowed the unfortunate possibility to abduct and keep men, women and children as slaves for domestic, laborious, agricultural, entertainment, or sexual services. It should be noted that many despised slave-owning and attempts were made to free slaves, for instance, the Essenes and the Therapeutae¹.

Slave trading, particularly in the Mediterranean region (around 1000 – 1500 CE) became big business and thousands of slaves served a variety of purposes and services. Since, slave trading bore no barriers and spread to other regions of the world.

That date was chosen by the adoption of resolution 29 C/40 by the Organization's General Conference at its 29th session. Circular CL/3494 of July 29, 1998, from the Director-General invited Ministers of Culture to promote the day. The date is significant because, during the night of August 22 to August 23, 1791, on the island of Saint Domingue (now known as Haiti), an uprising began which set forth events which were a major factor in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

Volunteers participated in this event. Slavery was caused by Economic reasons. Slaves were people who were taken from their homeland in Africa and brought to America. The story of the Haitian Revolution and the resilience of its people who demanded nothing more than that to be granted their human rights, continues to inspire. The memorial will stand as a constant reminder of the courage of slaves, abolitionists and unsung heroes who helped to end slavery.

The Haitian insurrection is recognised we came to know as a milestone by the liberation movement that fought for the abolition of slavery.