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03.30 PM - 05.00 PM Valedictory Session

Jijabai Awards and Release of Coffee Table Book

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Registration deadlines: November 20, 2019 Last date of Abstract submission: November 30, 2019

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

Postgraduate Students: ₹500/PhD students: ₹2000/Academicians (National): ₹3000/International Participants: ₹5000/-

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## PARTICIPATION Invitation for Abstracts

WDC Shivaji College Invites Abstracts for oral presentation on Day 1 of Conference Interested individuals can submit their abstracts to **wdcshivajicollege18@gmail.com** on Gender and Environment/Role of Women in Science and Health. Abstracts should be in not more than 250 words, formatted in Microsoft Word, single-spaced and using size 12 Times New Roman font.

Timing of Oral Presentations - 12 minutes; Q&A - 3 minutes

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# Women's Leadership for Global Peace and Prosperity

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#### INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

A voice that has struggled to be heard for centuries is that of the independent woman. Gender parity is an issue that has a deep-rooted history and far-reaching consequences. A developed worldview means empowering women to be self-dependent by providing them access to all the freedoms and opportunities that have hitherto been denied to them amidst the repressive structures of patriarchy.

A question is raised here. How far is this possible in a society that is deeply entrenched within this system and has internalized rigid gender stereotypes for both men and women? For many women, the struggle for recognition, success or financial independence is a daily one. Patriarchy operates at every level and it remains absolutely imperative to keep fighting suppressive forces. Feminist movements are on the rise in the modern world but misogyny and orthodoxy continue to fetter and blur the vision of equal rights.

In the last decade the Women's Development Cell of Shivaji College, University of Delhi has made consistent efforts in creating awareness about gender issues and bringing them to light through a vast variety of media. The WDC conducts events throughout the semester to sensitize students on issues of gender parity. Gender fairs, seminars, self-defense workshops and interactive sessions bring to light current gender debates.

This year's theme for the international seminar, Women's Leadership for Global Peace and Prosperity proposes to discuss changing women's roles in society and the imperative need for women to become an integral part of the decision-making process in law, governance and economics. The seminar deliberations will be on a plethora of themes such as women's education, human rights and gender equality, women's safety in public and private spaces and women's role in policies and economics.

In addition to the discussions in the seminar, the event will also include the momentous Jijabai Awards ceremony. These awards were instituted by Shivaji College in 2009 for those individuals who have worked tirelessly and selflessly towards the cause of women empowerment at the grassroot level. The vision of both the WDC and Shivaji College is to inspire the same values in our young students and in society.

# **PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

#### **JANUARY 9, 2020**

10.00 AM to 11.00 AM Inauguration

**Welcome Address by Principal** 

**Keynote Address:** "Women as Leaders in the Modern World"

Societal expectations towards female leadership need a radical change. In recent years, there has been debate over the leadership acumen of women and there have been several pointers to prove that women leaders can be advantageous in many areas.

**Professor Margarat Hunt**, Department of History, Uppsala University, Sweden

**Rajyogini BK Asha,** Director, Om Shanti Retreat Centre, Gurugram, Haryana

11.00 AM to 11.30 AM High Tea

11.30 AM to 01.30 PM

Session I: "Women's Education: Scientists and Innovators"

Women, especially in developing countries such as India, are often denied opportunities for education. This leads to many other problems such as low family income, increased risk of abuse and exploitation and an overall slow progression of society economically and culturally. This session will discuss the advancements and modernisation as well as innovations where women have played a key role.

**Dr. Deepika Bhaskar,** RCB, Faridabad, Haryana (NCR Delhi)

Parallel Session I: Oral Presentations

01.30 PM to 02.30 PM Lunch

02.30 PM to 04.30 PM

**Session II:** "Women as Policy-Makers and their Role in the Political/Economic Sphere"

Over the centuries, women's representation in major political and economic positions has been abysmal. Seen as primarily male-oriented fields, the entry of women is regarded as problematic by most. Ensuring equal representation of women the most impactful decisions of governance and economy would go a long way towards a progressive and egalitarian society.

**Prof. Shahana Rasool**, Department of Social Work, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

**Professor Wendy**, Roy T. Wortman Distinguished Professor of History and South Asian Studies, Kenyon College, Ohio, USA

Parallel Session II: Oral Presentations

4.30 to 5.00 PM Tea

#### **JANUARY 10, 2020**

#### 10.00 AM to 11.30 AM

**Session III Plenary Session:** "Gender and Environment" The impact of environmental issues on men and women is sometimes significantly different. Women play an important role in sustaining communities. Today's environmental challenges require efficient management of natural resources, conservation and sustainable development. This session will discuss the contributions of women in these fields.

11.30 AM to 11.45 AM Tea

**11.45 AM to 1.30 PM Session IV:** "Women's Safety in Domestic, Public and Work Spaces"

The statistics on violence against women, both mental and physical are disturbing. These are of varied types, such as psychological violence, harassment in the domestic sphere, in the workplace or in public transport. Many are victims of human trafficking and female infanticide. In the modern world, technological violence is an added crime, with incidents of cyber bullying, body shaming and stalking on the rise. The discussion in this session will focus on women's safety particularly in metropolitan cities and public spaces in general.

**Ms. Heather Morse,** Stafford University of California, San Diego, US

**Prof. Usha Tandon,** Campus Law Centre North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi, India

**Dr. Fouzia Dastango,** Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi, India

Ms. Rashi Anand, LAKSHYAM (NGO), New Delhi

01.30 PM to 02.30 PM Lunch

02.30 – 03.30 pm Session V: Panel Discussion