

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL

- Events organised in 2023-24

1. Jijabai Award Ceremony – 19th February 2024

Shivaji College celebrated Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Hindavi Swarajya on February 19, 2024, marking Shivaji Jayanti as 'Shivraj 350'. The event, hosted by the college's cultural society, included the launch of the Women Development Cell's annual book, '*Kutumb Prabodhan*', and the Jijabai Achievers Awards. The Chief Guest, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Yogesh Singh, along with other dignitaries, inaugurated the event. Activities included a Ganesh Vandana, Lamp Lighting Ceremony, and the launch of 'Deccan to Delhi' and WDC's annual book '*Kutumb Prabodhan*'. The articles of five professors including Principal sir, nineteen students including alumni and stories of 6 Jijabai Awardees were included in the book. The teachers and students of WDC had worked on the book throughout the academic session. Respected Principal sir Prof. Virender Bhardwaj and the Guests of Honour delivered inspiring speeches. Jijabai Awardees were recognized for their contributions. The event also featured performances by the college's fashion and drama societies, focusing on Shivaji Maharaj's life. Jijabai Awardees shared their stories, emphasizing empowerment and societal improvement. The event concluded with a Lavani Dance performance and a formal vote of thanks, leaving a lasting impact on attendees.





2. WDC Annual Event – 16th February 2024

The Women Development Cell of Shivaji College organized a significant event on February 16, 2024, celebrating women's empowerment. It began with a Lamp Lighting Ceremony attended by Principal Prof. Virender Bhardwaj, who emphasized women's leadership in society. Prof. Mridula Budhraj delivered an inspiring speech on women's challenges and progress. A documentary titled "*Urja*" showcased the contributions of historical figures like Jijabai and Ahilya Bai, followed by a mesmerizing dance performance celebrating womanhood. The documentary highlighted achievements of modern leaders like Ritu Karidhal Srivastava and Kasturba Gandhi. The event also included a classical dance dedicated to Maa Durga named '*Shakti*' and a thought-provoking self-directed play on family and its values. The play named '*Aashiyana*' shed light on the importance of familial bonds and mutual respect in nurturing individuals and served as a poignant reminder of the foundational values that shape our lives and communities. There was no doubt that the play was a hit among the audience. It concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from WDC's convener, Dr. Nishtha Srivastava, expressing gratitude to all participants.



3. WDC Competitions – 4th December 2023

The Women Development Cell organized a culturally rich event on December 4, 2023, featuring various competitions centered around the theme of “Indian Families.” These included a Book Cover Designing Competition, Book Title Writing Competition, Stone Painting Competition, and an Open Mic Competition.

In the **Book Cover Designing Competition**, six participants showcased their interpretations of the theme "On/About Family" through visual storytelling, blending traditional elements with contemporary aesthetics. Winners potentially have their designs used as book covers for the annual WDC publication.

The **Book Title Writing Competition** saw enthusiastic participation from fourteen students, aiming to generate a captivating title for WDC's upcoming publication on "Motherhood and Indian Family." The event promoted literary creativity and knowledge.

The **Stone Painting Competition** featured seven participants demonstrating exceptional talent and creativity in painting stones on the theme of “Indian families,” with one participant standing out with stunning Warli art.

The **Open Mic Competition** allowed twenty-three participants to share thoughts and experiences related to Indian families, ranging from poetry to storytelling, fostering a sense of community and understanding.

Overall, the event was a resounding success, with winners awarded cash prizes and certificates. Thanks were extended to college authorities for their support in making the day successful.

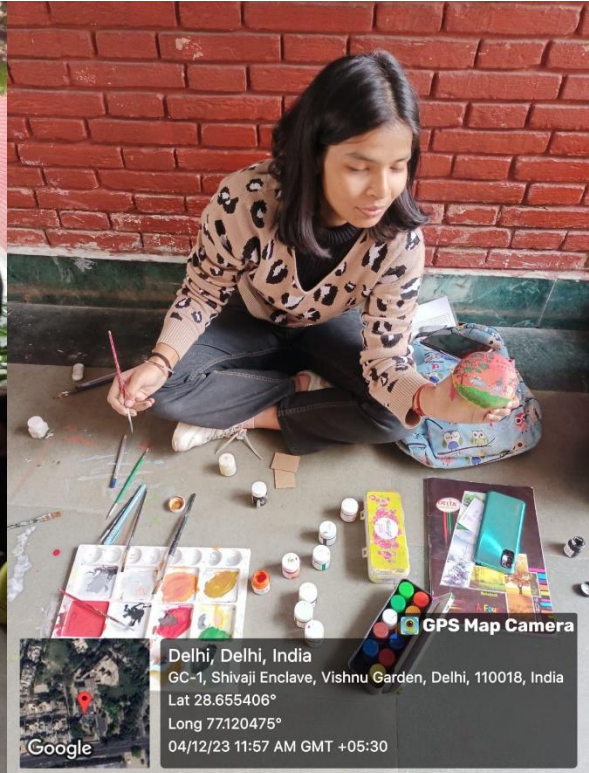




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● **List of Eminent Dignitaries:**

S. No	Name of Guest	Designation	Affiliation	Event Title	Date of event
1	Ms. Monika Arora	Advocate, Supreme court		Jijabai Award Ceremony	19 th Feb 2024
2	Dr. Meena Mahajan	Founder- Siddhi Philanthropic Foundation		Jijabai Award Ceremony	19 th Feb 2024
3	Ms. Neera Misra	Founder Trustee & Chairperson – Draupadi Dream Trust		Jijabai Award Ceremony	19 th Feb 2024
4	Ms. Swati Garg	President- Shiksha Bharti		Jijabai Award Ceremony	19 th Feb 2024
5	Mr. Gaurav Anand	Founder & Directo – swachhtapukare Foundation		Jijabai Award Ceremony	19 th Feb 2024
6	Ms. Poonam Bagai	Founder & Chairman - Cankids		Jijabai Award Ceremony	19 th Feb 2024