



Women's Manifesto

WOMEN'S MANIFESTO

News Letter

Women Summit 2019

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Women's Manifesto organized Women Summit 2019 at Indian Social Institute, New Delhi on 23rd November 2019. Since 2014 we have been conducting this annual program every year on various themes. Women Summit 2019 with the theme 'Women Empowerment and Higher Education' discussed various issues revolving around women education, socio-legal rights, social impact and opportunities and challenges faced by the women in the sphere of higher education. A day long program included Panel Discussion, Felicitation of Women Achievers, Women's Manifesto Award 2019, Research Report Publication and Annual General Meeting of its members.

PANEL DISCUSSION

The program started with panel discussion which was chaired by **Prof. Neera Agnimitra**, Head of the Department of Social Work, Delhi University. She shared that “if we look at the enrolment in higher education and what kind of professions women are entering– we can understand that we limit ourselves in certain fields. The term 'empowerment' itself is politicised. Empowerment is much more than just the access. Empowerment is all about “increasing people's options and choices, irrespective of gender.” Acclaimed scholars, social workers, legal professionals and academicians were a part of this discussion.



Advocate Neema Noor, Asst. Public Prosecutor, Govt. of N.C.T of Delhi; presented the paper on (“Understanding the scope of legal education as a medium for women empowerment”). She emphasized that we live in a rights-based society where we have to claim our rights. We have to know our rights & claim them. She shared that we are fighting all the structures made by the patriarchy. The more we are close to gender justice, the more we are close to women empowerment. She highlighted how a conditioned socialization acts as a big challenge for women.



Dr. Nikhat Shama was the next speaker who spoke on the topic “Muslim women and higher education: with special reference to Bihar”. Nikhat Shama Khan is a women's rights activist who belongs to West Champaran, Bihar. She shared the challenges in higher education for women. She emphasized that since there are fewer scholarships for post master's degree, it becomes difficult for women to continue M. Phil and/or PhD because, the student has to invest more money and time for it.

Ms. Sandra Suresh, Asst. Prof, Department of Management Studies, University of Delhi; who talked on 'Women in management: opportunities and challenges'. She highlighted the issues why very few women make it to top level in management – less pay for same amount of work as their male counterparts, companies not being very inclusive or accommodative, sexual harassment at workplace etc. She also emphasized that women must become highly educated and skilled so that we don't give reasons to society for not being at par our male counterparts.



Ms. Fatima Bi, Asst. Prof, Department of Home Science, Women's College, Jharsuguda, Odisha; presented a paper on “Social impacts on Muslim girl child education and its effects on academic achievement challenges in developing society: An Action research”. Education brings power which creates change but due to various factors very few families encourage their girls to pursue education she shared findings of her research conducted in Odisha.

FELICITATION OF WOMEN ACHIEVERS

Felicitation ceremony took place after the paper presentations and discussions. Women achievers of the year from the members of the society were felicitated for their achievement in various fields.

Aniqua Nargis : She is an expert in both soft and hard arts, abstract art and martial art taekwondo. Not only this, she writes poems, short stories and articles since her childhood in prestigious newspapers. Recently she has been honoured as “ALiterary captain” and included in the list of 33 brilliant teachers for their stories and poems at national level writing competition held online under the aegis of Story Mirror. Her masterpiece poem awarded was “Sankalp”. Besides, she has also won “Ratne Hind” and Gold Medal in national taekwondo tournament. As a symbol of women empowerment, Miss Aniqua Nargis has been interviewed by different channels. Basically a primary school teacher, she has few years ago been declared “the best teacher”, besides earning over four dozens of trophies, medals and certificates for her excellence in abstract art and martial art. She has trained several students in art and craft and taekwondo.



Ramsa Jaan : She is pursuing Ph.D from JMI, New Delhi and her work is based on Women entrepreneurship, she started her own cafe in New Friends Colony, New Delhi. According to her she became the first business owner in India to use sustainable palm oil. She sets milestone for other children in her hometown to dream high for education.



Maryam Siddiqui : She is a B.Arch student in JMI and an activist for sustainable & harmonious development. She is a public speaker and delegate since a very young age, she was selected as a Harvard University HPAIR 2019 delegate as one of 10 youth landscape leader from all around the world by global landscape forum. She was selected on full sponsorship to attend prestigious YIL workshop and GLF 2018 in Bonn, Germany.

Daya Aruna : Research scholar, JMI and a dalit activist; she is the first generation literate from Peddapally District of Telangana. She worked as an unskilled labour to raise her family, she completed her education from distance mode and has done paper presentations in and out of the country. She presented paper on 20th October 2019 on the topic 'Dalit Women have often spoken out: Intimacy and Biopolitics of caste and Sub-caste narratives' organised by India China Institute, The New School, New York. Earlier she presented a paper on "Caste and Gender: A Study of Dalit Women" organised by 25th European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS) Paris, France.



Sandra Suresh : Sandra Suresh completed her Post-Graduation in management from Jamia Millia Islamia. She was awarded gold medal during the Annual Convocation ceremony of JMI held on 30th October 2019 for securing highest marks in MBA. She was a recipient of Junior Research Fellowship awarded by UGC, India. Currently she is working as Asst. Prof, Department of Management Studies, University of Delhi and pursuing her Ph.D. from Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics in the area of Finance.

Adv Sujeda Khatun : She belongs to an uneducated family of Arihon village, Murshidabad, West Bengal. Just like other girls of her village she too used to roll beedis to contribute to her family income. When she realised that education is the key to a better life not beedis she strived hard and completed her BA LLB from AMU and LLM from Pondicherry University. She is the first graduate from her village. According to Sujeda "Failure laid down the foundation of where I am today. I had failed in the ninth standard" but determination brought changes in her life and brings about changes in her village too. She flagged off 'Educare Guide Centre' to provide education and guidance to poor students of her village. Being the President of Ahiran Social Welfare Association she is in a mission of making women stand up for their rights.



Dr. Nikhat Shama : Nikhat Shama Khan is a women's rights activist who belongs to West Champaran, Bihar. She has a double post graduate degree, in Political Science and Social Work and Ph. D in Political Science with thesis titled "Human Rights and Child Trafficking: A Case Study of Bihar" from Jamia Millia Islamia University. She has submitted Post-Doctoral report on the topic "Perspectives and Consequences of the Nepalese Girls Trafficking Returnees into Society (With Special Reference to District Kathmandu and Birjunj of Nepal)" to ICSSR under the supervision of Prof. Darvash Gopal. She has been associated with such cause for around 6 years. She has done case-study of 30 Sex-Worker women, who were victim of trafficking. She also had been part of rescue operation of 134 children from child labour and 25 women from red light area and restored them into the family. She has also worked with Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.



Dr. Siraban VK : Homeopathic consultant, she was awarded with PM foundation award for Academics Excellence in 2008 & PM foundation fellowship in 2010, she actively participated in flood relief medical camp under NSS and Red Cross in Kerala in 2018 & 2019. She was awarded with Dr, S.N Padiar Memorial Endowment Award for University topper in Organon of Medicine & Homeopathic Philosophy, Kerala University of Health Science 2019, she is a winner of Kuhs-Medicos Cultural Fest and State Sahodaya CBSC Fests. She also designed 'henna book' for Women's Manifesto.

WOMEN'S MANIFESTO AWARD 2019

Women's Manifesto Award 2019 conferred to **Ms. Majiziya Bhanu**, an internationally acclaimed powerlifter. Majiziya has been conferred best Lifter Award Winner in Powerlifting World Cup December 2018, Moscow, Russia. She is the world champion (Gold Medal) in Powerlifting World Cup December 2018 and received Gold medal in World Deadlift Championship in December 2018 held at Moscow, Russia. She was in world 6th rank in World Arm Wrestling Championship in October 2018 held in Antalya, Turkey. She got Gold medal in National Arm Wrestling Championship in May 2018 held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. She was declared Strong Women of Kerala thrice by the Kerala Powerlifting Association. She also won Silver Medal in the Asian Powerlifting Championship in 2017. She received many gold medals at state and district level.



RESEARCH REPORT PUBLICATION

Research report on 'Work life balance and women – a study based on working women in Jamia Nagar, New Delhi' was released by the guests of honour. Research team included Ms. Farhat Khan, Ms. Umme Fatima, and Ms. Arwa Binth Abeebacker and Dr. Sharnas Muthu



GUESTS OF THE EVENT

Adv. Anastasia Gill, Member, Delhi Minorities Commission, talked about how she came from poor family who supported the education of the daughters by sending them for convent schooling in another state. Remembering her selection of low for graduation she explained how it helped her in understanding rights in accordance with law while working for minorities and women.



Dr. Neena Pandey, Associate Professor, Delhi School of Social Work, Delhi University, described how important it is to one should decide what she has to do in her life. As a girl she was estranged by listening to the folk song in a wedding wherein the birth of girl was criticized. This impacted her so much that she opted for social work to stand for the women rights and duties.

Ms. Delony Manuvel, Director, Manuvel Malabar Jewellers, she started with the ending of The Doll House play wherein the protagonist slammed the door on the face of husband. Stating how important it is for women to her feelings in order to get acknowledged.



Ms. Sana Parveen, Secretary of the organisation gave introduction to the program and theme.
Ms. Swaliha CA, President presided the event.

Dr. Sharnas Muthu, General Secretary concluded the program by presenting journey of Women's Manifesto. **Ms. Umme Fatima** and **Ms. Nehla Shajahan** coordinated the event.



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