Wishing you an Inspiring Woman’s Day!
Dayawati Mody Stree Shakti Samman

“The Award By the Woman, For the Woman, Of the Woman”

Stree Shakti – ‘The Parallel Force’ confers annual awards to women who have excelled in their field of work, be it community service, women empowerment, legal service, arts, literature and sports. Women who have contributed to the society and nation building, by their sheer dedication and brilliance. It is an award by the women, of the women and for the women. **Stree Shakti honoured India’s distinguished artist and a woman of great substance, Seema Kohli.** The ceremony took place in the presence of Kumari Selja, Hon’ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Chandresh Kumari Hon’ble Minister for Culture; and an International Women’s Centre Annual Lecture by Ms Penny Low, MP & Founder Social Innovation Park, Singapore.

Seema Kohli's works reveal a claiming of feminine subjectivities, an altered concept of feminine sexuality. Her works bring into focus a woman’s intellect, thought, dreams and realities. The domain of sacred feminine geography with an effulgence of energy emanates from the paintings, where myth, memory and imagination have become the handmaiden of her own artistic oeuvre. Within the genres of sexuality and desire, one can’t ignore the parallel journeys of discovery that she has made. Being a student of philosophy, she has inhaled and experienced myriad notions of existence, and has lived emotional and psychological reality.

Since last 28 years Seema Kohli has had over 20 solo shows in NY, Dubai, Singapore Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore. She works in various mediums other than painting, moving on to sculptures, video performances and installations.
Stree Shakti Science Samman, 2012

At WIN India Conference

Awarded to:

THELMA B.K. Ph.D

Professor, Department of Genetics

University of Delhi South Campus

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Human molecular genetics and Medical genomics

- Genetics of complex brain and inflammatory disorders in humans (Schizophrenia, Parkinson’s disease, Rheumatoid arthritis, Inflammatory bowel disorders, Celiac Disease)
- Pharmacogenetics of commonly used antipsychotic, anti-PD, anti rheumatoid drugs
- Identification of new gene(s) for Mental retardation and Parkinson’s disease
- Population genomic architecture
- DNA Diagnostics
Vidushi Vidyottama Stree Shakti Samman

Promoting women’s publications and developing literature has been a very important part of Stree Shakti’s objectives.

Stree Shakti honoured Chitra Mudgal ji for her outstanding contribution to literature. The award was given at Ujjain in December 2012.

Awarded to

Chitra Mudgal

Rare is this amalgamation of gentle sensitivity, utter humility and such superior intellect. Probably her solace with her wonderful self is the reason behind the glowing radiance on the face of this 60-year old, which can put a thousand electric bulbs to shame. Meet the multi-faceted Chitra Mudgal, a renowned and respected figure in modern literature in Hindi, who is also a dedicated trade unionist, social activist, virtual mother to slum dwelling women and, at the same time, a doting housewife and mother. Probably it will be better to say that her wide spectrum of social work and her unflinching belief in "humanism defines the world-class writer in her.
India WIN Conference

Supported by Stree Shakti – The parallel Force

Women Shaping the Future: A Woman’s Leadership Event

(21) 22, 23 February 2013 – New Delhi, at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

Women are initiating, leading and shaping the future across different fields, industries, companies, communities, and nations. At the first WIN Conference women explored how they can accelerate the journey, gain new skills, create supportive relationships and find courage to take charge in a feminine, authentic and global way. It had an exchange of practices with companies embracing diversity, women taking charge and initiatives on creating inclusive cultures come alive. The event aimed to inspire, educate, and prepare you for a new feminine future!
The WIN Girls Project

A joint initiative from WIN, Stree Shakti & Cequin

The WIN Girls project is a WINCommunity sponsored scholarship programme related to the dignity of young girls in India. It was launched in October 2012 at the Global WINConference and is one component of W.I.N. Development. The purpose of the programme is to provide scholarship funds to young Indian women so they have the opportunity to pursue higher education that can be used in helping them achieve their personal and career goals with greater confidence and ease.

**Why is the WIN Girls Project needed?**

The underprivileged girls after school in India typically come from poor families and are active in their local communities. Due to the financial situation, these girls would normally have a life that includes early marriage, children, household work and a life of drudgery. As a result, they would not have a chance to go for higher studies at a college level that would allow them to choose a professional life as a chartered accountant, teacher, nurse, lawyer, Doctor, It Professional, and so on. The WIN Girls in India programme is designed to provide an opportunity for meritorious students a chance in life to pursue higher studies, enabling them to reach the heights in society they deserve as they achieve their personal career aspirations and interests.

**How does the Programme work?**

The WIN Girls are identified, nominated and recommended to the WINCommunity by Stree Shakti and Cequin based on their merit and financial situation. Stree Shakti and Cequin will also implement the programme, monitor progress and prepare a report for the sponsor.

Members of the WINCommunity are asked to be sponsors for the girls identified for higher education as they begin their journey in becoming leaders of the future. The sponsorship amount is euro 333 per girl and during the recent conference in India 10 girls received sponsorship.
Participating Countries:

Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand

We plan to hold a conference on 'Ageing Women - SAARC and ASEAN region' on 10 – 11 July, 2013 in Singapore with representations from 8 SAARC & ASEAN countries to look at ground realities, taking into account Health, Education, Nutrition and Environment, reviewing Government policies and efforts of NGO’s/civil societies, corporate and individuals towards Ageing Women.

The broad aim of MIPAA, 2002 was ‘to ensure that persons everywhere are able to age with security and dignity and to participate in their societies as citizens with full rights’. The Conference will cover its three priority directions: Older persons and development, Advancing health and well-being into old age & Ensuring enabling and supportive environment in the context of ageing women.

Impact: To generate knowledge for policy makers, support action and promote public awareness. Through knowledge exchange, discussion and interaction we promote mutual learning and sharing information. We learn about the gender age issues faced by each nation and assess how the challenges are being taken up and what needs to be done to support older women.