# Women and Gender: UWA's R & D Cell Program

# **University Women's Association**

University Women's Association (UWA) is an established association of women working towards the causes which are relevant to women education and empowerment. The Pune Chapter of UWA (one of the 14 chapters) has a glorious past having worked on socially relevant issues. The legacy continues with activities under R&D cell, Environment Cell, Chhandarang, Open House activities and more.

A working women's hostel, one of the first of its kind in the city, is housed in the UWA building which is located in a serene environment in the heart of Pune. More than 80 working professionals make use of the facility as their second home.

# "Women and Gender" Program

The Research and Development (R&D) Cell of UWA Pune has initiated a unique program "Women and Gender". Keeping "Gender" as the central theme, this will be a multiple project-oriented program with different connotations of Gender. Members with their respective areas of expertise will be contributing to the projects. The themes of some of the projects proposed under the program include:

Gender and Education	Gender and Nutrition	Gender and POSH	Gender and Culture	Gender and Sports
Gender and Law	Gender and Science	Gender and Entrepreneurship	Gender and Self- esteem	Gender and Violence

The program is aligned with the 5<sup>th</sup> SDG of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, i.e. Gender Equality.

The program on **Women and Gender** will be conducted as a series of events, with each project having its own unique way of conduct. For some projects, it will be talks/lectures/workshops, while for another it will be a cultural event or a panel discussion, and so on. It is being proposed to publish a compendium of a series of write ups on the program themes, as well for wider dissemination. The novelty of the program lies in the collaborative approach that is envisaged from the assimilation of the past experiences of the existing members along with the wish notes from newer members.

# "How to enhance Self-esteem":

# The First event under the "Women and Gender Program" on 4th April 2025 About the Speaker:

**Ms. Raviebala Kakatkar**, a well-known NLP Master Trainer, counsellor and Freelance journalist and a member of UWA, will conduct the session.



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# The R&D Cell of the University Women's Association Pune takes pride and pleasure to welcome you to the Inaugural Ceremony of the New Program

# "Women and Gender"

Where? At UWA Hall When? 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 4.30 pm

# In the august presence of the Chief Guest

# Smt. Madhuri Tai Sahasrabudhe Veteran Leader and Corporator, Pune Member of the University Women's Association, Pune

### What is the Program about?

A unique program which has multiple projects: Just as a garland with number of beads put together in a single string, the "Women and Gender" program will be a multiple project programme dealing with the various connotations of gender.

### Who all are invited?

All the members of University Women's Association Pune and all the collaborators of the program including various stakeholders belonging to multiple disciplines.

### Who are the organisers?

The R&D Cell, The Managing Committee and the Board of Trustees; a dynamic group of distinguished women from different backgrounds.

## Schedule

- Lighting of Lamp
- o Welcome
- o Introduction of New Members
- o Introduction of the Programme
- About the Chief Guest
- o Felicitation of the Chief Guest
- Speech by the Chief Guest
- Talk on "How to enhance Self-esteem"
- o Q&A
- Vote of Thanks
- Networking with snacks

Warm regards,

Dr. Ujwala Shinde, President, UWA, Pune Dr. Suchitra Roy, Vice President and Convener of the R&D cell