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As part of International Women's day celebration, Hindu Council of Australia organises Gargi Award function to appreciate and honour women's achievement and contribution in various fields.



Jodi McKay MP, Bharathi R and Durga Owen at Gargi Awards 2019

The concept of Gargi Award was started in 2018 with the intention to institute an award for outstanding women in Australia who make a good role model and inspiration for younger generation. The award is set for various categories like Sports, Journalism, Performing arts, Defence, police and emergency services, Community services, language and culture, carer services, Educationist and it keeps growing every year.



Gargi award winner Kamla Nayani Sharma-Wing with her family

The award is named after an ancient Indian philosopher considered to be the first woman philosopher Gargi Vachaknavi (7th century BCE). She is honored as a renowned presenter of the eternal knowledge in Vedic Literature.



Gargi Award winners for 2019

S.No	AWARDEE NAME	CATEGORY
1	Dr. Chandrika Subramaniyan	Language and Culture
2	Dr. Manju Jain Verma	Community services
3	Mrs. Harita Mehta	Journalism
4	Mrs. Kamala Sharma - Wing	Defence Service
5	Mrs. Mittu Gopalan	Performing and Arts



The event started from 5.10 pm with guest welcome and drinks. The award ceremony was planned in such way not only to appreciate and honour the winners but also to encourage the performing arts and cultures by children. The event had variety of dances performances from children.

Following guest attended the event.

1. Dy. Mayor. Glen Elmore
2. Hon. Jodi Mckay - Member Strathfield
3. Hon. Julia Finn - Member Granville
4. Mr. Geoff Lee - Member for Parramatta , Rep. Minister for Multiculturlism, Ray Williams
5. Mrs Durga Owen - Labour Candidate for Seven Hills
6. Mr. Moninder Singh Councillor Blacktown Council
7. Ms. Lisa Lake - Councillor - Cumberland Council
8. Mr. Suman Saha - Councillor Cumberland Council
9. Mrs.Reena Jethi -Councillor Hill Shire
10. Mrs. Aruna Chandrala - Labour candidate for Upper House
11. Ms. Pallavi Sinha -Liberal Candidate for Upper house

There approximately about 92 people attend this event . There were representation from various other organisation, local community and media & press .



This Gargi Award ceremony is well reached in the community and HCA expect much more responses next year. HCA appreciate Multicultural NSW for their generous support and encouragement for women. HCA is looking forward for a greater event next year with participation from all states in Australia. HCA will start the nomination and marketing process well in advance to allow adequate time for participation across Australia.



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