

## Hindu Council of Australia institutes award for recognizing Australian women

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Hindu Council of Australia has instituted annual awards to recognise outstanding contribution by Australian women in the society. The awards would be across multiple categories and will be announced on the occasion of International Woman's day 2018.

Speaking about the awards, the President of Hindu Council of Australia, Mr. Prakash Mehta said, "We want to recognise women who have been tirelessly contributing to the Australian society for a number of years. Some of them are well known in their field of work and some less known yet their contribution has been immense. With these awards we aim to recognise their hard work and create role models for younger generation of Hindu girls and women growing up in Australia."

Further adding Mr. Mehta said, "These awards have been named after the great Hindu Rishika (female sage philosopher) Gargi Vachaknavi. Born around 700 BC, Gargi's philosophy addresses metaphysical questions about the construction and origin of the universe and is considered to be the first, among many, in the long history of women's intellectual contributions to human society. So, it's only fitting that we named the awards her".

The awards will be presented to the recipients during the Parramasala Festival in Parramatta on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

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