

Mah Laqa Bai Chanda Centre for Women's Studies

Institute of Inclusive and Empowerment Studies
Beside College of Technology, Osmania University

About Mah Laqa Bai Chanda Centre for Women's Studies

The Women's Studies Centre was established in 1997 by Osmania University and renamed as Mah Laqa Bai Chanda Centre for Women's Studies in August 2023. CWS is going to give a definite shape to our Women's Studies Centre as well as help to formulate and implement various schemes and programmes in the coming years. The Centre has developed sufficient infrastructure and initiated work on research, publication, documentation and extension activities.

Mah Laqa Bai was born as Chanda Bibi on 7 April 1768 in Aurangabad in the present-day Maharashtra and died in the year 1824. She was conferred the title of Mah Laqa – meaning "Visage of the Moon". She was an Indian 18th century Urdu poet, courtesan and philanthropist based in Hyderabad. In 1824, she became the first female poet to have a diwan (collection of poems) of her work, a compilation of Urdu Ghazals named Gulzar-e-Mahlaqa, published posthumously. She lived in a period when Dakhini (a version of Urdu) was making its transition into the highly Persianized Urdu. Her literary contributions provide insight into such linguistic transformations in southern India. The Nizam VII, Mir Osman Ali Khan, acquired about 2500 acres of land in 1928 from the jagir of Maha Laqa Chanda at Adikmet-Tarnaka for construction of the Arts College building of Osmania University.

✓ About the Director



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Mah Laqa Bai Chanda

✓ Objectives

- To consolidate and strengthen the many initiatives for awareness, sensitization and motivation of women towards development, teaching, research, knowledge production and transmission.
- Paradigm shift in socialization and on concrete efforts to reach out to society to bridge the inequalities that confront women today.
- To play an interventionist role for policy making and policy implementation.

✓ List of Events/Activities

S.No.	Name of Events – Activities	Date/Month/Year
1	Two Day National Seminar on Covering Women's issues: Obstacle & Opportunities	27 – 28 March 2012
2	Seminar on Violence Against Women'	25th November 2014
3	One Day Symposium on Women Empowerment in Telangana State	7th March 2015
4	Workshop on Spoken Tutorial Project, IIT Bombay	1st March 2016
5	Orientation Program on Gender Sensitization Course	23rd 24th & 25th January 2017
6	Women Entrepreneurship Development (4 weeks)	6th March to 31st March 2017
7	Women for Excellence "We 2017 (Be Bold for Change)"	8th March 2017
8	World Human Rights Day	10th December 2019
9	Sahitya Sadasu (Literary Forum)	29th January 2020
10	Voices Unheard (International Webinar)	3rd - 5th September 2020
11	Acharya Pakala Yashoda Reddy Sahityam- Samalochana	8th December 2020
12	Women - Enablers of Change	8th March 2021
13	International Womens Day Celebration	10th March 2021
14	Bathukamma Sambaraalu	8th October 2021
15	Bathukamma Celebrations	1st October 2021

✓ **List of Directors**

S.No	Name of the Director	Period
1	Dr. Syeda Azeem Unnisa	2023 –
2	Dr. P. Hima Bindu	2023 – 2023
3	Prof. P. Varija Rani	2022 – 2023
4	Prof. Surya Dhananjay	2018 – 2022
5	Prof. Syed Sameen Fatima	2015 – 2018
6	Prof. K. Lakshmi	2010 – 2015
7	Prof. C. Vijayasree	2009 – 2010
8	Prof. Sajeeda Adeeb	2004 – 2009
9	Prof. K. Nagamma Reddy	2001 – 2004
10	Prof. Fatima Ali Khan	1997 – 2001

✓ **List of Staff**

S.No.	Name	Designation	Qualification
1.	Dr. Syeda Azeem Unnisa	Director	M.Sc., Ph.D., FTAS
2	Smt. B Bhagyalaxmi	Office Sub - ordinate	SSC