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An Annual Bulletin of Women's Forum



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## **A WORD OF THANKS**

The Women's Forum of Dakshin Kamrup College, Mirza, take this opportunity to thank the Principal of the college, Dr. Ramesh Ch. Kalita, for having encouraged and supported us in the publication of the first issue of the bulletin of the Women's Forum "Jaimini- the victory". The Editorial Board of the bulletin has to be acknowledged for their constant involvement and contribution of ideas in issuing the bulletin. We would be failing in our duty if we do not offer our special thanks to Suman Das, student of H.S. 2nd year (Arts) of D.K. College, Mirza for intelligently expressing his thoughts through a well defined and meaningful Logo. A word of thanks to Madhuri Saikia, member of the Editorial Board who has played an active role in the publication of this bulletin.

We acknowledge the participation of the employees of Sri Bishnu Offset Press, Mirza, without whose help the publication of this bulletin would not have been possible.

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## **MESSAGE**



*I congratulate the Women's Forum of Dakshin Kamrup College, Mirza, for their endeavour in publishing the first issue of the annual bulletin "JAIMINI". Women are the essence of strength, peace, unity and creation. This is proved particularly by the name that has been selected for the bulletin.*

*I am confident that this bulletin will enable the women of our college to achieve their desired goal in life and career.*

*I wish you all success.*

**Dr. Ramesh Ch. Kalita**  
*Principal*  
Dakshin Kamrup College, Mirza.



## **MESSAGE**



*My heartfelt good wishes to the members of the Dakshin Kamrup College Women's Forum, for the initiative they have taken to publish a yearly bulletin. I feel proud to have been associated with the Women's Forum and I wish it continues with its good work of striving for awareness among our women about their rights.*

**Sukla Bhattacharya**

Former HOD, Department of English  
and

Former Advisor to the Women's  
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## **MESSAGE**



*I wish the very best to the Women's Forum of Dakshin Kamrup College, Mirza for their achievement in taking out the first issue of the Bulletin.*

**Hira Neog**

Former HOD , Department of Economics  
and  
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## From the Editor's Desk

*The Women question has always been a burning issue which has gained momentum in recent times. From living on the edge of society, women have struggled hard to make their presence felt and to create a space for themselves in society. They have questioned their positions, demanded their rights, and struggled for their very existence. We have come a long way, and still have far to go. But we are confident of our victory.*

*With this thought in our mind, we have chosen the word JAIMINI: 'Jaimini' is a Sanskrit word meaning victory. If we relate 'victory' and women, we can visualize the transformation that women have passed through—beginning from their march out of their forced domestic confinement to freedom—freedom in the pursuit of expressing and of discovering their hidden talents.*

*The logo explains this struggle for victory. The three women standing unitedly above all adversaries, stretching out their hands upwards towards victory—victory from ignorance, illiteracy and suppression.*

**Dr. Nilufar Islam**  
HOD, Department of English





## Dakshin Kamrup College Women's Forum- at a Glance

### Its Birth :

It was in the month of January 2009, that Dr. Nilufar Islam and Dr. Namita Sharma attended a residential SAM (Sensitivity, Awareness and Motivation) workshop organized by the Women's Forum of Cotton College, Guwahati. This workshop of five days turned out to be an eye opener for us. We realised the importance of sensitizing, creating an awareness and motivating women in all spheres of life, touching all sections of society. We opened our Women's Forum in our College on 20th Feb 2009 with encouragement and support from our Principal, Dr. Ramesh Ch. Kalita. Thus the Women's Forum was formulated, aiming at reuniting all the female employees of the College, inclusive of the Teaching and Non- Teaching staff in general and the girl students of the College in particular. Although in its nascent stage, we have organized several talks/workshops/seminars; for it is only with our collective effort that we can hope to bring about change in the lives of women.

### Mission :

The mission of the Women's Forum is to encourage all round development of women and to make them aware of health issues, societal know how and also attempt at making women self dependent economically, besides exchanging ideas and influencing socio-economic environment within and outside the college campus. To achieve this goal the mission is illustrated by the following objectives-

- To raise the confidence level and courage amongst the female students because they would be the future guardians of the society.
- Provide encouragement and support for the development of leadership qualities amongst the women community.
- Collaborate with the public for promotion of women's rights and recognition of their achievements.
- To hold meetings amongst all the members for sharing of information and ideas.
- Creating network with the society and involve people of the college periphery and nearby villages in health and other awareness camps.
- Organize seminars on a yearly basis to establish a healthy academic atmosphere in the college.
- To make the students and women employees understand the gravity of harassment in any form, within the college premises, and create awareness about the legal aspects of such issues. As such the Women's Forum of the college has under the directions of the UGC Module on Recognition and Elimination of Sexual Harassment in Higher Educational Institutions has felt the necessity of formulating the Gender Sensitisation Committee Against Sexual Harassment (GSCASH).





## A Journey from 2009 :

After the inception of this forum in Feb' 2009, our first activity was a Lecture Programme organized on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The topic of the programme was "Life and Livelihood: Women of Assam at Present- Opportunities & Challenges". The lecture was delivered by Dr. Archana Sarma, HOD, Department of Economics, Gauhati University and also the Director of Women Studies and Research Center G.U. She highlighted the lecture on the challenges faced by women in day to day life as well as in the impact of globalization.

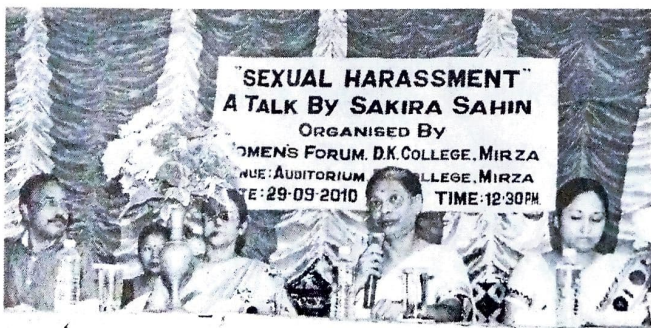


In the same year on 17-12-2009 a health related lecture programme was organized under the topic "Awareness on Women's Health". To create awareness on breast cancer, Resource person Dr. Jayantimala Chakraborty delivered an interesting lecture supported by a slide show. The girl students, teachers, women employees and women from the locality were also present in that programme.

In 2010, we organized an informative talk on 'Sexual Harassment' with Mrs. Sakira Sahin,

Asstt. Prof. W.S.R.C. Gauhati University. In her talk she enlightened the audience on sexual harassment. She also gave emphasis on Supreme Court's verdict on sexual harassment at work place.

A UGC sponsored five days Sensitivity/ Awareness/Motivation Workshop on Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education was held in



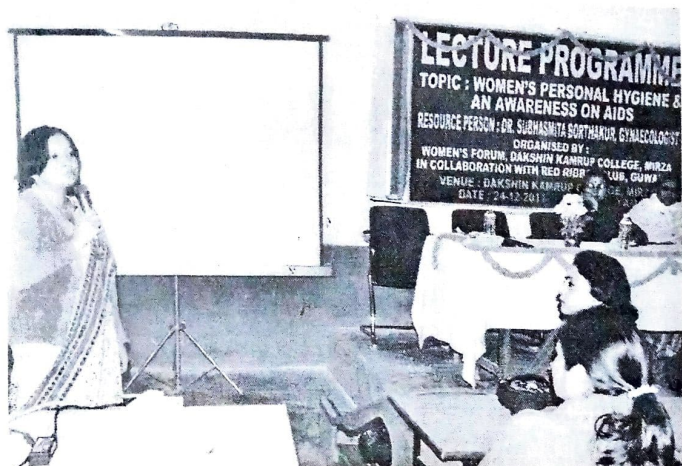
December 2010 (from 20<sup>th</sup> Dec-24<sup>th</sup> Dec), under the banner of Women's Forum of D.K. College. The Resource Persons for the workshop included Dr. Streamlet Dhakkar HOD, Dept. of Khasi, NEHU ; renowned film maker Manju Bora ; reputed journalist and columnist Indrani Raimedhi besides Dr. Archana Sarma, Director, Women's Studies Research Center G.U. and Anita Tamuli, Dept. of Linguistic, G.U. The workshop was a great success.

Various participants from different colleges of Assam participated in the workshop. The Co-ordinator of this Workshop was Gargee Chakravorty, Department of English.



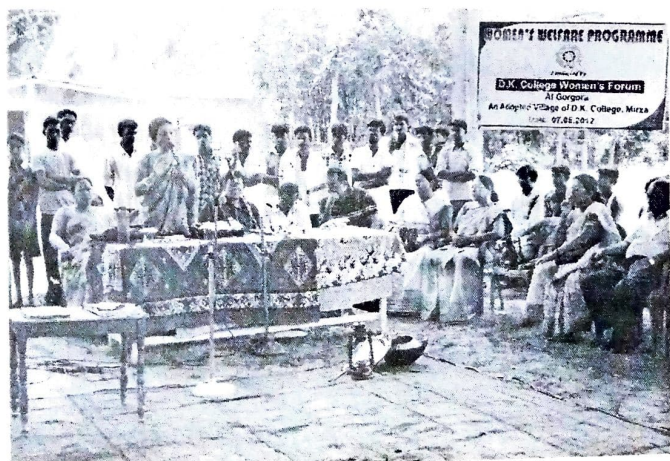


On 24<sup>th</sup> December 2011 a lecture programme on "Women's Personal Hygiene and Awareness on AIDS" was held. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Subhasmita Barthakur, Gynaecologist of Guwahati Medical College. Teachers, girl students, invitees from outside attended the lecture and took part in the interaction session of the lecture.



On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012, the Women's Forum of D.K. College organized a meeting at Gorgora village near Mirza, which is an adopted village of D.K. College under the banner of "Women's Welfare Programme". A street play was also staged by the students of D.K. College to bring awareness among people regarding education, family planning and the ill-effects of some exist-

ing anti-social activities. The play was written and directed by Dr. Deepalee Das, Department of Zoology, D.K. College.

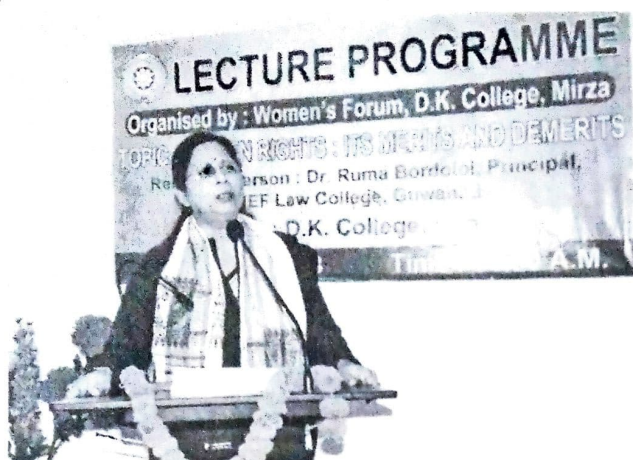


In the same year Women's Forum decided to donate to 'Karunadhara' a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) of Assam, which helps disabled and weak persons of society. The forum has decided to donate annually to this organization.

"Women's Rights: Its Merits and Demerits" - under this topic a successful lecture programme was also organized by Women's Forum on 12.01.2013. Dr. Ruma Bordoloi, Principal, N.E.F. Law College and Ms. Niva Sarma Thakuria, Advocate, Gauhati High Court delivered lectures on various issues related to women's rights. Both the lectures were very informative and thought provoking.

U.G.C. Sponsored two days National Seminar was successfully held on 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. More than 80 participants had joined the seminar from various colleges within and outside Assam. The main topic of the seminar was "Women & Environment-A look into the issues, problems





& opportunities". Key note address was given by Dr. Upasana Bora Sinha, Associate Professor of Nagaland University. The Seminar was co-ordinated by Dr. Deepalee Das, Department of Zoology.



The members of the Forum have, from its inception, actively participated in different programmes held at various places in Assam from time to time.

### The Future :

Although we are a young organisation, we have received a lot of support from all the members who are very cooperative in all aspects and at the same time enthusiastic in achieving the primary goal i.e. the upliftment of women.

To make the women folk self dependent, the Women's Forum of D.K.College, Mirza, has plans to introduce programmes for self employment through training programmes on Food & Nutrition, handicrafts, fitness programmes (beauty therapies, organising yoga camp) and so on. Besides, the Women's Forum is also interested in involving the local industries for imparting training on cottage industry products. Other vocational training is also in the agenda. Plans for introducing income generating schemes have also been thought about.

For maintaining a healthy academic environment in the college and as a fund generating source, the teachers also have plans for undertaking certain Major and Minor Research Projects on women related issues with emphasis on attaining financial independence. Translation work may also be undertaken. Donation to "Karunadhara" will continue even in the future.

Along with fulfilling these aims and aspirations, we as an organisation also have plans to sponsor a female student from an economically backward family every year on the basis of merit.





## SOME WOMEN WHO INSPIRE US

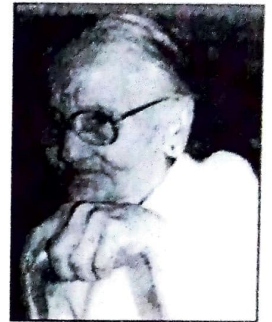


**Indira Gandhi**

**Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi** (19 November 1917 – 31 October 1984) was the third Prime Minister of India and a central figure of the Indian National Congress party. Gandhi, who served from 1966 to 1977 and then again from 1980 until her assassination in 1984, is the second-longest-serving Prime Minister of India and the only woman to hold the office.

Indira Gandhi was the only child of Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. As Prime Minister, Gandhi became known for her political ruthlessness and unprecedented centralisation of power.

(June 1915— 17 December 2002) is the first film actress of Assamese cinema. She starred in the film, Jyoti Prasad Agarwala's Joymoti (1935). She remained unmarried because she called her co-actor Bongohordeo (husband) in the film. **Aideu Handique** was born in 1915 in Pani Dihingiya, Golaghat, Assam to Nilambar Handique and Laxmi Handique. Ostracism remained Aideu's lot. Like Joymoti, she was shunned by neighbours, and sank into solitude and obscurity. Villagers would not drink from the pond from which she fetched water, her family were fined by a kangaroo court and no man would marry her.



**Aideu Handique**



**Indira Miri**

**Indira Miri** is a well-known educationist. She had worked all her life for spreading education in Assam and other parts of NE region. On May 16, 2013, The Asamiya Sahitya Sanmilani has appealed to the Government to christen the proposed women's university after the name of Indira Miri.

**Indira Goswami**, known by her pen name Mamoni Raisom Goswami and popularly as Mamoni Baideo, was an Assamese poet, professor, scholar and writer. She was the winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award (1983), [4] the Jnanpith Award (2001) and Principal Prince Claus Laureate (2008) [6] A celebrated writer of contemporary Indian literature, many of her works have been translated into English from her native Assamese which include The Moth Eaten Howdah of the Tusker, Pages Stained With Blood and The Man from Chinnamasta.



**Mamoni Raisom Goswami**

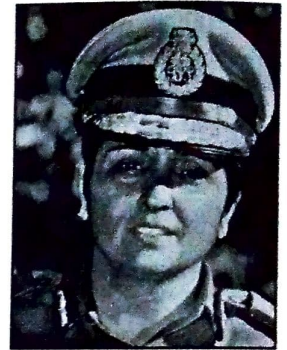




**Medha Patkar**

**Medha Patkar** is a social activist. She is known for her role in Narmada Bachao Andolan. She is involved in this activity for more than two decades.

India's first lady **IPS officer**, Magsaysay Award-winning social worker and reformer. Besides being a supercop, she has played a number of real life roles—a reformer, a committed social worker, an author and a voracious public speaker.



**Kiran Bedi**



**Suzanna Arundhati Roy**

**Suzanna Arundhati Roy** is an Indian author and political activist who is best known for the 1998 Man Booker Prize for Fiction winning novel *The God of Small Things* and for her involvement in environmental and human rights causes.

**Monalisa Baruah Mehta** maiden name **Monalisa Baruah** is a renowned table tennis player of Assam. She received an Arjuna Award in 1987, and is an important Assamese sports personality.

She is married to Kamlesh Mehta, 8 times national table tennis champion.



**Monalisa Baruah Mehta**



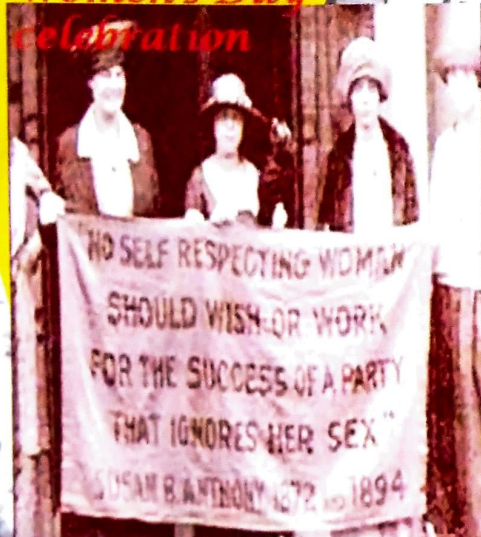
**Mary Kom**

**Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom**, (born 1 March 1983), also known as **MC Mary Kom**, **Magnificent Mary** or simply **Mary Kom**, is an Indian boxer belonging to Kom tribal community of north-eastern state of Manipur.<sup>[1]</sup> She is a five-time World Boxing champion, and the only woman boxer to have won a medal in each one of the six world championships.<sup>[2]</sup> She is the only Indian woman boxer to have qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics, competing in the flyweight (51 kg) category and winning the bronze medal



# SETTING MILESTONES

*International  
Women's Day  
celebration*



**WOMAN SUFFRAGE  
HEADQUARTERS.  
WOMEN OF OHIO!**  
WOMEN A SQUARE DEAL.  
Amendment No 23 On September 3-1912



*Movement  
for Woman  
Suffrage*

*Chipko  
Movement*



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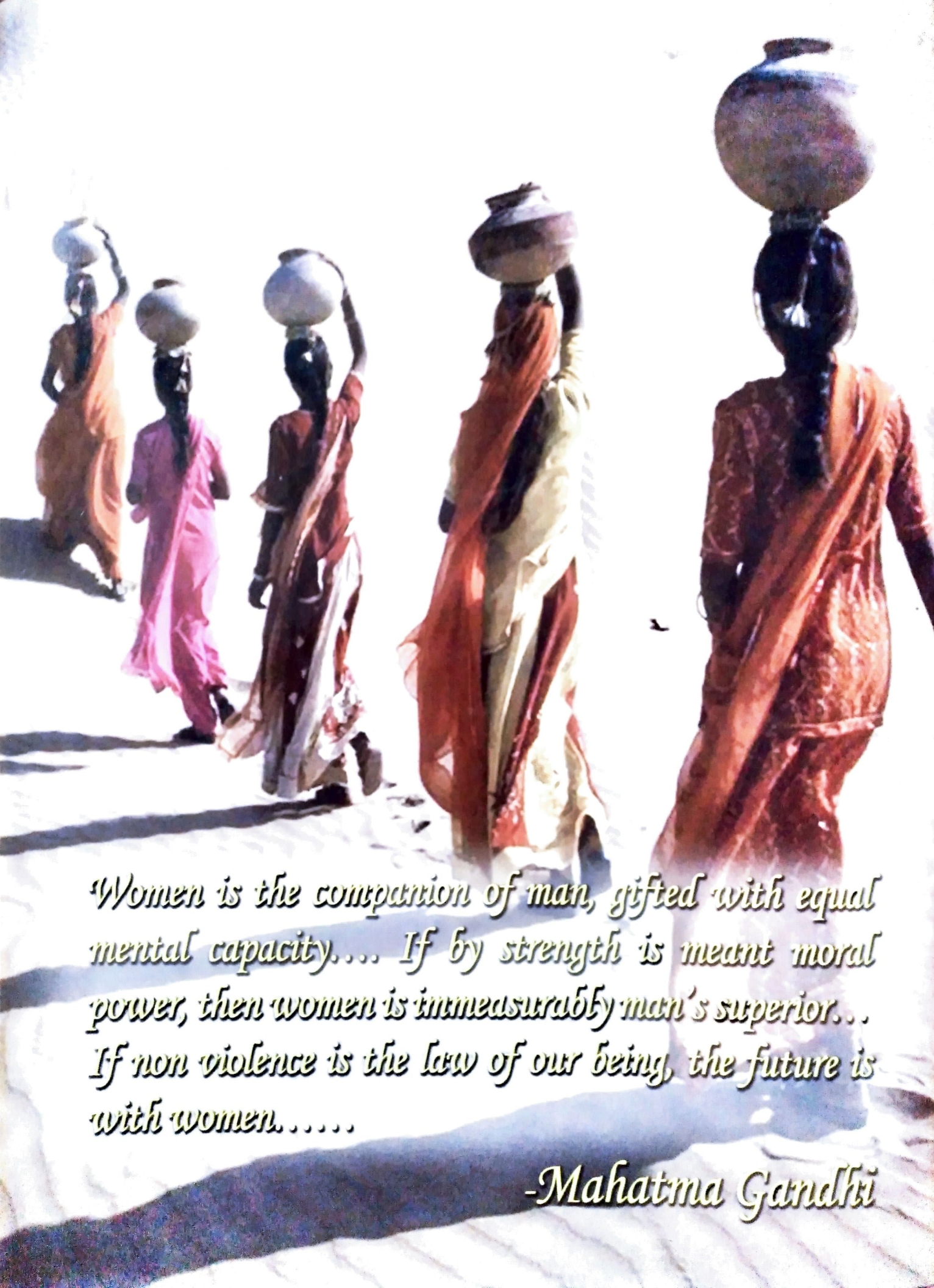
*Winnie  
Mandela*



*Margaret  
Thatcher*







*'Women is the companion of man, gifted with equal mental capacity.... If by strength is meant moral power, then women is immeasurably man's superior... If non violence is the law of our being, the future is with women.....'*

*-Mahatma Gandhi*