



UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

**Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board**



**Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar Tri- Centenary  
Birth Celebration**

## About NCWEB

***When a girl ignores external obstacles and develops foresight and vibrant attitude through power of knowledge, she becomes provider of wealth of skies and earth.***

***-Atharvaveda 14.1.6***



NCWEB is a unique system with lectures on weekends leaving students with five working days to follow their dream. In this neo-age of 100% cut-offs class room crunch, gender discrimination NCWEB is a welcome arrangement and a most satisfactory way to attain a degree from University of Delhi. The Board began functioning in September, 1944 with 3 students. At present, the enrolment is more than 35000. Till 1971, classes for the Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses were held at the Arts Faculty Complex. However, due to the steep increase in number of students, space became a serious problem and several Centers had to be opened in various colleges in different parts of Delhi. The Board enables thousands of young women, who cannot join regular college for various reasons to attend classes during Saturdays/Sundays, academic breaks to obtain Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degree from the renowned University of Delhi. However, Non-Collegiate students are not allowed to pursue any other full-time course.

# About Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar

*Ahilyabai Holkar, the philosopher-queen of Malwa and India's most renowned female leaders.*



**Ahilyabai Holkar** (1725–1795) was the queen of the Malwa kingdom and one of India's most admired rulers. Born on May 31, 1725, in Chondi, Maharashtra, she came from a humble Dhangar family. Her intelligence was recognized by Malhar Rao Holkar, who married her to his son, Khanderao Holkar. After the deaths of her husband and father-in-law, she took over the administration in 1767 and ruled till her death in 1795. Despite being a woman in a male-dominated era, she proved to be an exceptionally wise and just ruler. Her capital, **Maheshwar**, became a center of art, culture, and architecture.

Ahilyabai is best known for her **efficient governance, public welfare projects, and religious contributions**. She built roads, wells, dharamshalas, and restored numerous temples across India, including **Kashi Vishwanath (Varanasi), Somnath (Gujarat)**, and shrines in **Ujjain, Rameshwaram, and Dwarka**. She personally handled daily affairs of the state, upheld justice, and ensured the welfare of her people. Revered for her wisdom, humility, and strength, Ahilyabai Holkar remains a lasting symbol of good governance and empowered leadership.

# Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar Tri-Centenary Birth Celebration

The Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board (NCWEB) of the University of Delhi celebrated the Tri-Centenary Birth Anniversary of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar across its 27 centers from October 2024 to March 2025. This series of events honored the legendary queen's contributions to governance, social reform, and women's empowerment. Various activities were organized, including academic lecture series, cultural programs, and interactive workshops that highlighted her role as a visionary ruler and social reformer. Centers such as Aditi Mahavidyalaya, Aryabhatta College, Bhagini Nivedita College and Mata Sundri College actively participated in these celebrations. Educational materials were also distributed to spread awareness about her enduring legacy, inspiring students to draw strength from her life and values. As part of the Tri-Centenary celebrations, various engaging events and competitions were organized to honor the life and legacy of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar. These included **essay writing competitions** on topics like "Ahilyabai Holkar: A Visionary Leader" and "The Role of Women in Governance," where participants explored her contributions to governance and women's empowerment. In addition, **debate competitions** were organized to stimulate discussions on her influence in social reform and justice. The cultural aspect was celebrated through **poster making and slogan writing contests**, where students showcased their creative interpretations of Ahilyabai's impact on Indian society. **Quiz competitions** tested participants' knowledge of historical events related to the Maratha Empire and Ahilyabai's legacy, while **cultural performances**, including folk dances and plays, brought her inspiring story to life, creating a vibrant atmosphere of learning and celebration.

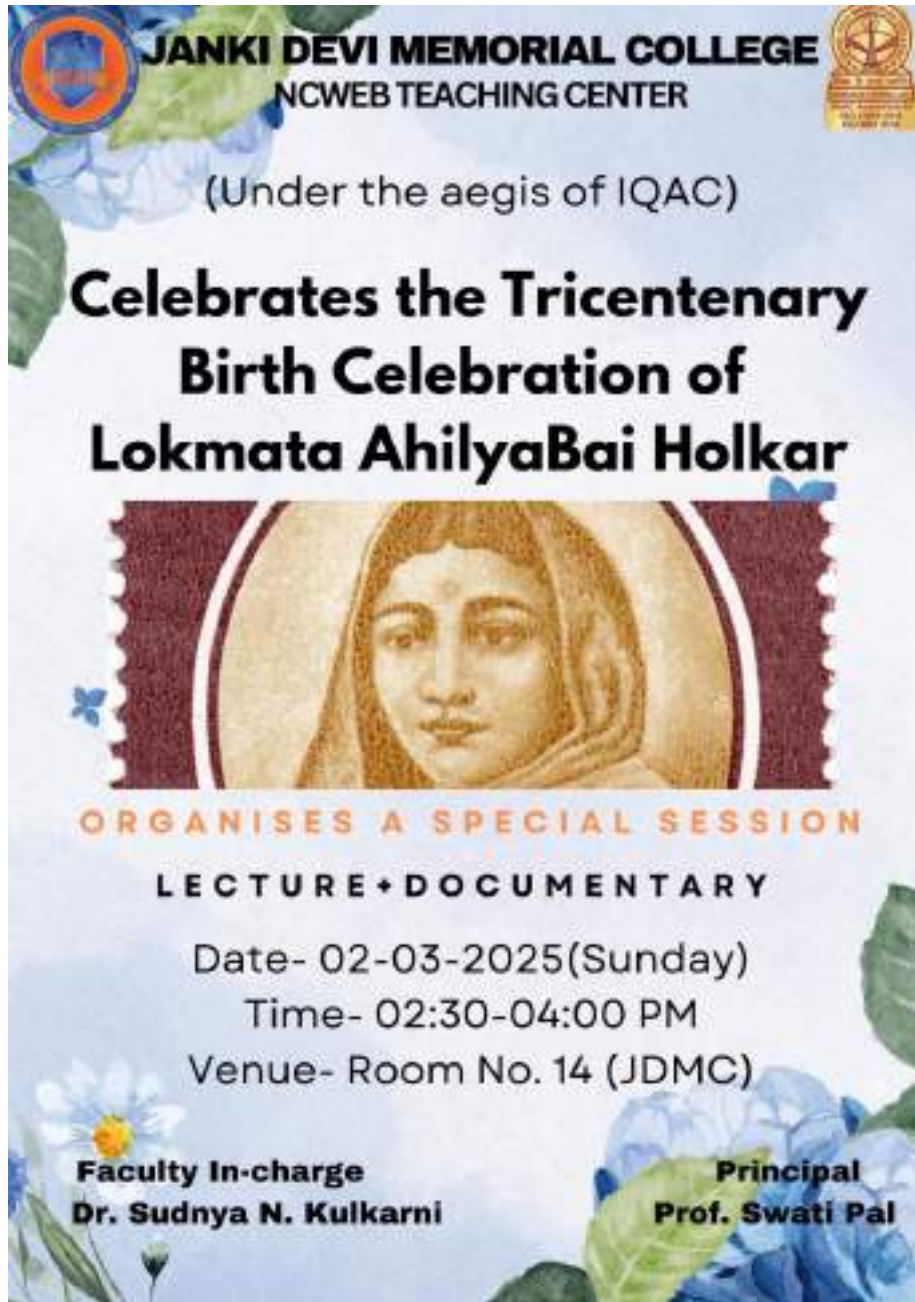
# Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar Events at Different Centers

## Hansraj College



- **Date:** 1st February 2025
- **Speakers:** Dr. Shruti Ranjana Mishra, Dr. Anuradha Goswami, Mr. Uttam Kumar
- **Activity:** Speaker Session
- Participants: 200
- **Summary:** The session featured speeches on Ahilyabai Holkar’s governance, animated film presentation, and a discussion on her societal impact. Concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ritika Grover.

## Janki Devi Memorial College



**JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE**  
NCWEB TEACHING CENTER

(Under the aegis of IQAC)

**Celebrates the Tricentenary  
Birth Celebration of  
Lokmata Ahilya Bai Holkar**

**ORGANISES A SPECIAL SESSION**  
**LECTURE + DOCUMENTARY**

Date- 02-03-2025(Sunday)  
Time- 02:30-04:00 PM  
Venue- Room No. 14 (JDMC)

**Faculty In-charge**  
**Dr. Sudnya N. Kulkarni**

**Principal**  
**Prof. Swati Pal**

- **Date:** 2nd March 2025
- **Speaker:** Mr. Sumit Kumar Singh
- **Activity:** Lecture cum Discussion + Documentary
- **Participants:** 80 & 70 (from two entries)
- **Summary:** The event included a lecture and documentary screening followed by homage to Ahilyabai Holkar. Reflections and discussions were facilitated by faculty.

## Jesus & Mary College



- **Date:** 1st March 2025
- **Speaker:** Dr. Jyoti Chauthaiwale
- **Activity:** Discussion on Ahilyabai Holkar's life, journey, and vision
- **Participants:** 200
- **Summary:** Detailed insights shared about her leadership and contributions. Report was also shared via email.

## Shyama Prasad Mukherji College



- **Date:** 10th March 2025
- **Speaker:** Dr. Pavan Chaurasia
- **Activity:** Lecture + Essay Writing Competition
- **Participants:** 150
- **Summary:** Lecture focused on women empowerment in the context of Ahilyabai Holkar. Followed by student essay competition. The session ended with a call to action on advocating women's rights and leadership in every aspect of life. The convenor of the programme was Ms.Anjali Rathore of History Department.

## Motilal Nehru College



- **Date:** 6th October 2024
- **Speakers:** Sri Baal Mukund Pandey, Ms. Pratima L.
- **Activity:** Rangoli Competition
- **Participants:** 500
- **Summary:** Cultural event themed on Ahilyabai Holkar. Included address by the principal and faculty-led engagements.

## Mata Sundri College



- **Date:** 19th January 2025
- **Speaker:** Prof. Harpreet Kaur
- **Activity:** Poster Making Competition
- **Participants:** 290
- **Summary:** Session on Ahilyabai Holkar as a ruler and reformer. The lecture was accompanied by a poster competition.



## SGGS College of Commerce



- **Date:** 10th March 2025
- **Speakers:** Dr. Varada Sambhus, Dr. Shruti Ranjana
- **Activity:** Seminar
- **Participants:** 250

**Summary:** Event focused on historical and modern contributions of women leaders, especially Ahilyabai Holkar. Ms. Rakhi Gupta summarized the lectures of both speakers and advised the students to move ahead in life. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by faculty member Dr. Ranjan Pandey, who expressed gratitude to the Principal, Dr. Varda Sambhas, Dr. Shruti Ranjana Mishra, Mrs. Navdeep Kaur, and Ms. Rakhi Gupta.

## Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College



- **Date:** 5th October 2024
- **Speaker:** Dr. Jyoti Chauthaiwala
- **Activity:** Quiz Competition
- **Participants:** 100
- **Summary:** In the program, Teacher-in-Charge Dr. Sunil Kumar discussed the life of Ahilyabai Holkar and welcomed the guests. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Puran Chandra, Dr. Preeti Singh, Dr. Archita, and other teaching and non-teaching staff.

## PG Centre



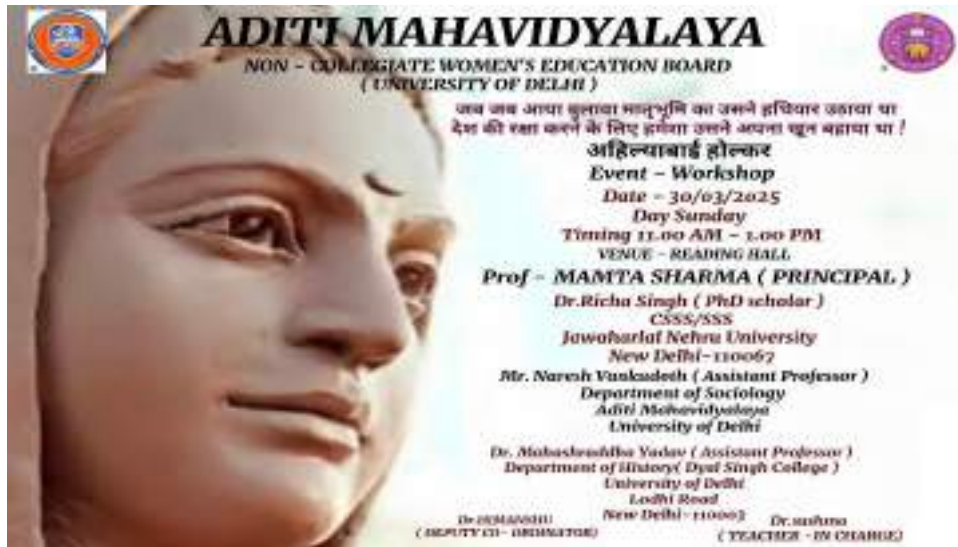
- **Date:** 11th January 2025
- **Speaker:** Mrs. Nayana Sahastrabuddhe and Mr. Anil Gupta, Professor Balram Pani, Professor Geeta Bhatt.
- **Activity:** Poster/ Poetry/ Meme/ Rangoli/ Slogan Competitions
- **Participants:** 200
- **Summary:** The competitions such as rangoli, poetry, memes, posters, and slogans, organized by members of the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board. Around 100 students participated in these competitions. The prominent speakers included Mrs. Nayana Sahasrabuddhe and Chief Guest Mr. Anil Gupta. The Chairman of the event was Professor Balram Pani, and the Co-Chair was Professor Geeta Bhatt (Director of NCWEB).

## Bharati College



- **Date:** 9th March 2025
- **Speaker:** Dr. Smita Patil
- **Activities:** Rangoli, Slogan Writing, Debate, Empowerment Lecture
- **Participants:** 48 in competitions, 250 in lecture
- **Summary:** Diverse competitions and a central lecture on International Women's Day. Included awards and participatory activities. The program and competition organized on "International Women's Day" on 9th March 2025 at the Seminar Hall of Bharati College began under the chairmanship of Dr. Madhuri Sharma, the head of the NCWEB department. Professor Smita Patil was present as the guest speaker. The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp in front of Goddess Saraswati by her.

# Aditi Mahavidyalaya



**ADITI MAHAVIDYALAYA**  
NON - COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S EDUCATION BOARD  
( UNIVERSITY OF DELHI )

जब जब अथा सुलवा मनुष्यि का उसने इधियार उठाया था  
देश की रक्षा करने के लिए इतना उसने अपना खुल बहाया था !  
**अहिल्याबाई होल्कर**  
Event - Workshop  
Date - 30/03/2025  
Day Sunday  
Timing 11.00 AM - 1.00 PM  
VENUE - READING HALL

**Prof - MAMTA SHARMA ( PRINCIPAL )**  
Dr. Richa Singh ( PhD scholar )  
CSSS/SSS  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi - 110067

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Aditi Mahavidyalaya  
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Dr. Hemanshu ( DEPUTY CH - ORGANIZER ) Dr. Sufina ( TEACHER - IN CHARGE )



- **Date:** 22nd March 2025
- **Speaker:** Dr. Bhawna Shukla
- **Activity:** Speaker Session
- **Participants:** 300
- **Summary:** A detailed session on Ahilyabai Holkar's life, leadership, and architectural contributions, followed by student interactions and Q&A.

# Keshav Mahavidyalaya



- **Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- **Speaker:** Dr. Charu Kalra
- **Activity:** Speaker Session, Rangoli and poster making.
- **Participants:** 250
- **Summary:** A detailed session on Ahilyabai Holkar's life, leadership, and architectural contributions, followed by rangoli and poster making competitions.

## Maharaja Agrasen College



- **Date:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- **Summary:** The students of the MAC Centre of NCWEB staged a powerful and inspiring play on the life of Ahilyabai Holkar, highlighting her legacy as a wise and just ruler of the Malwa kingdom. The performance beautifully captured her journey from a young girl with a keen mind to one of India's most respected and progressive queens. Through compelling dialogues, vibrant costumes, and emotional scenes, the students portrayed Ahilyabai's dedication to social reform, her devotion to public welfare, and her fearless leadership in a male-dominated era. The play was both educational and engaging, leaving the audience with a deeper appreciation of her contributions to Indian history.