

Durgabai Deshmukh Mahila Sabha – Literacy House, which is the skill development wing of Andhra Mahila Sabha has received the prestigious Pride of Telangana – Special Jury Award 2026 in the NGO Category. Literacy House has been rendering exceptional services in the fields of social service, women empowerment, and education and has reinvented itself to become a well-established and dedicated skill development pioneer.

The Pride of Telangana Awards is organized by Round Table India and its Secunderabad chapter START 148 (Secunderabad Twin Area Round Table). It is an esteemed annual ceremony established in 2018 to honour and recognise outstanding leaders, innovators and change makers who contribute significantly to the growth of Telangana

The Special Jury Award in the NGO Category was received by Literacy House Chairperson, J. Ramadevi, and Secretary, Dharani Kanda. Organizers stated that the institution was selected for this award in recognition for its continuous efforts toward social development, the welfare of marginalized sections, and enabling financial independence for women.

Durgabai Deshmukh Mahila Sabha conducts various service programs, including vocational education and skill development training for women, alongside health services, rehabilitation, family counseling, and creating educational opportunities for girls and young women. This award stands as recognition for the services rendered by the institution while upholding the ideals of its founder Smt (Dr) Padma Vibhushan Durgabai Deshmukh.

Speaking on the occasion, J. Ramadevi and Dharani Kanda expressed their gratitude to the esteemed jury members and the members of Round Table India. They remarked that this award is not just a personal honor, but a recognition of the selfless service provided by the organization's members, volunteers, employees, and donors. They further stated that they will continue to carry forward Durgabai Deshmukh's legacy of service by expanding their initiatives even further and continue with its effort for upliftment of women from the underserved communities.



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Durgabai Deshmukh Andhra Mahila Sabha Honoured at Pride of Telangana Awards



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Durgabai Deshmukh Andhra Mahila Sabha received a Special Jury Award in the NGO category at the Pride of Telangana Awards 2026 in recognition of its contributions to social development and community welfare. The awards ceremony was held on October 3 at Novotel HICC in Hyderabad. Organised annually by Round Table India and START 148, the Pride of Telangana Awards recognise individuals and organisations for their contributions to the development and progress of Telangana.

The Special Jury Award acknowledges the organisation's work in the social sector and its continued efforts to serve communities through various welfare and development initiatives.

The ceremony brought together promi-

nent personalities, organisations and social contributors from different fields. The event provided a platform to recognise achievements and highlight initiatives making a difference in society.

The recognition of Durgabai Deshmukh Andhra Mahila Sabha in the NGO category highlights its contribution to community welfare and social service. The award also forms part of the broader effort to acknowledge organisations working for public causes across the state.

The Pride of Telangana Awards have become an annual platform for recognising contributions across various sectors. The 2026 edition highlighted the work of individuals and institutions involved in social development, community welfare and other initiatives supporting Telangana's progress.

