

## **Zonta Club Kathmandu, Nepal**

### **Yellow Rose Day and International Women's Day 2017**

To celebrate Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day the Zonta Club Kathmandu, Nepal organized the movie premiere of Jhamak Ghimire's "Jiwan Kanda Ki Phool" on March 6, 2017 in Kathmandu. The movie produced and directed by Binod Bista, is based on the real life story of Jhamak Ghimire, who suffers from Cerebral Palsy. All the proceeds from the premiere show will go towards Zonta's Women Empowerment Projects.

Jhamak Ghimire, born in July 1980 in Dhankuta, is a Nepali writer. She was born with cerebral palsy and writes with her left foot. She has written many books and is also a columnist of the local Nepali daily Kantipur . She has been awarded with the " Madan Puraskar "which is the most popular award given to writers for their contribution to Nepalese Literature. She was awarded for her auto-biography "Jiwan Kanda Ki Phool".



**Jhamak Kumari Ghimire**

Zonta – "Princess Helen Shah Inspirational Woman of the Year Award"  
2017

**Figure 1 Ms. Jhamak Kumari Ghimire**

On the occasion of the premiere, the Jayanti Memorial Trust through Zonta Club Kathmandu honored her with the " Princess Helen Shah Inspirational Woman of the Year Award "with a contribution of Rs. 100,000 ; appreciating her struggle and the sharing of her story, which will serve as an immense source of encouragement to many women in the country.

Zonta Club Kathmandu also approached the Zonta International President - **Sonja Hönig Schough** and the Governor District 25 - **Fahmida Karim** for their messages for Yellow Rose Day. The following are extracts from their inspirational messages.

**Quote by Sonja Hönig Schough, Zonta International President**

Your club's initiative to show the film:"Jhamak" at the International Women's day is an example of that all women should have access to resources on an equal basis as men. The story is really extraordinary - what a strong woman!

**Quote By Fahmida Karim, Governor, District 25**

"Today I am proud and congratulate the club of Kathmandu in acknowledging such a woman who has made a great impact on the society and the lives of the less fortunate and inspiring too. It is an exemplary effort to showcase the extraordinary true story of Jhamak Ghimire".

**Quote by Shreejana Rana, President, Zonta Club Kathmandu Nepal**

Since 1999, Zonta Rose Day is celebrated each year on 8 March, which is also International Women's Day, a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. Zonta International Foundation gives members the chance to honor special women in their lives with a tribute and donation to the Foundation's Rose Fund.

All the Zontians supported the Yellow Rose Day by pinning up the yellow rose on their hair and also distributed the yellow rose pins to the people present at the movie premiere.



Figure 2 Zontians and Golden Z