



# Madurai Symposium 2019

## Fostering Development Knowledge

### **Women Empowerment for Sustaining Development**

18-22 September 2019

Madurai Welcomes all Development Stakeholders and those interested in Development to a “Unique” Knowledge Mart in Development from September 18 to 22, 2019 at Thamukkam grounds. This is the Ninth Biennial Madurai Symposium, where many stakeholders with diversity in development: Community Organisations, Civil societies / NGOs, Government, Banks, Insurance Companies, CSR Foundations, Donors, Philanthropists and Academia gather to share and learn from each other’s experience and practices to serve the underprivileged community. The previous edition of 2017 saw participation of 10,000 stakeholders and deliberated on the approaches and mechanisms for building resilience among the vulnerable and risk prone poor.

Inspired by the universal agenda of SDGs, the Madurai Symposium 2019 would focus on the theme: “WOMEN EMPOWERMENT” as the crucial element of sustaining development processes which make Women have Self-Esteem, Pride, Dignity from the holistic development perspective.

To view the programme schedule agenda, please visit:  
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## AGENDA

### THEMES

1. Women and Social Capital, Leadership and Governance
2. Women and Economic development and financial well-being
3. Women and Education including digital technology, Environment and Health
4. Emancipation – Rights, Taking control of destiny, violence, abolishing gender stereotypes
5. Women empowerment - A Pathway to SDGs

# Agenda

**Wednesday, 18 September 2019**

8:45 a.m. Registration

## Global Inaugural Ceremony

10:00 a.m. Prayer

10:05 a.m. **Welcome and overview of Madurai Symposium**

Mr. A. Gurunathan, Director, The DHAN Academy

10:15 a.m. Lighting the Lamp: Dignitaries & Members

10:25 a.m. **Opening remarks**

Mr. M.P. Vasimalai, Executive Director, DHAN Foundation

10:35 a.m. **Presidential Address**

Mr. B.T. Bangera, Chairperson, DHAN Foundation

10:45 a.m. **Inaugural Address**

Ms. R. Vimala, IAS., Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission, Mumbai

11:00 a.m. **Keynote Address**

Ms. Padma Raghunathan, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Chennai

11:15 a.m. **New Launch 1: Renovation of Urban Ooranies:**

Joint Initiative of Hi-Tech Arai, Madurai Corporation, DHAN Foundation

**Special Address**

Shri. S. Visakan, IAS., Commissioner, Madurai Corporation, Madurai

11:30 a.m. **New Launch 2: SHG-Bank Linkage between Syndicate Bank and DHAN Foundation**

**Special Address**

Shri. B. Savadamuthu, Regional Manager, Syndicate Bank, Madurai Region

11:45 a.m. **Special Address**

Mr. Amrith, IAS., Additional Collector and Project Director (DRDA), Madurai

12:00 noon Ms. Chandra Narasimhan, Regional Manager, LIC Zonal Office, Chennai

12:15 p.m. **Felicitations**

Padmashree P. Chinnappillai, Kalanjiam Movement

Ms. Annette Houtekamer, DHAN International, The Netherlands

12:30 p.m. **Vote of Thanks**

Ms. A. Umarani, Chief Executive, DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation

<p>2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. <b>Parallel Events</b></p>	<p><b>Theme 1: Women and Social Capital, Leadership and Governance</b>  <b>1. Workshop on Social Capital for mainstreaming Women Empowerment</b>            Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation            Anchors: S.Sivanandan &amp; T.V.Padmashankari</p>
	<p><b>2. Workshop on Women in Grassroots Governance</b>            Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation            Anchors: A.Ramesh &amp; K.Rajalakshmi</p>
	<p><b>3. Workshop on Women Leadership for strengthening Democracy</b>            Host: Working with Panchayats, DHAN Foundation            Anchors: N. Janakiraman and Team</p>
	<p><b>Theme 2: Women and Economic development and financial well-being</b>  <b>4. Convention on Women in Agriculture - Practices, Perspectives and Challenges</b>            Host: DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation            Anchors: J. Mohan, Saralnavroji, U. Vellaiappan</p>



	<p><b>Theme 3: Women and Education including digital technology, Environment and Health</b></p> <p>5. Workshop on Rehabilitation of Urban Ooranis: Community perspective Host: Centre for Urban Water Resource, DHAN Foundation Anchors: Elamuhil and Team</p>
	<p>6. Convention on Women Empowerment for Healthy Society Host: Sustainable Healthcare Advancement, DHAN Foundation Anchors: R. Rajapandian &amp; G. Palaneeswari</p>
	<p>7. Workshop on Women Well-being through Access to Safe Water and Sanitation Host: Sustainable Healthcare Advancement &amp; Rainfed Farming Development Programme, DHAN Foundation Anchors: Camillus S. Juliana &amp; B. Saravanakumar</p>

Thursday, 19 September 2019	
<p>9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. <b>Parallel Events</b></p>	<p><b>Theme 1: Women and Social Capital, Leadership and Governance</b></p> <p>1. Convention on Social Capital - A Foundation for Women Empowerment Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Mutual Movement Anchors: N.ShanthiMaduresan, S.lyappan &amp; K.Senthilarasi</p>
	<p>2. Workshop on Community Enabling Women Empowerment: Best Practices and Way Forward Host: Dhan People Academy Anchors: N. Janakiraman and Team</p>
	<p>3. Convention on Advancing Women Empowerment by Farmers Federations Host: Rainfed Farming Development Programme &amp; Small Millets Foundation, DHAN Foundation Anchors: M.Palanisamy &amp; M. Karthikeyan</p>
	<p><b>Theme 2: Women and Economic development and financial well-being</b></p> <p>4. Convention on Micro Insurance - A means to Women Empowerment Host: People Mutuals, DHAN Foundation Anchors: S. Ahiladevi and Team</p>
	<p><b>Theme 3: Women and Education including digital technology, Environment and Health</b></p> <p>5. Workshop on Sustainable Livelihoods Development of women in Coastal Context Host: Coastal Conservation and Livelihoods Programme, DHAN Foundation Anchors: S.P.Madhanmohan &amp; Prahalathan</p>
	<p>6. Photostory and Documentary Competition on Water, Women, and Life Host: Centre for Urban Water Resource, DHAN Foundation Anchors: Elamuhil and Team</p>
	<p>7. Seminar on Climate Change and its impact of the environment - Role of Community Institution and Women Host: DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation Anchors: Prakash, Udayakumar, Thiruselvi</p>

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	<p><b>8. Seminar on Women and Green Madurai</b> Host: Madurai Green Anchors: N. Chidambaram and team</p>
	<p><b>9. Seminar on Empowering girls through Skill Building on Healthcare</b> Host: Sustainable Healthcare Advancement, DHAN Foundation Anchors: G. Palaneeswari, M. Pradeep &amp; A. Sivakumar</p>
	<p><b>Theme 4: Emancipation - Rights, Taking control of destiny, violence, abolishing gender stereotypes</b> <b>10. Workshop on Safe Migration for Women</b> Host: Meetppu Trust Anchors: A. Ramesh &amp; Team</p>

## Friday, 20 September 2019

<p>9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. <b>Parallel Events</b></p>	<p><b>Theme 1: Women and Social Capital, Leadership and Governance</b> <b>1. Workshop on Larger Governance enriching Women Leadership</b> Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation Anchors: S.Sivanandan &amp; T.V.Padmashankari</p>
	<p><b>Theme 2: Women and Economic development and financial well-being</b> <b>2. Workshop on Women empowerment through Financial Inclusion</b> Host: Kalanjiam Development Financial Services, DHAN Foundation Anchor: Madhusudhanan</p>
	<p><b>3. Seminar on Mutual solutions for Enlarging Empowerment</b> Host: People Mutuals, DHAN Foundation Anchors: S. Ahiladevi and Team</p>
	<p><b>4. Business Planning Meet of Syndicate Bank and DHAN Foundation</b> Host: Syndicate Bank and DHAN Foundation Anchor: Selvaraj, Programme Officer</p>
	<p><b>Theme 3: Women and Education including digital technology, Environment and Health</b> <b>5. Workshop on Women and Disaster Risk Reduction</b> Host: Coastal Conservation and Livelihoods Programme, DHAN Foundation Anchors: Slvasubramanian and Biraja Singh</p>
	<p><b>6. Paper and poster presentation on Water Security: A women Empowerment tool</b> Host: Centre for Urban Water Resource, DHAN Foundation Anchors: Elamuhil and Team</p>
	<p><b>7. Convention on Digital Space for Empowering Women</b> Host: Information and Communication Technology for Poor, DHAN Foundation Anchor: K. Santhoshkumar</p>
	<p><b>8. Seminar on Women Empowerment in Agribusiness through FPOs</b> Host: Kalanjium Thozhilagam Limited Anchors: T. Dhanabalan and K. Shanthi</p>



	<p><b>9. Seminar on Perspective Building for Women Farmers on Participatory Varietal Selection</b>          Host: Rainfed Farming Development Programme, DHAN Foundation          Anchor: M.Palanisamy</p>
	<p><b>10. Convention on Empowering Mothers to build healthy generations: A 1000 days approach</b>          Host: Sustainable Healthcare Advancement, DHAN Foundation          Anchors: R. Rajapandian &amp; N. Saravanan</p>
	<p><b>11. Seminar on Showcasing experiences of Nutrition Security for Girls and Women</b>          Host: Sustainable Healthcare Advancement, DHAN Foundation          Anchors: Camillus S. Juliana &amp; C. Vanitha</p>
	<p><b>Theme 4: Emancipation - Rights, Taking control of destiny, violence, abolishing gender stereotypes</b>  <b>12. Workshop on Reducing drudgery of women in processing small millets - Recent Advances</b>          Host: Small Millets Foundation, DHAN Foundation          Anchors: M.Karthikeyan &amp; Team</p>
	<p><b>Theme 5: Women empowerment - A Pathway to SDGs</b>  <b>13. Workshop on Contribution of Women in Graduating families out of Poverty</b>          Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation          Anchors: A. Ramesh, S.Iyappan &amp; N.K.Vasanthkumar</p>

### Saturday, 21 September 2019

<p>9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. <b>Parallel Events</b></p>	<p><b>Theme 1: Women and Social Capital, Leadership and Governance</b>  <b>1. Roundtable on Experiential Learning in Empowering Women at Grassroots: Innovative approaches and Challenges</b>          Host: The DHAN Academy          Anchor: R. Sasikala</p>
	<p><b>Theme 2: Women and Economic development and financial well-being</b>  <b>2. Convention of Women Entrepreneurs</b>          Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation          Anchors: T.V.Padmashankarii, A.Meenakshi &amp; K.Shankar Prasad</p>
	<p><b>3. Seminar on Women and Livelihood Development: Role of Agriculture Finance Groups</b>          Host: DHAN Vayalagam (Tank) Foundation          Anchors: Prema, N. Selva Raju</p>
	<p><b>4. Policy Round Table on Responsible Microfinance</b>          Host: INAFI India          Anchor: M. Kalyanasundaram</p>
	<p><b>Theme 3: Women and Education including digital technology, Environment and Health</b>  <b>5. Workshop on Role of women in Eye care</b>          Host: Aravind Eye Care System</p>

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	<p><b>6. Convention on Women and Coastal Conservation</b>          Host: Coastal Conservation and Livelihoods Programme, DHAN Foundation          Anchors: S.Singarayar &amp; T.Asaitambi</p>
	<p><b>7. Plenary on Redesigning urban irrigation tanks for redefined future</b>          Host: Centre for Urban Water Resource, DHAN Foundation          Anchors: Elamuhil and Team</p>
	<p><b>8. Workshop on Eat Local Eat Healthy - Building the capacity of Women and Farmers' Organisations</b>          Host: Small Millets Foundation, DHAN Foundation          Anchors: M.Karthikeyan &amp; Team</p>
	<p><b>Theme 4: Emancipation - Rights, Taking control of destiny, violence, abolishing gender stereotypes</b>  <b>9. Workshop on Women Empowerment through Habitat Development</b>          Host: DHAN Housing Habitat Development of Poor for Empowerment Confederation          Anchor: A. Madhan Kumar</p>
	<p><b>10. Workshop on Making Homes, Violence Free for Women</b>          Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation          Anchors: S.Ahila Devi &amp; Naguveer Prakash</p>
	<p><b>11. Workshop on Reducing Violence Against Women (VAW) through De-Addiction intervention</b>          Host: Sustainable Healthcare Advancement, DHAN Foundation          Anchors: N. Saravanan &amp; K. Paulchamy</p>
	<p><b>Theme 5: Women empowerment - A Pathway to SDGs</b>  <b>12. Workshop on Empowering Women through Holistic Development: HCL Consortium Way</b>          Host: HCL Foundation and Sustainable Healthcare Advancement, DHAN Foundation          Anchors: Samuel Ebenezer and R.Rajapandian</p>

## Sunday, 22 September 2019

<p>9:30 a.m.-          1:00 p.m.  <b>Parallel Events</b></p>	<p><b>Theme 2: Women and Economic development and financial well-being</b>  <b>1. Workshop on Savings - A powerful tool for Women Empowerment</b>          Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation          Anchors: M.Shanmugam &amp; K.Ramaprabha</p>
	<p><b>2. Workshop on Women empowerment through rejuvenating hereditary weaving enterprises</b>          Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation          Anchor: K. Shanthi</p>
	<p><b>Theme 3: Women and Education including digital technology, Environment and Health</b>  <b>3. Workshop on Domestic water use: An activity-based literacy for women</b>          Host: Centre for Urban Water Resource, DHAN Foundation          Anchors: Elamuhil and Team</p>



	<p>4. Round Table on Women in Agri Biodiversity Host: Agri Biodiversity Consortium Anchor: K.N. Rajkumars</p>
	<p><b>Theme 4: Emancipation - Rights, Taking control of destiny, violence, abolishing gender stereotypes</b> 5. Round Table on Women and Heritage (Past, Present and Future) Host: DHAN Tourism for Development Anchor: K.P. Bharati</p>
	<p><b>Theme 5: Women empowerment - A Pathway to SDGs</b> 6. Workshop on Women Empowerment - Pathway to Sustainable Development Goals Host: DHAN Kalanjiam Foundation Anchors: A.Umarani &amp; Naguveer Prakash</p>
	<p>7. Seminar on Building Knowledge and Empowering Academia through Immersion Programmes Host: The DHAN Academy Anchor: P. Premanand</p>

## Global Closing Ceremony

- 2:30 p.m. **Welcome brief on Madurai Symposium 2019**  
Mr M Kalyanasundaram, Chief Executive Officer, INAFI-INDIA
- 2:40 p.m. **Madurai Symposium - Declarations and Resolutions**  
People Conventions / Workshops / Seminars
- 3:00 p.m. **Women Empowerment as advocated by M.K. Gandhi and Mahakavi Bharathi**  
Dr. G. Revathy Subbulakshmi, Vice Principal, Senthamil College
- 3:30 p.m. **Special Address**  
Shri. T.S. Rajasekar, IAS, District Collector, Madurai
- 3:45 p.m. Valedictory Address  
Shri. M. Shanmugam, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu\*
- 4:10 p.m. **Vote of thanks**  
Mr. A. Gurunathan, Director, The DHAN Academy
- National Anthem**

\* to be confirmed

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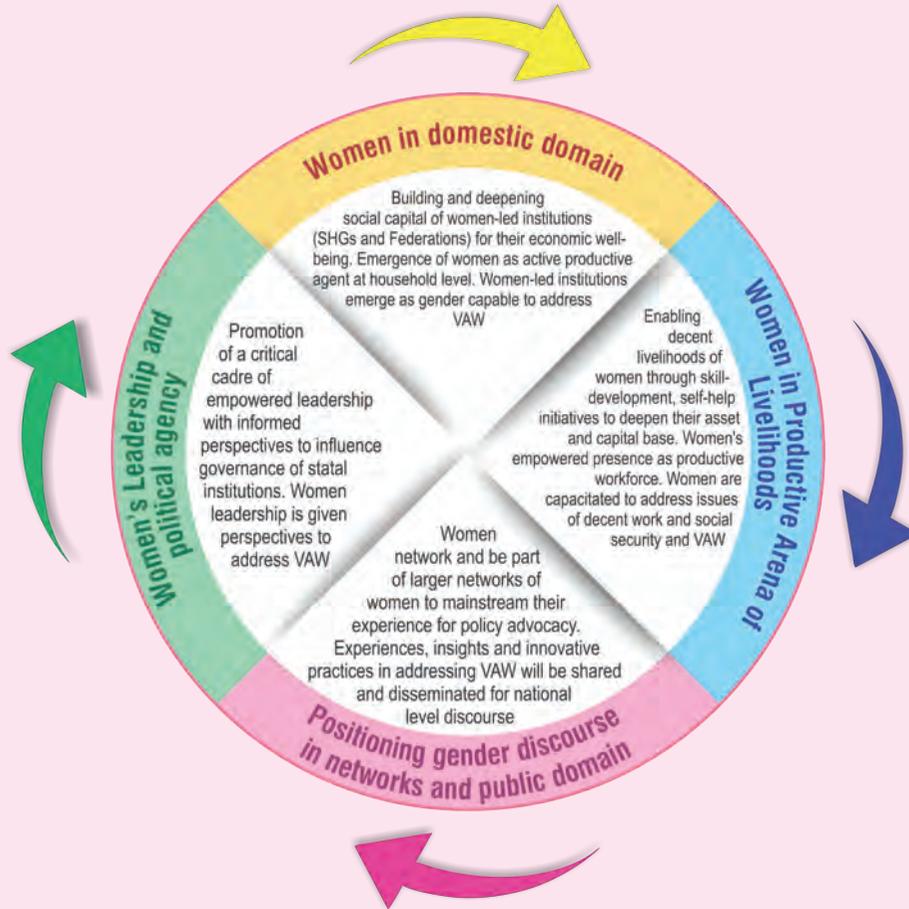
**Women Empowerment**  
Empower Women ! Empower Nation !  
September 18-22, 2019, Madurai  
from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. @ CH2

**Showcasing Folklore Festival**  
September 18-22, 2019, Madurai  
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. @ CH1  
(Auditorium)



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## DHAN's Theory of change



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