

VINITIKA LAL AWARD (2025–26)

Celebrating Courage | Ending Witch-Hunting

EquiVoice Alliance Foundation announces the **Vinitika Lal Award on Prevention of Witch-Hunting**, in memory of **late Vinitika Lal**, a psychologist and gender justice campaigner.

🕒 *Witch-hunting is a grave form of violence against women.*

🕒 *This award honours those who challenge fear, superstition, and injustice.*

Community Nominations:

This year, nominations have been received from **four Panchayats of Jharkhand**:

- Sode Panchayat – Rania Block, Khunti
- Jaipur Panchayat – Rania Block, Khunti
- Nawatoli Panchayat – Kolebira Block, Simdega
- Aidega Panchayat – Kolebira Block, Simdega

Participatory Selection Process

✓ *Nominated persons will present their work*

✓ *Panchayat-level jury includes:*

- Panchayat representatives
- CLF (Women SHGs) representatives
- EquiVoice Alliance Foundation (Block Coordinator)



📅 *Panchayat-level shortlisting will be completed by 31 December 2025*

🔑 **State-Level hearing, final selection, and conferring of the Vinitika Lal Award will be completed by 31 January 2026.**

🕒 *Let us recognise those who protect women, support survivors, and stand for justice.*

Together, we can ensure no woman lives in fear of being called a witch.

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