

# THE PROJECT GREEN TIMES

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEN QUEENS



**"We share this planet, our home, with millions of species. Justice and sustainability both demand that we do not use more resources than we need."  
-Vandana Shiva**

## OUR ECO HERO: VANDANA SHIVA

by The Green Queens

Vandana Shiva is Indian environmentalist and activist who has fought for gender equality, biodiversity, bioethics, non GMO's, fair trade and organic living. She has created many international and national campaigns to help fight the problems plaguing our Earth and is firmly against the use of genetically engineered food and globalization. Currently, she is the author of over 20 books such as Making Peace with the Earth, Soil not Oil, and Earth Democracy. She is the founding Member of the Women Environment and Development Organization and the founder of Diverse Women for Diversity, which is an initiative in which women work to improve agriculture.

Additionally, Dr. Shiva is on the National Board of Organics of India and works with state governments of Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, to promote sustainable agriculture practices such as organic farming.

Her main goal is to create a hopeful and more sustainable future for the younger generation. One of Dr. Shiva's movements that she created the idea of seed freedom, in which she rejects corporate patents on seeds due to biopiracy. She is currently fighting for these GMO seeds to be ended. She says, "Soaring seed prices in

India have resulted in many farmers being mired in debt and turning to suicide". This is a similar idea in the documentary, The True Cost, which also touches upon suicide in Indian farmers due to their inability to pay for the taxes GMO cotton brings. The work she is doing is inspirational. In 1993 she was the recipient of the Right Livelihood Award and In 2003, she was named Time Magazine's 'Environmental Hero'. What an inspiration!

Her experience resonates with me because of the passion she has for what she does. Vandana Shiva's entire life has been spent for fighting for what she believes in and for a more sustainable environment for us to live in. He faces much backlash for her views on gender equality and for fighting against the use of GMO's, but she doesn't let any of them affect her in any way. No matter what people say, she continues to fight and use her voice to empower others, such as me

THE GREEN QUEENS

JERICHOS\_R

RACHELLE.LEE@JERICHOAPPSORG

JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL

# Our Three Questions:

Was there ever a moment when you wanted to give up?

What caused to become so passionate about our environment?

What moment in your life has made you the most proud and why?

We decided to email Vandana Shiva!

