



Madeeha Gauhar

Madeeha Gauhar has a Masters in English Literature from the Government College Lahore, 1979 and a Masters in Theatre Studies from the University of London, 1985. Her thesis was on "The Western Influences on the Theatre of the Subcontinent". In 1983 she founded Ajoka, a theatre group committed to socially meaningful theatre, which pioneered the alternative productions movement in Pakistan. Ajoka has performed all over Pakistan and abroad and remains the leading and most prolific of all theatre groups in Pakistan.

Gauhar has conducted theatre training workshops in different parts of Pakistan for community, women minority rights activists and children. She was among the founders of Women's Action Forum in 1983 and has ceaselessly campaigned for the repeal of discriminatory laws against women and minorities.

She lost her lecturers job in a Government College and was sent to prison for such activities.