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**14 th DISTRICT 20 CONFERENCE**  
**Our Keynote speaker and inspiring special guest**

**Zarifa GHAFARI**

**AWARDS :**

- International Woman of Courage by the US Department of State, in 2020
- listed in 100 Inspiring and influential women from around the world for 2019 by BBC



These awards deliver to women around the world who have shown leadership, courage, resourcefulness and willingness to sacrifice for others, especially in **promoting women's rights**.

**Zarifa Ghafari** is an Afghan advocate, activist and politician. She is current mayor of Maidan Shahr, capital city of a province, occupied by the talibans. She is the youngest mayor to be appointed at the age of 26 and one of the few Afghanistani female mayors. **She is known for her efforts in empowering women's rights in Afghanistan.**

