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# Women in Leadership Conclave

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*National Commission for Women*

• *Guest of Honour* •

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## Some heads just do political work: NCW chief

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**Gandhinagar:** National Commission for Women chairperson Rekha Sharma on Monday claimed the heads of some of the state-level women's commissions were only doing "political work" to further their careers instead of the responsibility they are entrusted with.

Sharma, who was in the state for the 'Women in Leadership' conclave held at Entrepreneurship Develop-

ment Institute of India (EDII) in Bhat, said, "Some panel heads are good. Some do only political work. They are just there to enhance their own careers."

About the Gujarat State Commission for Women, she said, "Till it had a chairperson, it was doing good. But, for the past few months, there is no chairperson and no members." Leelaben Ankoliya had resigned from the post of GSCW chairperson in January last year.

She also advised women to be economically independent and empowered. At the conclave, Sharma said women must dream big and learn to take risks to achieve success in their professional lives. "Don't marry a person who does not agree with you (on these issues). Marriage is not important," Sharma said. "It is important to be economically independent. Every girl should be economically empowered," she asserted.

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## Economic independence is important, not marriage: NCW chief

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NOT MARRIAGE, economic independence is important for women, said Rekha Sharma, chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) in Ahmedabad on Monday.

She was delivering the inaugural address at the Women in Entrepreneurship conclave ahead of the International Women's Day organised by the Development Institute of India (EDI) Ahmedabad.

Addressing women entrepreneurs, students, and academicians as well as experts from different sectors, Sharma said, "Women are generally followers... society frames rules for them, we need not follow those

rules imposed by the society on women... You should be a risk taker... You are taking a loan, tomorrow when you get married, will your husband repay that loan? Do not marry that man who does not agree with you. Marriage is not important. Important is that you have to be economically independent."

Adding that women should come forward and break stereotypes that hinder growth, she said, "Dream big, whether a boyfriend or leadership position, shiddat se chaho (wish with passion). When you dream repeatedly, it becomes a reality... You need to break rules... some rules are to be broken. If you do not, you will tow the same line."

"If you earn, so many problems will not arise, even domes-



Rekha Sharma felicitates a woman entrepreneur. Express

tic violence does not happen. Your husband will think ten times before raising hand on you that you will leave him. He will

think that she is independent, she is earning... she can take care of herself and her family... So you need to become independent but there are not many jobs so you should become an entrepreneur. Through this you also give jobs to others," said Sharma.

Adding that men would not support women who take their place, Sharma added, "You have to be very aggressive in selling your project and idea... the society calls an aggressive woman as tej and a similar man competitive. Let it be."

The conclave was inaugurated by Sharma in the presence of Pankaj Mittal, secretary general, Association of Indian Universities, Mona Khandhar, principal Secretary, finance department, Romit Sen, vice-president, corporate sustainability,

HSBC India, and Dr Rachana Gemawat, chairperson, FICCI FLO with Dr Sunil Shukla, Director General, EDII.

Speaking at the event, Pankaj Mittal said, "Women do step out with big dreams but as they progress towards the top, their participation and representation decreases... Women should refrain from creating an invisible glass ceiling of contentment and should continue to rise."

Stating that Gujarat has a significant presence of MSMEs in which women play a major role, Mona Khandhar said, "Women-led startups are coming up in various promising domains and I see a future where women will establish their strong identities in the sphere of entrepreneurship."

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આંત્રપ્રિન્યોરશિપ કોન્કલેવમાં NCWના ચેરપર્સ રેખા શર્માએ કહ્યું...

# માર્યમાં જ NCW ડિમાન્ડમાં રહે છે, વુમન્સ ડે એક દિવસ માટે જ નથી

ગાંધીનગર : આંત્રપ્રિન્યોરશિપ ડેવલપમેન્ટ ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ઓફ ઇન્ડિયા કેમ્પસમાં વુમન ઇન લીડરશિપ કોન્કલેવનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. જેમાં વુમન એમ્પાવર્મેન્ટ અને આંત્રપ્રિન્યોરશિપ માટે ઇકોસિસ્ટમમાં રહેલી સમસ્યાઓની સમજણ મેળવવા તથા આ સમસ્યાઓનું સમાધાન કરવાની રીતો પર ચર્ચા કરવા પેનલ ડિસ્ક્શન થયું હતું. જેમાં 17૫૫ મહિલા પંચ (એનસીડબલ્યુ)ના ચેરપર્સન રેખા શર્માએ જણાવ્યું કે, 'વુમન્સ ડે એક દિવસ માટે નથી, હું એ માનું છું. માર્યમાં મને પણ ઘણી ઇવેન્ટ્સમાં ઇન્વાઈટ કરવામાં આવે છે. માર્યમાં એનસીડબલ્યુ ડિમાન્ડમાં રહે છે, મારો સવાલ છે કે બાકીના દિવસોમાં

કેમ એનસીડબલ્યુ યાદ નથી રહેતું ? સોસાયટીમાં દેવીઓના ઉદ્દાહરણ આપવામાં આવે છે, રિયાલિટી કઈક અલગ જ છે. સમાજમાં મહિલાઓની સામાજિક અને આર્થિક સ્થિતિને સુધારવા જાગૃતિ લાવવાની જરૂર છે, જેમાં શિક્ષણ, તાલીમ અને સાથસહકાર કે મદદ પર વધારે ધ્યાન કેન્દ્રિત કરવાની જરૂર છે. અમે વધુને વધુ મહિલાઓ આગળ આવે અને તેમની પરંપરાગત ભૂમિકાઓમાંથી બહાર આવે તેમજ તેમની વૃદ્ધિ માટે મુશ્કેલરૂપ અવરોધો દૂર કરે એવું ઇચ્છીએ છીએ. તેના માટે મહિલાઓને વ્યવસાયિક નેટવર્કિંગ ઊભું કરવા કોઈના દબાણ હેઠળ ન આવવાનું શીખવવું પડશે."

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## **Women must learn to take calculated risks to become successful entrepreneurs: Rekha Sharma**

Ahmedabad, To mark the International Women's Day, the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) organised a 'Women in Leadership Conclave' at its campus on 6th March 2023. The conclave was inaugurated by Smt Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, National Commission for Women (NCW) as the chief guest in the presence of Guest of Honour Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, Special Guests, Ms. Mona Khandar, Principal Secretary, Finance Dept (Economic Affairs), Govt. of Gujarat, Mr. Romit Sen, Vice President, Corporate Sustainability, HSBC India, & Dr. Rachana Gemawat, Chairperson, FICCI FLO, and Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director General, EDII.

Addressing women entrepreneurs, students, and academicians as well as experts from different sectors, Smt Rekha Sharma in her

inaugural speech said, "There has been a growing awareness about raising the social and economic status of women in society with an increased focus on education, training, and handholding.

Dr. Shukla in his opening remarks said, "The economy can experience balanced growth only when women are encouraged to nurture their creativity and spirit of innovation. It is great to see how New India is providing winning platforms to women through innovative schemes and networking opportunities.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, said, "Women do step out with big dreams but as they progress towards the top, their participation and representation decreases glaringly. Women should refrain from creating an invisible glass ceiling of contentment and

continue to rise. Society also needs to stop stereotyping women and give them a more warm welcome for bigger, unconventional roles. Women need to hold hands of other women and encourage each other on the way."

In his address, Mr. Romit Sen, Sr. Vice President, of Corporate Sustainability, HSBC India said, "Skill development has really played a big role in bringing women to the forefront. Along with women, society as a whole also needs to be sensitized so that there is an encouraging systemic change.

Ms. Mona Khandar, Principal Secretary, Finance Dept (Economic Affairs), Govt. of Gujarat, "Gujarat has a significant presence of MSMEs and women play a major role in this. There are some immensely progressive government schemes and subsidies to encourage women to become entrepreneurs. Women-led

startups are coming up now in various promising domains, and I see a future where women will establish their strong identities in the sphere of entrepreneurship."

Dr. Rachana Gemawat, Chairperson, FICCI FLO Ahmedabad said, "We as a society need to support women in breaking barriers and handhold them in donning the role of enablers. This will lead to significant growth for the economy. A conducive support system that instills confidence in women and encourages them to rise above the fear of failure will work wonders on helping women rise and shine."

The inauguration was followed by a panel discussion with esteemed panelists focused on understanding the gaps in the ecosystem for women empowerment and entrepreneurship, and deliberating on the ways of plugging gaps.

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## મહિલાઓએ સફળ ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકો બનવા ગણતરીપૂર્વકના જોખમો લેવાનું શીખવું પડશે: રેખા શર્મા

**અમદાવાદ,** આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા દિવસની ઉજવણી કરવા આંતરપ્રિન્યોરશિપ ડેવલપમેન્ટ ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ઓફ ઇન્ડિયા (ઈડીઆઈઆઈ)એ દ માર્ચ, ૨૦૨૩ના રોજ એના કેમ્પસમાં 'વિમેન ઇન લીડરશિપ કોફલેવ'નું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. આ કોફલેવનું ઉદ્ઘાટન ચીફ ગેસ્ટ (મુખ્ય અતિથિ) તરીકે રાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા પંચ (એનસીડબલ્યુ)ના ચેરપર્સન રેખા શર્માએ કર્યું હતું. આ પ્રસંગે ગેસ્ટ ઓફ ઓનર, એસોસિએશન ઓફ ઇન્ડિયન યુનિવર્સિટીઝના સેક્રેટરી જનરલ ડો. પંકજ મિત્તલ, ગુજરાત સરકારના નાણાં વિભાગ (આર્થિક બાબતો)ના પ્રિન્સિપલ સેક્રેટરી સુ મોના ખંધાર, એચએસબીસી ઇન્ડિયાના કોર્પોરેટ સ્ટ્રેટેજીનેબિલિટીના વાઈસ પ્રેસિડન્ટ રોમિત સેન અને ફિક્કી એફએલઓના ચેરપર્સન ડો. રચના ગેમાવત તથા ઇડીઆઈઆઈના ડિરેક્ટર જનરલ ડો. સુનિલ શુક્લા ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યાં હતાં.

મહિલા ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકો, વિદ્યાર્થીઓ અને શિક્ષાવિદો તેમજ વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રોમાંથી નિષ્ણાતોને સંબોધન કરતાં મતી રેખા શર્માએ

તેમના ઉદ્ઘાટન સંબોધનમાં કહ્યું હતું કે, “સમાજમાં મહિલાઓની સામાજિક અને આર્થિક સ્થિતિને સુધારવા જાગૃતિ લાવવાની જરૂર છે, જેમાં શિક્ષણ, તાલીમ અને સાથસહકાર કે મદદ પર વધારે ધ્યાન કેન્દ્રિત કરવાનની જરૂર છે. અમે વધુને વધુ મહિલાઓ આગળ આવે અને તેમની પરંપરાગત ભૂમિકાઓમાંથી બહાર આવે તેમજ તેમની વૃદ્ધિ માટે મુશ્કેલરૂપ અવરોધો દૂર કરે એવું ઇચ્છીએ છીએ. આપણે બધા સર્વસમાવેશક અને સમાન સમાજને જોવા ઇચ્છીએ છીએ. આપણે લાંબા સમયથી પરંપરાગત કામ કરતી મહિલાઓ માટે વધારે અવકાશ ઊભો કરવાની જરૂર છે અને આપણે ગણતરીપૂર્વકના જોખમો લેવા મહિલાઓને પ્રોત્સાહન આપીને આ હાંસલ કરી શકીએ, તેમને આર્થિક રીતે પગભર બનાવી શકીએ. તેના માટે મહિલાઓને વ્યવસાયિક નેટવર્કિંગ ઊભું કરવા અને સાથીદારે કે સ્પર્ધકોના દબાણ હેઠળ ન આવવાનું શીખવવું પડશે.”

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૮ માસના રોજ આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા દિવસ અગાઉ અને સંસ્થાને એની કામગીરીના ૪૦માં વર્ષમાં ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકતાના વિકાસ માટે સંસ્થાની કામગીરીની ઉજવણી કરવા ઈ.આઈ.આઈ.એ.એ. દ્વારા, સામવાદે ચિમેન ઈન આંતરરેખા-યોરશિપ કોન્ફરન્સનું આયોજન કર્યું, જેનું ઉદ્ઘાટન રાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા પંચના ચેરપર્સન શ્રીમતી રેખા શર્માએ કર્યું હતું.

શિક્ષણજનત, સરકાર અને વ્યવસાયિક દુનિયામાંથી અનુભવી અને મહિલા આંતરરેખા-યોરશિપ તરીકે મહિલા ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકતાના શોજામાં બહુલાતા પરિષદ સ્થાપી અને મહિલાઓના સમસ્યાઓ પર ચર્ચાઓ કરવા, સરકારી પહેલો અને મહિલા ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકતા, પરંપરાગત ભૂમિકાઓ તોડવા શિક્ષણની ભૂમિકા, ગ્રામીણ અને શહેરી વિસ્તારોમાં મહિલાઓ માટે કોષ્ટક મહત્વ વગરે જેવાં મુદ્દાઓ પર તેમના વિચારો વ્યક્ત કર્યાં હતાં.

શોખમો લેવા માટે, ૨૦૨૩ આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા દિવસની ઉજવણી કરવા આંતરરેખા-યોરશિપ

વેલવમેન્ટ ઈન્સ્ટિટ્યુટ ઓફ ઈન્ડિયા (ઈ.આઈ.આઈ.એ.એ.)એ ૬ માર્ચ, ૨૦૨૩ના રોજ એના કેમ્પસમાં 'ચિમેન ઈન લીડરશિપ કોન્ફરન્સ'નું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. આ કોન્ફરન્સનું ઉદ્ઘાટન ચીફ ગેસ્ટ (મુખ્ય અતિથિ) તરીકે રાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા પંચ (એનસી/બી)ના ચેરપર્સન શ્રીમતી રેખા શર્માએ કર્યું હતું. આ પ્રસંગે ગેસ્ટ ઓફ ઓનર, એસોસિએશન ઓફ ઈન્ડિયન યુનિવર્સિટીના સેક્રેટરી જનરલ ડૉ. પંકજ મિતલ, ગુજરાત સરકારના નાણાં વિભાગ (આર્થિક બાબતો)ના પ્રિન્સિપલ સેક્રેટરી સુશી માં ના ચંપાર, એચ.એ.સ.મી.સી. ઈન્ડિયાના કોર્પોરેટ સેક્ટરને બિલિટીના વાઈસ પ્રેસિડન્ટ શ્રી રોમિત સેન અને ક્રિકી એકએલઓના ચેરપર્સન ડૉ. રુચના જેમાવત તથા ઈ.આઈ.આઈ.એ.ના રિઝર્કટ જનરલ ડૉ. સુનિલ શુક્લા ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યાં હતાં.

મહિલા ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકો, વિશ્વાર્થિઓ અને શિક્ષાવિદો તેમજ વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રોમાંથી વિષ્ણાઓને સંબોધ કરતાં શ્રીમતી રેખા શર્માએ તેમના ઉદ્ઘાટન સંબોધનમાં કહ્યું હતું કે,

સમાજમાં મહિલાઓની સામાજિક અને આર્થિક સ્થિતિને સુધરવા જાણીતી લાવવાની જરૂર છે, જેમાં શિક્ષણ, તાલીમ અને સાપ્તાહિકાર કે મદદ પર વધારે ધ્યાન કેન્દ્રિત કરવાનું જરૂર છે. અમે વધુને વધુ મહિલાઓ આગળ આવે અને તેમની પરંપરાગત ભૂમિકાઓમાંથી બહાર આવે તેમજ તેમની વૃદ્ધિ માટે મુશ્કેલ સ્થિતિઓ દૂર કરે એવું ઈચ્છીએ છીએ. આપણે બધા સવંસમાવેશક અને સમાન સમાજને જોવા ઈચ્છીએ છીએ. આપણે લાંબા સમયથી પરંપરાગત કામ કરતી મહિલાઓ માટે વધારે અવકાશ ઊભો કરવાની જરૂર છે અને તેમને ગણતરીપૂર્વકના જોખમો લેવા માટે મહિલાઓને પ્રોત્સાહન આપીને આ નેટવર્કિંગના તકો મારફતે મહિલાઓને સફળ પ્લેટફોર્મ પ્રદાન કરી રહ્યું છે. ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકતા અને કોશલ્ય વિકાસ પર કેન્દ્રિત પોતાના વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમો અને પ્રોજેક્ટ્સ મારફતે ઈ.આઈ.આઈ.એ.એ. મહિલાઓની માહિતીના ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકોમાં વધારો કરવા માનુસ છે. મહિલાઓ વચ્ચે સમ પરવામાં આવેલા વર્ષ ૨૦૨૧-૨૨ માટેના ગ્લોબલ આંતરરેખા-યોરશિપ આગળ લાવવા પ્રોત્સાહન આપવા



પ્રોત્સાહન આપવામાં આવે છે, ત્યારે અર્થતંત્ર સંગૃહિત વૃદ્ધિ અનુભવી શકે છે. આ જોડું સારી બાબત છે કે, ન્યૂ ઈન્ડિયા નવીન યોજનાઓ અને નેટવર્કિંગના તકો મારફતે મહિલાઓને સફળ પ્લેટફોર્મ પ્રદાન કરી રહ્યું છે. ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકતા અને કોશલ્ય વિકાસ પર કેન્દ્રિત પોતાના વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમો અને પ્રોજેક્ટ્સ મારફતે ઈ.આઈ.આઈ.એ.એ. મહિલાઓની માહિતીના ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકોમાં વધારો કરવા માનુસ છે. મહિલાઓ વચ્ચે સમ પરવામાં આવેલા વર્ષ ૨૦૨૧-૨૨ માટેના ગ્લોબલ આંતરરેખા-યોરશિપ આગળ લાવવા પ્રોત્સાહન આપવા

કેટલાક પ્રયાસો શરૂ કરવામાં આવ્યાં છે. ગેસ્ટ ઓફ ઓનર, એસોસિએશન ઓફ ઈન્ડિયન યુનિવર્સિટીના સેક્રેટરી જનરલ ડૉ. પંકજ મિતલે કહ્યું હતું કે, મહિલાઓ માટે સ્વયં લઈને બહાર નીકળે છે, પરંતુ જેમ જેમ તેઓ ટોચના મુકામ તરફ આગળ વધે છે, તેમ તેમની ભાગીદારી અને પ્રતિનિધિત્વમાં નીવડાવી શકાય છે. સમાજને મહિલાઓને એક જ પ્રકારની પ્રવૃત્તિઓમાં જામવાનું બંધ કરવાની પણ જરૂર છે અને તેમને વધારે મોટી, સંપૂર્ણ પણે નવી ભૂમિકાઓમાં વધારે ઉત્સાહભરે આવકારવાની જરૂર છે. મહિલાઓને અન્ય મહિલાઓ સાથે જોડાણ કરવાની અને એકબીજાને પ્રોત્સાહન આપવાની જરૂર છે.

એચ.એ.સ.મી.સી. ઈન્ડિયાના ડાયરેક્ટ સેક્ટરને બિલિટીના સીનિયર વાઈસ પ્રેસિડન્ટ શ્રી રોમિત સેન તેમના સંબોધનમાં કહ્યું હતું કે, મહિલાઓને આગળ લાવવામાં કોશલ્ય વિકાસ પરંપરાગત ભૂમિકા જરૂરી છે. મહિલાઓની સ્વયં સંપૂર્ણ સમાજ પણ આ સમાજમાં જરૂર પડશે, જેથી વ્યવસ્થામાં

પ્રોત્સાહનજનક પરિવર્તન આવે. એચ.એ.સ.મી.સી.નો એચ.એ.મ.આઈ. પ્રોજેક્ટ મહિલાઓને કોશલ્ય પ્રદાન કરવા અને સામાજિક બનાવવા ધ્યાન કેન્દ્રિત કરે છે, જેથી તેમના માટે સતત આજીવનિકા મેળવવાના વિકલ્પો સુનિશ્ચિત થાય.

આરત સરકારના નાણાં વિભાગ (આર્થિક બાબતો)ના પ્રિન્સિપલ સેક્રેટરી સુશી માં ના ચંપારે કહ્યું હતું કે, ગુજરાત એમએસએમઈ ક્ષેત્રમાં મહત્વપૂર્ણ કામગીરી કરવા છે અને આ ક્ષેત્રમાં મહિલાઓ યાતીટ્વ ભૂમિકા ભજવી રહી છે. વળી મહિલાઓને ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકો બનાવવા માટે કેટલીક પ્રોત્સાહક સરકારી યોજનાઓ અને સબસિડીઓ પણ ઉપલબ્ધ છે.

વિવિધ શોજામાં મહિલા સંચાલિત સ્ટાર્ટઅપની રચનાપદ ટીકી છે. માઠ માનુસું છે કે, નવિયમમાં સ્તરકક્કા લેતું યોજના અને સેક્ટર ક્ષેત્રમાં તેમની મજબૂત સ્થાન આગળ લાવવામાં કોશલ્ય વિકાસ પરંપરાગત ભૂમિકા જરૂરી છે. મહિલાઓની સ્વયં સંપૂર્ણ સમાજ પણ આ સમાજમાં જરૂર પડશે, જેથી વ્યવસ્થામાં

અવરોધો દૂર કરવા અને અનબલર્સ કે સમાજકારની ભૂમિકા ભજવવા તેમને સાપ્તાહિકાર આપવાની જરૂર છે. એનાથી અર્થતંત્ર મહત્વપૂર્ણ વૃદ્ધિ તરફ અગ્રેસર થશે.

ઉદ્ઘાટન પછી મહિલા સમસ્યાઓની સમજણ મેળવવા તથા આ સમસ્યાઓનું સમાધાન કરવાની રીતો પર ચર્ચા કરવા જણાવતા પેનલિસ્ટો સાથે એક પેનલ ચર્ચા યોજાઈ હતી.

આ કોન્ફરન્સના ભાગ રૂપે ઈ.આઈ.આઈ.એ.એ. તાલીમ આપેલી મહિલા ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકો દ્વારા એક પ્રદર્શનનું આયોજન પણ થયું હતું. ઈ.આઈ.આઈ.એ.એ. સેન્ટર ઓફ એમપાવરમેન્ટ ઓફ ડિકરન્ટલી એબલ (સી.ઈ.ઈ.એ.), ડેન્ટાલ ઈન્ડિયા (એચએમઆઈ) પ્રોજેક્ટ, સ્તરકક્કા લેતું યોજના અને સેક્ટર ક્ષેત્રમાં તેમની મજબૂત સ્થાન આગળ લાવવામાં કોશલ્ય વિકાસ પરંપરાગત ભૂમિકા જરૂરી છે. મહિલાઓની સ્વયં સંપૂર્ણ સમાજ પણ આ સમાજમાં જરૂર પડશે, જેથી વ્યવસ્થામાં

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## Some women's panel chiefs just doing 'political work', says NCW chairperson

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Gandhinagar, Mar 6 (PTI) National Commission for Women chairperson Rekha Sharma on Monday claimed the heads of some of the state-level women's commissions were only doing "political work" to further their careers instead of the responsibility they are entrusted with.

She also advised women to be economically independent and empowered, which was more important than marriage.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of 'Women in Leadership Conclave' organised by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) at its campus in Gandhinagar's Bhat village, she said, "Some heads (of state women commissions) are good. They are active. Some are doing only political work. They are just there to enhance their own careers." Speaking on the performance of Gujarat State Commission for Women, she said, "Till it had a chairperson, it was doing good. But, for the last few months, there is no chairperson and no members." Leelaben Ankoliya had resigned from the post of chairperson of Gujarat State Commission for Women in January last year.

Sharma also said the NCW was preparing a policy framework to rehabilitate women facing domestic violence and currently living in shelter homes. The aim was to ensure women go out and start living positive lives on their own rather than continuing to stay in shelter homes, she said.

Earlier, speaking at the conclave, Sharma said women must dream big and learn to take risks to achieve success in their professional lives.

While the family of a man will help him start a business etc, they will question a woman if she expresses the same desire.

"Family members will ask the girl what if your husband refuses to repay the loan after your marriage and what if he doesn't agree. Don't marry that person who won't agree with you (on these issues). Marriage is not important," Sharma said.

"You need to be economically independent, that is important. I stress on this. Every girl should be economically empowered," she asserted.

The NCW has signed an MoU with EDII to conduct programmes to empower women through entrepreneurship and other aspects, she added.



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## Some heads just do political work: NCW chief Rekha Sharma

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Rekha Sharma felicitates a woman entrepreneur. (Express photo)

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Not marriage, economic independence is important for women, said Rekha Sharma, chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) in Ahmedabad on Monday.

She was delivering the inaugural address at the Women in Entrepreneurship conclave ahead of the International Women's Day organised by the Development Institute of India (EDII) Ahmedabad.

Adding that women should come forward and break stereotypes that hinder growth, she said, "Dream big, whether a boyfriend or leadership position, shiddat se chaho (wish with passion). When you dream repeatedly, it becomes a reality... You need to break rules... some rules are to be broken. If you do not, you will tow the same line."

"If you earn, so many problems will not arise, even domestic violence does not happen. Your husband will think ten times before raising hand on you that you will leave him. He will think that she is independent, she is earning... she can take care of herself and her family... So you need to become independent but there are not many jobs so you should become an entrepreneur. Through this you also give jobs to others," said Sharma.

Adding that men would not support women who take their place, Sharma added, "You have to be very aggressive in selling your project and idea... the society calls an aggressive woman as tej and a similar man competitive. Let it be."

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## મહિલાઓએ ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકો બનવા જોખમો લેવાં પડશે: રેખા શર્મા

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**અમદાવાદ:** 'આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા દિવસ'ની ઉજવણી કરવા આંતરપ્રિન્યોરશિપ ડેવલપમેન્ટ ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ઓફ ઇન્ડિયા (ઇડીઆઇઆઇ -EDII)એ 6 માર્ચ, 2023એના કેમ્પસમાં 'વીમેન ઇન લીડરશિપ કોન્ફેવ'નું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. આ કોન્ફેવનું ઉદ્ઘાટન ચીફ ગેસ્ટ (મુખ્ય અતિથિ) રાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા પંચ (NCW)નાં ચેરપર્સન રેખા શર્માએ કર્યું હતું. આ પ્રસંગે ગેસ્ટ ઓફ ઓનર, એસોસિયેશન ઓફ ઇન્ડિયન યુનિવર્સિટીઝના સેક્રેટરી જનરલ ડો. પંકજ મિતલ, ગુજરાત સરકારના નાણાં વિભાગ (આર્થિક બાબતો)નાં પ્રિન્સિપલ સેક્રેટરી મોના ખંધાર, HSBC ઇન્ડિયાના કોર્પોરેટ સસ્ટેનેબિલિટીનાં વાઇસ પ્રેસિડન્ટ રોમિત સેન અને ફિક્કી એફએલઓનાં ચેરપર્સન ડો. રચના ગેમાવત તથા EDIIના ડિરેક્ટર જનરલ ડો. સુનીલ શુક્લા ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યાં હતાં.



મહિલા ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકો, વિદ્યાર્થીઓ અને શિક્ષાવિદો તેમ જ વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રોમાંથી નિષ્ણાતોને સંબોધન કરતાં તેમણે ઉદ્ઘાટન સંબોધનમાં કહ્યું હતું કે સમાજમાં મહિલાઓની સામાજિક અને આર્થિક સ્થિતિને સુધારવા જાગૃતિ લાવવાની જરૂર છે, જેમાં શિક્ષણ, તાલીમ અને સાથસહકાર કે મદદ પર વધારે ધ્યાન

કેન્દ્રિત કરવાની જરૂર છે. અમે વધુ ને વધુ મહિલાઓ આગળ આવે અને તેમની પરંપરાગત ભૂમિકાઓમાંથી બહાર આવે તેમ જ તેમની વૃદ્ધિ માટે મુશ્કેલરૂપ અવરોધો દૂર કરે એવું ઇચ્છીએ છીએ.

ડો. શુક્લાએ તેમની પ્રારંભિક ટિપ્પણીઓમાં કહ્યું હતું કે જ્યારે મહિલાઓને તેમની રચનાત્મકતા અને નવીનતાને ખીલાવવા માટે પ્રોત્સાહન આપવામાં આવે છે, ત્યારે અર્થતંત્ર સંતુલિત વૃદ્ધિ અનુભવી શકે છે. ગેસ્ટ ઓફ ઓનર, એસોસિએશન ઓફ ઇન્ડિયન યુનિવર્સિટીઝના સેક્રેટરી જનરલ ડો. પંકજ મિતલે કહ્યું હતું કે મહિલાઓ મોટાં સ્વપ્નો લઈને બહાર નીકળે છે, પરંતુ જેમ-જેમ તેઓ ટોચના મુકામ તરફ આગળ વધે છે, તેમ તેમ તેમની ભાગીદારી અને પ્રતિનિધિત્વમાં નોંધપાત્ર ઘટાડો થાય છે.



ભારત સરકારના નાણાં વિભાગ (આર્થિક બાબતો)નાં પ્રિન્સિપલ સેક્રેટરી મોના ખંધારે કહ્યું હતું કે ગુજરાત MSME ક્ષેત્રમાં મહત્વપૂર્ણ કામગીરી ધરાવે છે અને આ ક્ષેત્રમાં મહિલાઓ ચાવીરૂપ ભૂમિકા ભજવી રહી છે.

આ કોન્કલેવના ભાગરૂપે EDIIએ તાલીમ આપેલી મહિલા ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકો દ્વારા એક પ્રદર્શનનું આયોજન પણ થયું હતું. EDIIના સેન્ટર ફોર એમ્પાવરમેન્ટ ઓફ ડિફરન્ટલી-એબલ્સ (CEDA), હેન્ડમેડ ઇન ઇન્ડિયા (HMI) પ્રોજેક્ટ, હસ્તકલા સેતુ યોજના અને સેન્ટર ફોર એડવાન્સિંગ એન્ડ લોયિંગ એન્ટરપ્રાઇઝીસ (કેડલ) અંતર્ગત મહિલા ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકોએ સેન્ટર ફોર એડવાન્સિંગ એન્ડ લોયિંગ એન્ટરપ્રાઇઝીસ (કેડલ) અંતર્ગત મહિલા ઉદ્યોગસાહસિકોએ પ્રદર્શનમાં તેમની કળા અને ઉત્પાદન પ્રદર્શિત કર્યાં હતાં.



<https://tv9gujarati.com/gujarat/ahmedabad/ahmedabad-women-in-leadership-conclave-organized-at-edii-campus-chairpersons-of-national-commission-for-women-inaugurated-au13811-696631.html/amp>

## અમદાવાદમાં વિવિધ જગ્યાએ મહિલા દિવસની ઊજવણી શરુ, હાઉસ કીપિંગ સ્ટાફની મહિલાઓની મહિલાઓ સાથે કરવામાં આવી અનોખી ઊજવણી

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આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા દિવસની ઊજવણી કરવા આંતરપ્રિન્યોરશિપ ડેવલપમેન્ટ ઇન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ઓફ ઇન્ડિયા (ઇડીઆઇઆઇ)એ 6 માર્ચ, 2023ના રોજ એના કેમ્પસમાં 'વિમેન ઇન લીડરશિપ કોન્કલેવ'નું આયોજન કર્યું હતું.



મહિલા દિવસની અમદાવાદમાં ઊજવણી

8 માર્ચના રોજ આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય મહિલા દિવસે છે, પણ તેની ઊજવણી હમણાથી જ શરુ થઈ ગઈ છે. **અમદાવાદ** સહિત ગુજરાતના અલગ અલગ શહેરોમાં મહિલા દિવસની ઊજવણી કરવામાં આવી રહી છે. અમદાવાદના જુદા જુદા વિસ્તારમાં જુદી જુદી સંસ્થાઓ દ્વારા સમાજની મહેનતી મહિલાઓનું સન્માન કરવામાં આવી રહ્યું છે. સમાજમાં કંઈક અલગ જ કાર્ય કરતી ઉત્કૃષ્ટ નારીના સન્માન સમારોહ, એવોર્ડ એનાયત કાર્યક્રમોનું આયોજન થઈ રહ્યું છે. તે બધા વચ્ચે અમદાવાદના એક વિસ્તારમાં હાઉસ કીપિંગ સ્ટાફની મહિલાઓ સાથે ઊજવણી કરવામાં આવી હતી.



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# Women must learn to take calculated risks to become successful entrepreneurs, says Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, NCW

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**Monday, March 6, 2023:** To mark the International Women's Day, the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) organised a 'Women in Leadership Conclave' at its campus on 6th March 2023. The conclave was inaugurated by Smt Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, National Commission for Women (NCW) as the chief guest in the presence of Guest of Honour Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, Special Guests, Ms. Mona Khandar, Principal Secretary, Finance Dept ( Economic Affairs) , Govt. of Gujarat, Mr. Romit Sen, Vice President, Corporate Sustainability, HSBC India, & Dr. Rachana Gemawat, Chairperson, FICCI FLO, and Dr Sunil Shukla, Director General, EDII.

Addressing women entrepreneurs, students, and academicians as well as experts from different sectors, Smt Rekha Sharma in her inaugural speech said, "There has been a growing awareness about raising the social and economic status of women in society with an increased focus on education, training, and handholding. This is a great development as women continue to remain underrepresented on almost every platform that requires them to wield power and decision-making authority. We want more and more women to come to the fore and break stereotypes and barriers that hinder growth. We all want to witness an inclusive and equitable society. We need to make space for women who have for long been subjugated to stereotypes and highly typical roles and, we can achieve this by encouraging women to take calculated risks, become economically independent, focus on business networking, and avoid crumbling under peer pressure."

Dr. Shukla in his opening remarks said, "The economy can experience balanced growth only when women are encouraged to nurture their creativity and spirit of innovation. It is great to see how New India is providing winning platforms to women through innovative schemes and networking opportunities. Through its various programmes and projects focused on entrepreneurship & skill development, EDII has sought to enhance the incidence of women-owned enterprises. According to the largest survey on entrepreneurship, the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor Survey for 2021 -2022, among female adults, Total Early Stage Entrepreneurship Activities have increased significantly as 12.3% of the total female population are engaged in entrepreneurship as compared to

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WITH Australia's Deakin University set to be the first foreign university to set up an international branch campus (IBC) in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) in Gandhinagar, and more institutions set to follow, universities in the country have expressed their concern to the UGC over autonomy granted to these foreign universities, and have sought similar terms.

The Association of Indian Universities held a meeting of all “stakeholders” — vice-chancellors — from members-universities after the government announced the regulations for foreign universities, and most V-Cs “welcomed” the move, as it will “generate competition”, Pankaj Mittal, secretary general of the association, said.



But, she said, “at the same time, they are afraid there will be poaching of faculty (members) and students”. “We did a stakeholder meeting of all V-Cs to find out what they feel about it. Based on that (feedback received), we have submitted our response to the UGC,” Mittal said.

The one aspect these V-Cs were concerned about regarding the regulations is that “a lot of autonomy has been given to the foreign universities — so they can have their own fee structure, admissions, and a lot more”, Mittal told [The Indian Express](#) on the sidelines of the ‘Women in Leadership Conclave’, organised by the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, on Monday.

The V-Cs were, however, “happy that foreign universities are coming to India after a very long time”, she noted.

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Mittal, however, pointed out that autonomy is a “double-edged sword”, and can be “misused” by universities that are “not very good”. This, she explained, can then become a “hindrance” for institutions who are eager to perform but are unable to in the absence of the required autonomy.

Mittal pointed out that even the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, mentions that institutions should be given more autonomy “so that they can spread their wings the way they want to”.

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Sharma also said the NCW was preparing a policy framework to rehabilitate women facing domestic violence and currently living in shelter homes. The aim was to ensure women go out and start living positive lives on their own rather than continuing to stay in shelter homes, she said.

Earlier, speaking at the conclave, Sharma said women must dream big and learn to take risks to achieve success in their professional lives.

While the family of a man will help him start a business etc, they will question a woman if she expresses the same desire.

"Family members will ask the girl what if your husband refuses to repay the loan after your marriage and what if he doesn't agree. Don't marry that person who won't agree with you (on these issues). Marriage is not important," Sharma said.

"You need to be economically independent, that is important. I stress on this. Every girl should be economically empowered," she asserted.

The NCW has signed an MoU with EDII to conduct programmes to empower women through entrepreneurship and other aspects, she added.

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