

**IACC's Women Empowerment Committee Presents  
EmpowerHER: Trade, Climate Change & Sustainability Summit**

**Friday, 15th September, 2023 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Venue : The Palace Hall 1, National Sports Club of India, Lotus Colony, Worli, Mumbai,  
Maharashtra 400018 NSCI, Worli, Mumbai**

## **REPORT**

The **EmpowerHER: Trade, Climate Change & Sustainability Summit**, organized by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) Women Empowerment Committee under the leadership of **Dr. Lalit Bhasin, National President, IACC** and **Ms. Rajyalakshmi Rao, Chairperson, IACC's Women Empowerment Committee**, successfully concluded on September 15th, 2023, at the NSCI, Mumbai.

The EmpowerHER summit achieved remarkable success in fostering dialogue, innovation, and collaboration across various sectors. Key accomplishments and highlights include:

The summit commenced with the esteemed presence of the **Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Ramesh Bais**, who added prestige to the inaugural session.

Eminent personalities from diverse fields shared their valuable insights. Notably, **Mr. Michael Shreuder, Deputy Principal Officer at the Consulate General of the United States of America**, and **Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Maharashtra's Minister of Tourism, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship**, made significant contributions.

**The Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development, Govt. of India, Ms. Smriti Irani**, emphasized the national commitment to women's welfare and development in her address.

The summit featured engaging sessions on crucial topics such as Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Strategies for Sustainable Growth, and Sustainable Ventures.

### **Sessions and Speakers:**

#### **Session 1: STEM Power: Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- Session Moderator: Ms. Ummehaani Khorakiwala, CEO, Nandi Seeds Pvt. Ltd. and Member, Women Empowerment Committee, IACC.

#### **Speakers:**

- Ms. Priya Nagaraj, CEO, Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC)
- Ms. Raj Aradhyula, Executive Team Member, Fractal, Founder, Punk Health, Board Member, Analytics Vidhya
- Prof. Devapriya Chattopadhyay, Dept. of Earth and Climate Science, IISER, Pune.

## **Session 2: Sustainable Ventures: Repurposing Scrapped Vehicles and Eliminating Landfills**

- Session Moderator: Ms. Raashi Anand, Founder, Lakshyam NGO and Member, Women Empowerment Committee, IACC.
- Speaker: Ms. Shipra Singh Rana, Managing Director, MESCO Aerospace

## **Session 3: Strategies for Sustainable Growth: Financing and Policies for Women's Empowerment**

- Session Moderator: Ms. Kusum Kaull Vyass, Vice-Chairperson, Gujarat Branch and Member, Women Empowerment Committee, IACC.

Speakers:

- Ms. Richa Bhala, Head of Political Economic Section, Consulate General of USA, Mumbai.
- Prof. Chandrika Parmar, Associate Professor, S P Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR, Mumbai).

The EmpowerHER summit served as a catalyst for meaningful discussions and collaborations aimed at advancing women's empowerment and sustainable development. It provided a platform for stakeholders to connect, inspired innovative solutions, and ignited a collective commitment to drive positive change.

We acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our dedicated Women Empowerment Committee Members:

- Ms. Kusum Kaull Vyass, Zest Worldwide Communications
- Ms. Rita Singh, Chairperson-cum-Managing Director, Mideast Integrated Steels Ltd
- Ms. Ummehaani Khorakiwala, CEO, Nandi Seeds Pvt. Ltd.
- Ms. Kavita Parikh, Director, Disha Counsellors LLP
- Ms. Rashi Anand, Founder, Lakshyam NGO
- Ms. Savitha Jagadeesan, Senior Partner (Chennai Office), Kochhar & Co

We also extend our sincere gratitude to our Associate Partners:

- Khaitana & Co.
- Mr. Suresh Kotak
- Nandi Seeds
- MESCO Steel
- New India Assurance Co. Ltd.
- Global Insurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd.

The EmpowerHER summit left an indelible mark, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in empowering women, addressing climate change, and promoting sustainability. It sets a promising trajectory for future endeavors in these critical areas and serves as a beacon of inspiration for all involved.

**GLIMPSES OF THE EVENT:**



