



# MCCI Ladies Forum



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Panel Discussion on

# 'The Next Generation of Women Leaders – Unleashing the Power, Thrive and Lead'

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## Felicitation Ceremony

on Friday, 7 March 2025 | 3 p.m. | The Park, Kolkata

On the eve of International Women's Day, Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry and MCCI Ladies Forum

in association with 'The Telegraph' organized a Panel Discussion & Felicitation Ceremony on "The Next Generation of Women Leaders - Unleashing the Power, Thrive and Lead" on Friday, 7th March 2025 at 3 p.m. at The Park Hotel, Kolkata.

To recognize the remarkable contribution of women in the society, 'MCCI Women Achiever's Award' was conferred to Padma Shri Dr. Sudha Kaul, Founder, Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Ms. Churni Ganguly, Actress, Writer & Director and Padma Shri Ms. Mouma Das, Indian Table Tennis Player & Arjuna Awardee.





The panel discussion featured the women achievers from all walks of life who had shared their insights and experience and also shed light on the way ahead for women leaders of future. The panelists of the Session were **Ms. Barbara Voss**, Consul General, Consulate General of Germany in Kolkata; **Dr. Minu Budhia**, Psychotherapist & Counselor, Founder-Director, Carring Minds International; **Dr. Manabi Bandyopadhyay**, Principal, Dhola Mahavidyalaya; **Ms. Shaleni Bbiswas**, Founder & Managing Director, Easynote Stationery Pvt. Ltd.; **Ms. Smaranika Tripathy**, Consultant Clinical & Rehabilitation Psychologist, Belle Vue Clinic.

**Ms. Swati Gautam**, Founder-CEO, NecessitySwatiGautam, moderated the Panel Discussion beautifully and facilitated an engaging and insightful discussion.



**Ms. Swati Gautam**,  
Founder-CEO, NecessitySwatiGautam

"Women and men both are under the larger category of humans. Women are like rivers. The more are obstacles on her path, better the newer ways she designs for herself".



**Mrs. Barbara Voss**,  
Consul General of Germany in Kolkata

(L-R)- Shruti Jhajharia, Dr. Manabi Bandyopadhyay, Barbara Voss, Dr. Minu Budhia, Deepali Saraogi, Swati Gautam, Shaleni Bbiswas & Smaranika Tripathy

"In Europe, we strive for a society where everyone has equal opportunities, regardless of gender. However, we still face challenges, including discrimination against women in leadership positions". Having a strong network and supporting each other is crucial for women's empowerment and success".



**Dr. Minu Budhia**,  
Psychotherapist & Counselor, Founder-Director,  
Carring Minds International

"My family is my rock," and my husband's support has been instrumental in my journey."



Dr. Manabi Bandyopadhyay

**Dr. Manabi Bandyopadhyay,**  
Principal, Dhola Mahavidyalaya

"Be more of a woman than as you are". A courageous transgender woman, despite facing discrimination and adversity, has transformed her experiences into strength and inspiration.



Shaleni Bbiswas

**Ms. Shaleni Bbiswas,** Founder & Managing Director, Easynote Stationery Pvt. Ltd.

"As a woman in business, I've learned that we often have to take extra steps to earn recognition. But with a rock-solid team of 100 behind me, I've been able to overcome even the toughest obstacles."



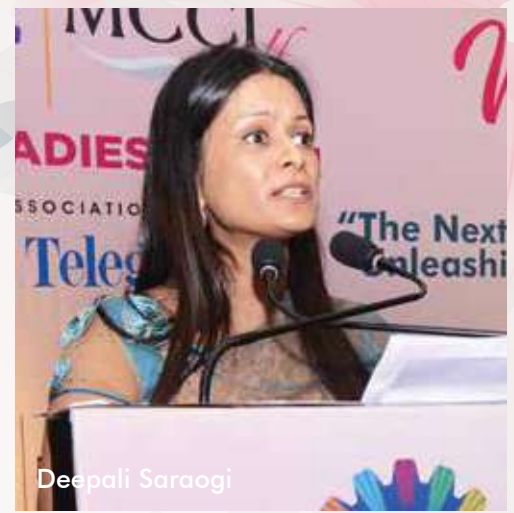
Smaranika Tripathy

**Ms. Smaranika Tripathy,**  
Consultant Clinical & Rehabilitation Psychologist, Belle Vue Clinic

"The role for men has not changed much over the years but for women, it has changed a lot. First identify yourself and don't judge yourself on the basis of how society sees you. Learn and lend your learning to the younger generation, communicate in relationships".



Deepali Saraogi & Swati Gautam



Deepali Saraogi

**Ms. Deepali Saraogi,**  
Chairperson, MCCI Ladies Forum

"There is a profound shift in societal norms and expectations. Women are no longer content to occupy the sidelines; they are stepping into the spotlight, demanding their rightful place in every arena, from politics to business, and beyond. The voices of women are becoming louder, more assertive, and more influential. Embrace the responsibility to create inclusive workplaces that welcome diversity and empower women to thrive."



Shruti Jhajharia

**Ms. Shruti Jhajharia,**  
Co-Chairperson, MCCI Ladies Forum

"Women are nurturers and the most beautiful embodiment of the Creator. Together, they can create a more inclusive and equitable world."

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MCCI honoured **Padma Shri Dr. Sudha Kaul, Ms. Churni Ganguly and Padma Shri Ms Mouma Das** who have inspired and given shape to the dreams of others.



(L-R)- Shruti Jhajharia, Co-Chairperson, MCCI Ladies Forum, Deepali Saraogi, Chairperson, MCCI Ladies Forum, Padma Shri Mouma Das, Indian Table Tennis Player & Arjuna Awardee, Churni Ganguly, Actress, Writer & Director, Padma Shri Dr. Sudha Kaul, Founder, Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy & Amit Saraogi, President, MCCI



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