Avoid trap of limited roles, Priti Adani tells women

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Ahmedabad: Adani Foundation’s managing trustee Priti Adani on Sunday issued a clarion call to women, exhorting them to avoid the “vicious circle of being just a wife and a mother”.

“It’s universally proven that an empowered woman is one who is educated, independent, and healthy,” Adani said addressing ‘EVE’ Women’s Conference-2015, organized by Women Doctors’ Wing (WDW) of the Ahmedabad Medical Association. “I want to give a wake-up call to women and urge them to know their worth before expecting others to realize it. A nation is empowered when its women are empowered.”

She went on to say: “Eve, the creator — that name in itself is very impressive. Right from the farm to fashion and kitchen to culture, women play a pivotal role.”

The event also gave doctors an opportunity to educate women on various health complications and options in plastic surgery.

Plastic surgeon Dr Bijal Parikh said: “One in 26 women in Gujarat suffers from breast cancer, but only 1% undergoes breast reconstruction.” Most of these women are unaware of the reconstruction option and some are caught in financial and insurance issues.

WDW chairperson Dr Mona Desai asked women not to be a carbon copy of men. “We should make our own mark. Being a carbon copy is like committing suicide.”

Addressing the conference, cancer surgeon Dr Kalpana Kothari talked about advanced techniques available to detect cervical cancer at an early stage.