

## Karnataka is the wonderful place for Women Entrepreneurs to grow: Dr. Priti Adani

Bangalore, Nov. 15: Adani Foundation's Chairperson Dr. Priti G. Adani has informed that Karnataka State ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nation for Women Entrepreneurial activity and is home for more than 1 lakh women business enterprises, thereby creating wonderful opportunity here for the women entrepreneurs to grow.

She spoke after Inaugurating the 'Think Big' Women Entrepreneurship Meet, Asia's largest women entrepreneurship meet held at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Summit was inaugurated by Karnataka State Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Heavy Industries Minister R.V. Deshpande. K. Ratna Prabha, Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka was present on the occasion.

Dr. Adani told that women in rural India, despite suffering from the problems like health, malnutrition, repeated childbearing, and lack of education, engage themselves in direct and allied agricultural activities, run small shops, sell by-products or handcraft products and thus generate additional income for the family. A government of India study shows that more than 40 per cent of rural women

directly or indirectly contribute to the uplift of their families and thereby bringing social change.

She expressed happiness that by creating this type of 'Think Big platform' it has helped many women enterprises and for their empowerment. She has told that Government of Karnataka has platform, enabling wonderful NGOs, created а Women entrepreneurs and Government to exchange thoughts more opportunities for empowering women competitive global edge.

"In India, Adani Foundation is working with Women Entrepreneurs across 13 states and is striving for women empowerment. In Chattisgarh Adani Foundation has supported one women enterprise in a small way for involving themselves in stitching of school uniforms. Today this enterprise has achieved lead in supplying uniforms to lakhs of students in the entire district and thereby created a role model" – Dr. Priti Adani.

D.V. Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary of Department of Commerce and Industries, Gaurav Gupta, Commissioner for Industries Development, Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Chairperson of National Commission for Women, Government of India, Bunty Bohra, CEO of Goldman Sachs India, Parul Soni, Executive Director of WEConnect International; Elizabeth Vasques, CEO of WEConnect International, Uma Reddy, Director of WEConnect India Association and Kishore Alva, Joint President of Adani UPCL were present on the occasion.