

Lavish Opportunity for Women Entrepreneurs: Priti Adani

Udupi: Adani Foundation Chairperson Dr. Priti G. Adani has informed that she is happy to note that Karnataka State ranks third in the nation for women entrepreneurial activity and is home for more than 1 lakh Women Business Enterprises.

She spoke after Inaugurating the 'Think Big' Women Entrepreneurship Meet at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre.

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.

She appreciated that the total investment of women owned enterprises totalled \$ 404 million in 2012-13 and they employed 0.46 million persons thereby signifying the economic impact of women owned enterprises. As per the fourth Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSME) census conducted, the four States Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal put together have 51.9 per cent of the country's women-owned business indicating that South India and especially Karnataka has an excellent ecosystem for women entrepreneurs.

She told that Adani Foundation is working in association with Women Entrepreneurs across 13 states in India and is aiming at 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.

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.