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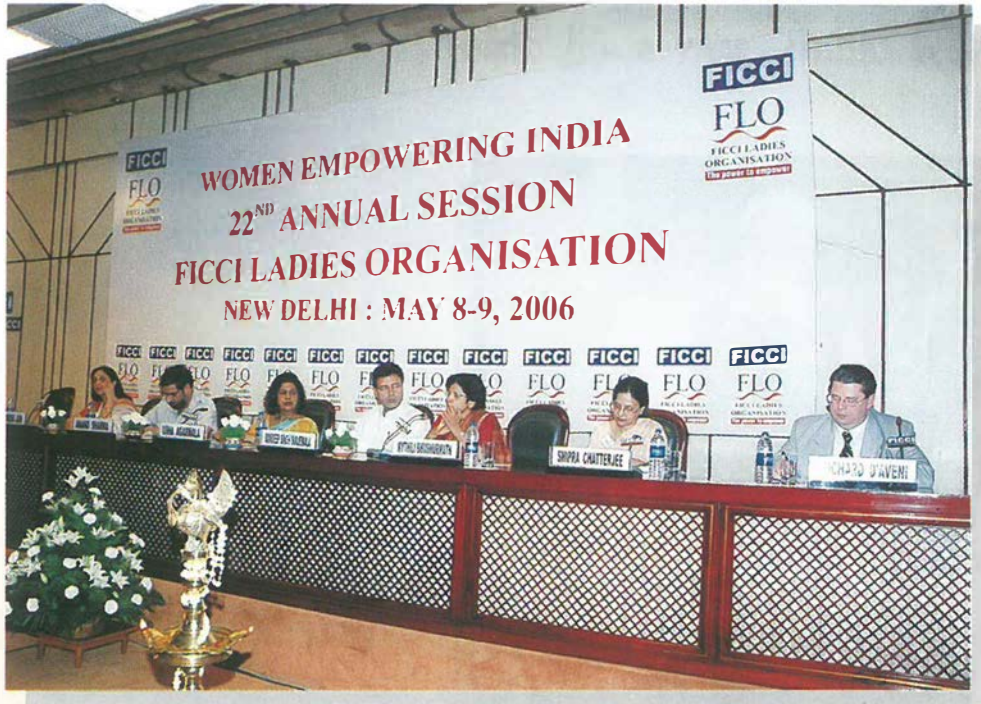
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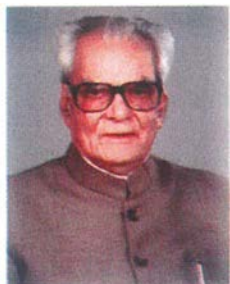






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MESSAGE

Vice-President of India is glad to know that FICCI Ladies Organisation is organising its 23rd Annual Meeting on 5th April, 2007.

Vice-President of India extends his good wishes to the organisers and wishes the Annual Meeting all success.

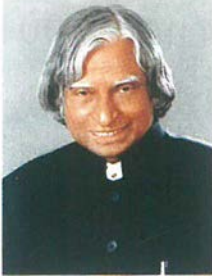

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MESSAGE

The President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, is happy to know that the FICCI Ladies Organisation, New Delhi is holding its 23rd Annual Meeting on 5th April, 2007 and bringing out its Annual Report on this occasion.

The President extends his warm greetings and felicitations to all those associated with the Organisation and wishes the Annual Meeting and the Annual Report all success.

S. P. Khan

PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT

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March 30, 2007

Dear Ms Jain,

I am desirous to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter dated 20th March 2007 addressed to Smt Sonia Gandhi, Congress President, regarding the 23rd Annual Meeting of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO).

Smt Gandhi takes this opportunity to extend her facilitation and good wishes to the Members of FLO on the occasion.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(GC Bhardwaj)

Ms Mukta Nandini Jain
National President
FICCI Ladies Organisation
Federation House
Tansen Marg
New Delhi – 110 001



FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

HABIL KHORAKIWALA
PRESIDENT



MESSAGE

I am glad to learn that FICCI Ladies Organisation is holding its 23rd Annual Session on April 5, 2007. It is heartening to note that FLO has strived to meet the existing and emerging needs of different segments of women entrepreneurs by introducing a variety of socially and economically relevant programmes to channelise their strength and capabilities.

I am also happy to know that the young FLO is also organizing meaningful programmes from time to time and I wish them grand success in their mission.

I am sure that FLO will take long strides towards achieving its objectives of socio-economic empowerment of women. I wish the Organisation every success in its endeavors!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Habil Khorakiwala", followed by a large, stylized flourish.

Habil Khorakiwala

April 2, 2007

FOREWORD



"I've had good seasons and some deeply painful ones. I've made some spectacularly good choices and some outrageously bad mistakes. I am very human – a work in progress". The year gone by has been a great learning curve in my life.

I am proud to acknowledge that even as India is perceived as a land of opportunity and rapid growth, that Indian women are more than ever before, looked upon as icons and leaders in social, cultural, spiritual, political and economic forums.

It is an acknowledged fact that women are essential agents in bringing about change and are a resource in the preservation and prosperity of the human race. In the dynamic 21st century, no society can flourish with half its population sitting on the sidelines with little or no opportunity to contribute to the economic development of their country or as Salman Rushdie asks "How can you put half your population in bags?"

Recognizing the challenges and the opportunities the year 2006 continued to pioneer programmes in business training, skill enhancement and

entrepreneurial development. This year we have worked significantly to facilitate linkages amongst women across borders and to connect local to global markets by creating a worldwide network of women leaders and mentors.

Women business can absorb a large portion a national employment and thereby contribute significantly to the GDP, therefore special efforts must be directed towards exploring and creating new opportunities in small and medium enterprises as a niche area for woman. FLO directed its efforts towards more growth in this segment and is committed for the economic development of rural women.

Visits by distinguished delegations began with H.E. Ms. Phumzile Mlambo Ngouka, Deputy President of South Africa on 12th September, 2006 followed by H.E. Emma Binino, Italian Minister for International Trade and European Affairs, H.E. Ms. Maud Minister for Enterprise and Energy of Sweden, the 4 days visit of the US delegation led by Mrs. Daryl Rand President Harrison Advertising and Joan Verplanck President New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and Industry, concluded with Ms. Shirin Tahir-Kehli, Special Advisor to the Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Women Empowerment (worldwide) on March 20th, 2007. All these deliberations and discussions reinforced the high esteem for Indian women.

In the 21st conference 40th Anniversary CACCI (Confederation of Asia Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry) in Taipei, Taiwan a separate women's council was formed on 2nd November, 2006. It is an honour to serve as Chairperson for the CWC (CACCI-Women's Council) and work towards the balanced growth and development of the women in the Asia Pacific region.

It was challenging to be able to establish a new chapter- Jaipur with Ms. Neeta Boochra as its Chairperson on 31st January, 2007 in the 15th Century Neemrana Fort-Palace and spend an

afternoon with visionaries like Mr. Aman Nath and the former President of Poland Mr. Leah Walesa recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

The highlight of my term has been the beginning of IWEA Award (International Women Entrepreneur Challenge) under US Ambassador Ruth Davis, Ms. Adela Subriana & Mr. Jose Marie Cervera from the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sunita Bajaj & Ms. Nancy Ploeger, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, yours truly, Ms. Usha Agarwala and Ms. Shipra Chatterjee from FICCI-FLO. The IWEA Awards for 2007 were awarded to Ms. Nishi Gupta, Ms. Kiran Sharma, Ms. Suchitra Ela, three women entrepreneurs from FLO in February, 2007, Barcelona, to be followed with Manhattan in 2008 and Delhi in 2009 under the same steering committee. It will be an honour to serve as Chairperson – CACCI – CWC (The Confederation of Asia Pacific Chamber of Commerce and Industry Women's Council) for the following two years.

I would have been unable to discharge my duties without the constant guidance and encouragement of all the Past Presidents. I place on record my heartfelt gratitude to them. My special thanks to Dr. Amit Mitra, Secretary General FICCI for his interest in all matters of FLO. I would like to thank Immediate Past President Mr. Saroj Kumar Poddar and President Mr. Habil Khorakiwalla for their continued support, the media division and all the

staff at the FICCI secretariat for making my term as president successful and meaningful. My sincere appreciation for Shipra – both as a friend and colleague, as also to Sanskrity and Dalip who always made sure that everything in the office was how it should be. A very warm thank you to all the members of my Governing Body who stood by me and made every programme possible. Thank you to each and every one with whom I came in touch with. Thank you to the Hanns Seidell Foundation, Bavaria, Germany for helping FLO to accomplish its mission of empowering women and Dr. V. Bauer – Indian representative of HSF for his personal commitment to all of us at FLO.

I wish the new incumbent Mrs. Kiran Gera great success during her tenure as the President FLO.

Mukta Jain

Mukta Nandini Jain
President

SUCCESSFUL MOTHERS MAKE SUCCESSFUL DAUGHTERS !

May 10, 2006

The FLO year commenced on 10th May by celebrating Mother's Day with a morning of conversations with eminent mothers and their equally successful daughters. Sharing of personal stories benefit not only the listener but also the storyteller. The speakers invited were mothers and daughters Ms. Anu Aga with her daughter Ms. Meher, Ms. Jaya Jaitly with Ms. Aditi, Ms. Rekha Purie with Ms. Kali and Ms. Sushma Seth. Her daughter Ms. Divya could not make it to this occasion due to some urgent work.

They all gathered for a cause- TO SAVE THE GIRL CHILD. There are women who are eliminated even before they are born.

The shared stories and anecdotes that morning brought out the fact that the mother daughter bond is an unspoken, yet the strongest bond and one of the most cherished relationships in the world.

Along with all the laughter and joy that we took back there was also a firm commitment that we will not be a silent witness to the death of an unborn girl child. We will do all in our power to allow a girl the right to live.,

The FLO programme was moderated by Ms. Abha Dalmia, Past President, FLO.



SEMINAR ON CANCER AWARENESS & CANCER PROTECTION

July 14, 2006

After the long summer break, to celebrate Doctors day, FLO along with California Prunes and reddy laboratories took up the responsibility of dispelling some of the common myths & misapprehensions regarding Cancer on July 14 in New Delhi

Ms Ritu Kumar, the Designer, was our Chief Guest & Dr Manju Mehta, past president moderated the programme. The eminent speakers, the best names in the subject, were Dr. R.A Badve, Head Surgery & Breast Cancer, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, Dr. (Mrs.) Ramesh Sarin, Sr. Consultant, Cancer Surgery, Apollo Hospital, Dr.(Mrs.) Urvashi Jha, Sr. Consultant, Gynae-oncology-surgery, Dr.S. Huku, Sr. Radiation Oncologist, Dr. P.K Jhulka, Sr. Medical Oncologist, Col.(Dr.)Pant, Radiologist, Dr. (Mrs.) Shikha Sharma, Nutritionist, Dr. Rinku Sengupta Dhar, Obstetrics & Gynaecologist, Ms. Alka Verma,

Nutrition Immunologist, Ms Pam Mehra, Colour Therapy, Ms Veenu Nagar, Pranik Healer, Dr. Vikram Pabreja, Natural/Herbal Medicines, Ms Renuka Prasad, President, Cancer Sahyog, Ms Jyotsna Govila, President, Indian Cancer Society & Ms. Rama Mehra & Ms. Vasantha Ramanathan , Cancer Survivors.

This seminar was a very relevant and unique learning opportunity for all. The crux of the problem is lack of knowledge. It also included a section on additional / alternate / natural & Pranik Healing, Yoga & Colour Therapy along with long-term benefits of nutrition.

Apollo Hospitals & Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science & Research provided complimentary well woman check up for all the women who attended the programme.



A NATION WITHOUT WOMEN

August 1, 2006

August was witness to a panel discussion on 'A Nation without Women' in New Delhi. We are all aware that female foeticide continues unabated in India. The Planning Commission of India incorporated gender equality as an integral part of the broader strategy. Despite the efforts of the Government, Civil Society Organizations, NGO's, UN Agencies & the Media, little or no desired results have been forthcoming. Therefore, FLO

organized a programme to review the strategies & re examine the efforts to arrest the declining sex ratio with stalwarts. Our keynote speaker was Maxwell Pereira.

Seita Vaidyalingam was the moderator & Mrs. Sudha Jhunjhunwala, Past President, was kind enough to introduce the speakers & chair the programme.



KABHI ALVIDA NAA KEHNA

August 17, 2006

Mrs. Amita Kaushish Vice President requested FLO to a screening of Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna with Karan Johar on August 17, in New Delhi.

The members had a lovely morning watching the movie together thanks to Amita & Shiela Theatre.

TRADE DELEGATION TO RUSSIA & AUSTRIA

August 10 - 18, 2006

A FLO delegation of 20 members went to Russia in August this year. The primary objective of this delegation was to explore the possibilities of expanding bi-lateral Indo-Russian trade which at present is pegged at US\$2 billion. The women who participated are from various business backgrounds such as Textiles, Garments, Jewellery and Tourism. The 20 member delegation created a positive impression on our counterparts in Moscow & St. Petersburg. FLO has been invited to organize a trade fair to Russia in April 2007.

The Indian ambassador in Moscow, Mr Kanwal Sibal, hosted a wonderful reception to which were invited a very large and diverse group of business leaders of both Indian and Russian origin. Mr Kanwal Sibal read out the message of the President of India to the audience.

The delegation had the privilege of interacting on a one to one basis with their business counterparts. Due to this interaction, the delegate members have been able to make break-throughs into the Russian market. The delegation had the privilege of meeting the Chamber of Commerce, Womens Organizations, and Women Entrepreneurs and also held a joint press conference with the Russian Business Association that was well covered by the media.

Ms. Jordana Diongdoh Pavel, the Counsel General of India in St. Petersburg, hosted tea for the delegation.

Mr. Sheel Kumar Sharma our ambassador to Austria in Vienna invited us for tea to his office and apprised us of a substantial amount of business possibilities that exists between India and Austria.



Indo-Russian trade will be boosted by ... women?

In August, a 20-member delegation of India's FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) visited Russia and agreed to closely cooperate with the Russian Businesswomen's



Indian, Russian women vow to boost trade

Chain store of Indian goods to be reopened in Russia; FLO delegation meets its counterparts

Vladimir Rodyukhin

MOSCOW: Russian and Indian business women have taken up the responsibility of boosting trade between the two countries. "I am convinced we can multiply trade between India and Russia by 300-400 times by joining our efforts to tap the tremendous potential for bilateral trade," said Ms. Mukta Nandini Jain, President of the FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO).

Ms. Jain, who is leading a 20-

member delegation of Indian business women on their first visit to Russia, said there was no reason why Indo-Russian trade, stagnant at about \$2 billion for more than a decade, should not grow as big as Russia's trade with China, which crossed \$25 billion last year, or India's trade with China, which is projected to touch \$20 billion by 2010.

"We are aware of the vast opportunities for business in both countries, and we are sure these figures can be achieved if we work in a systematic manner," Ms. Jain told a joint press conference with leaders of Russian business women organisations.

Trilateral format

Agreeing with the FLO head, President of Russian Businesswomen's Association, Tatiana Maluyutina, suggested in turn that business women of Russia, India and China start working in a trilateral format.

"There are close business ties between Russia and China, between India and China, so time has come for us to build Russia-India-China ties," Mrs. Maluyutina said.

During the press conference, women entrepreneurs of India and Russia resolved to reopen a chain store of Indian goods that operated in the Soviet Union under the name of 'Ganga'.

It was also decided that the FLO sign long-term cooperation agreements with the Association

of Russian Women Entrepreneurs, which boasts a membership of nearly one lakh, and the Organisation of Russian Businesswomen, which brings together mostly finance experts.

Visiting Austria

Pragmatically mixing business and pleasure, the FLO delegation will do some sightseeing in Moscow and St. Petersburg during their week-long visit to Russia, before flying to Austria.

EXHIBITION OF CORPORATE GIFTS

September 6 - 8, 2006

FLO organised an Exhibition of Corporate Gifts at the beginning of the festives season.

Ms Mukta Nandini Jain had the honour to welcome Dr Ashwani Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry to inaugurate the Exhibition on 6th September, 2006 at FICCI, Federation House New Delhi. There were nineteen participants who were mainly Exporters. Products

on display included Dastkari Crafts, Herbal Products, Aromatherapy, Candles, Soaps, Gems & Jewellery, Silver Articles, Paintings, Artefacts, T-Shirts, Confectionery, Stationery, Glass items, Ceramics, Naturotherapy and many more.

The Exhibition was attended by Dignitaries from the foreign Missions in India, Corporate Bodies and people from various fields.





TRYST WITH SOUTH AFRICA**Sept. 12, 2006**

The Joint Business Councils, South African Desk, an International Division of FICCI, jointly organised with FLO an exclusive interactive session with the Deputy President of South Africa H.E. Ms. Phumzile Mlambo Ngcuka in New Delhi, on September 12, 2006. She wanted to share her views on the emerging and increasing trade and co-operation between the women entrepreneurs of the two nations. The delegation comprised senior Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers and leaders from various provincial Governments and Business leaders as well.

Today the relationship between the two countries is a rich multifaceted one. Even though the two-way trade between the two countries has increased over the past 5 years there still exist opportunities that are untapped. Some of the new avenues for co-operation are transfer of skills and technology, Health, information, Communication Technology, Food processing, Textiles, Jewellery etc. The small and medium scale Enterprises should be tapped as a niche area for women empowerment.



A WOMAN'S FIRST LOVE: JEWELLERY

October 9, 2006

FLO and GoldSouk jointly organised a talk on "A Woman's First Love-Jewellery" in the month of celebrations and festivities, October, in Gold Souk, Gurgaon

Mr G S Pillai, Director GoldSOUK introduced the unique concept of GoldSouk where Jewellers from all over India and abroad are under one roof to

display their various designs in Gold and other precious jewels.

Members enjoyed the deliberations by three experienced speakers Dr A.K. Sengupta, a Business Consultant, Mr Subhash Lakhotia, The Tax Guru and Ms. Anjali Agarwal a designer for personalized jewellery.



CACCI CONFERENCE IN TAIWAN

Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, 2006

FICCI took a 10-member Business Delegation led by Mr K K Modi, Past President, FICCI and President, CACCI "The Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)" with its Head Quarter at Taipei, Taiwan, The member countries of CACCI are Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Georgia, Hong Kong (China), India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Taiwan, Singapore, Mongolia, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. FICCI is the nodal point for CACCI activities in India. The theme of this year's conference was Innovation for sustainable Development. There was participation from over 300 delegates from CACCI countries.

FLO President chaired a conference on Promoting

Women Entrepreneurship in the Region; the Speakers were Ms. Shelly Wang, Taiwan, Ms Nasreen Awal Mintoo, Bangladesh and Ms. Mukta Nandini Jain, India.

CACCI Main initiated the forming of an independent women's council. It was also discussed and decided that 5 members from each country should represent the respective countries to be a part of the newly formed CACCI WOMENS' COUNCIL (CWC).

It is an honour for FICCI LADIES ORGANISATION to head the Women Council of CACCI, Ms Mukta Nandini Jain, President FLO has been nominated as its Chairperson and Ms. Shelly Wang from Taiwan as Vice-Chairperson for a period of 2 years.



DIVINE BY DESIGN

November 17, 2006

Fortis La Femme and FLO organised an interactive session on cosmetic surgery "DIVINE BY DESIGN" on November 17, 2006 at the India International Centre, New Delhi.

The main aim was to make women aware of the recent changes in Medical Tourism as India is the most sought after country when it comes to excellent medical support and success rates. Mr Ahmed Zakariah, Sr. Manager International Marketing, Fortis Health care Ltd., made a

presentation on an emerging business opportunity, while Dr. Gayatri Ghadiok, Medical Director, Fortis La Femme gave a snapshots on Fortis Women health care facility. The last and the most interesting segment of the programme was taken by Dr. Ajay Kashyap, Sr. Consultant, Cosmetic & Plastic Surgery Department, Fortis Hospitals. It was a journey through extraordinary technical accomplishments by medical research which left the audience fascinated.



A TRYST WITH PAKISTAN

November 22, 2006

FLO organized a luncheon meeting with the visiting Pakistan Delegation, led by Begum Salma Ahmed, President, Womens' Chamber of Commerce & Industry at Federation House, on November 22, 2006

The main purpose was to promote the bilateral trade amongst women of both the countries by

introducing and opening of outlets for various products i.e. Garments, Handicrafts, Jewellery, and Intricate Embroidery etc.

Since India and Pakistan share the same cultural, economic and social background it is possible to work together and restore peace in the region through co-operation and mutual growth.



STUDY TOUR TO MANILA

November 26 - 30, 2006

A three members delegation supported by HSF visited Manila to study the function of Dual Training System (DTS) in Manila, Philippines is largely based on the German model. The principal modes of technical vocational training in Philippines are either largely school/training centre based or entirely company based.

The study revealed that the Dual Training System combines the advantages of the two training modes in school training and in an integrated and coordinated training process, with emphasis on the practical skills aspect. In the Dual Training System, a trainee/student goes through the process of acquiring knowledge and competencies in a specialized trade skill in two locations-school/training center and company workplace (factory,farm,establishment,office).

The training process is covered by plan that is

jointly designed, implemented and evaluated by the two training partners- the school and the company. Recognizing the competitive value of the Dual Training System in improving the quality of middle level manpower development, the congress of the Philippines enacted Republic Act 7686 otherwise known as the Dual Training System Act of 1994.

The objective of the delegation was to understand the Dual Training system in order to try and implement this successful model in India also. A successful and brainstorming meeting was held with Asian Development Bank – Human Resource Development Head Mr. Francesesco Tornieri for an initiative for gender mainstreaming in the CACCI & SAARC regions and FICCI alongwith FLO. The members of the delegation were Ms.Mukta Nandini Jain, Ms. Shipra Chatterjee and Dr.Volker Bauer Resident Representative HSF, New Delhi.



ITALY MEETS INDIA

January 4, 2007

FLO and Joint Business Councils, an International Division of FICCI jointly organised a Special address by H E Ms. Emma Bonino, the Italian Minister for International Trade and European

Affairs, on January 4, 2007. The effort is to enhance the bi-lateral relations between Indian and Italian women for Economic growth and partnership of both countries.



SWEDEN MEETS INDIA

January 29, 2007

FLO and Joint Business Council, International Division once again organized a Special Address by H.E. Ms Maud Olofsson, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Energy of Sweden, in Delhi on January 29, 2007. She was accompanied by a small group of Swedish Women Entrepreneurs and Executives.

High Profile Women entrepreneurs from Sweden who manage large, well known companies in India participated, including IT-Foretagen, Volvo, Lindex, Kapphl etc. opening new vistas for women from FLO.



LAUNCH OF JAIPUR CHAPTER, FLO

January 31, 2007

Launch of Jaipur Chapter, FLO

This year heralded the introduction and launch of the much awaited Jaipur Chapter on 31st January, 2007 at Neemrana Fort Palace, Neemrana .

Mr Aman Nath, Art Historian, Writer, Co-owner and Promoter of Neemrana Group of Hotels addressed the gathering of over a hundred women with the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, ' Find a Purpose - Means will follow'. Practicing this has resulted in creating the history of heritage hotels in India.

The presentation indeed was very informative and interesting, which enthralled the audience.

The chapter has been established with 50 dynamic women under the able leadership of Chairperson Ms. Neeta Boochra. Her team members include Ms. Nirmala Durlabhji, Ms. Shailja Khaitan,

Ms. Indira Bagri, Ms. Shefila Chordia, Ms. Vinnie Kakkar, Ms. Nidhie A. Data and Ms. Samta Baid.

Rani Vidya Devi Ji of Jaipur was present to give her blessings in person and Raj Mata Gayatri Devi Ji sent her Blessings. Raj Mata Gayatri Devi Ji and Rani Vidya Ji are the patron members and Mrs Jane Himmat Singh is the advisor to the board.

Amongst present at the launch were Mrs Ramola Bachchan & Mr. Francias Waczirag co-owner of Neemrana group of Hotels with the former President of Poland 1990-95, Mr. Lech Walesa ,a human right activist who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983, also a staunch supporter and an avid follower of Gandhian philosophy, He was in India to witness the commemoration of 100 year of Satyagraha movement.





AWARD CEREMANY IN BARCELONA AND VISIT TO HSF OFFICE AT MUNICH

February 4-13, 2007

The Barcelona Chamber of Commerce invited the FLO President, the immediate past President, the Executive Director FLO and three women entrepreneurs from FLO from 4th February to the 9th of February 2007 to be a part of IWECC.

The International Women Entrepreneurial Challenge IWECC is a joint project initiated by the Chamber of Commerce, Barcelona in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry -FLO and Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, USA.

To expand and develop commerce and exchange ideas Mr. Joseph Maria Cervera Casanovas, Director de l'area d'Internacionalització Empresarial organized several meetings during the meet. The meetings were attended by several Catalan Government high officials, Catalan Business

Representatives The President, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Nancy Ploeger, the Ambassador USA, Ms Ruth A Davis, Mr Adela Subirana Cantarell, Commissioner of the Presidency for Institutional Activities.

An award ceremony along with a gala dinner was organized in Barcelona on the 7th of February. In a highly competitive process three of the most successful companies founded and directed by Indian Women were chosen to receive the prestigious IWECC Award, Ms Priti Sharma, Pragati Software Pvt. Ltd, Ms. Nishi Gupta Advance Products Ltd and Ms. Suchitra K Ella, Bharat Biotech International Ltd. were selected by an independent jury headed by Ambassador Ms. Ruth Davis, Washington DC. Leaders from FLO in the steering committee are Mukta Jain, Usha Agarwala & Shipra Chatterjee.



SCWEC-TAKING OVER CEREMANY

Mumbai February 16, 2007

SAARC – SCWEC Chairpersonship for the year 2006-2008, has been offered to India by the main body SAARC. Ms. V L Indira Dutt, past President FLO, has been handed over the post of the chairpersonship by Ms. Nasreen Awal Mintoo, Bangladesh through E-mail, as it was long due. But the formal taking over ceremony took place on 16th February 2007 at Mumbai.

FLO – India has the honour of heading as chairperson the prestigious SAARC – SCWEC. Ms. Nasreen Awal Mintoo of Bangladesh is the immediate Past Chairperson. The organization gained momentum under her able leadership.. The grand ceremony which was duly planned for

8th Jan., 2007 had to be postponed on 20th December, 2006 due to the illness of Mrs. Nasreen Awal Mintoo. Ms. Indira V.L. Dutt FLO – India is the present Chair person SCWEC. During the SAARC E.C. meeting in Bombay Mrs. Dutt had the pleasure of meeting and exchanging her views on how to take this organization further with the rest of the SCWEC members. It was a wonderful opportunity for everybody to meet and interact with each other for the first time. The members for the council from FLO are Ms. Kiran Gera, Ms. Namita Gautam, Dr. Ms. Kusum Ansal and Mrs. Renuka Shah. Ms. Dutt will take this organization to greater heights.



DELEGATION FROM THE USA

March 11 - 14, 2007

FLO India had the honour of hosting and organizing a four days seminar for a 30 members delegation from USA under the leadership of Mrs. Daryl Rand President Harrison Advertising and Joan Verplanck President New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and Industry. MISSION 2007 – FRIENDS OF INDIA were here to Study “Our Indian Economy – The way ahead. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Hon’ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry. The other eminent speakers was Prof. Bibek Debroy.

The other subjects discussed were Politics, Law, Advertising and Marketing Communications. Ms. Girija Vyas, Ms. Seita Viadialingam, Ms. Tara Sinha, Mr. Navaid Khan, Mr. Dilip Cherian, Mr. Pranay Sinha and Mr. V. Sunil shared their views and gave deep heights into the India as its exists today different from yesterday. The great initiative arising out of this will be introducing Indian women leaders to their counterparts in the US to develop greater economic, educational and political opportunities.





INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MS. SHIRIN TAHIR KHELI

March 20, 2007

The India-US Forum of Parliamentarians (IUFP) and the FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) organized an interactive meeting with Ambassador Shirin Tahir-Kheli, Special Adviser to the US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Women Empowerment (World Wide) on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at Federation House.

Issues concerning gender justice, grass root

democracy, women empowerment including political empowerment, and as well as the new challenges and opportunities emerging for contemporary women were the main focus of the meeting. The need to promote entrepreneurship by providing guidance, mentoring, and networking opportunities to the women population across borders was unanimously agreed upon by all present at the interactive session.



**INTERACTIVE SESSION ON
GROWTH DEVELOPMENT AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN**

April 4, 2007



SOME MEMORABLE OCCASIONS

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YOUNG FLO

Chairperson's Message

Dear friends,

Rabindra Nath Tagore said that richness of Indian civilization is symbolized by 'Shakti'. Shakti is the female energy giving life and sustaining the world. I feel proud to be a woman born in India, for our traditions and deep rooted family values, sanskars and spirituality add a stronger dimension to the way we view the world and handle different situations. Our challenge today is to maintain our inherent 'Indianness' while we keep ourselves proactive and outward looking. Modern India also faces the challenge of not only empowering the urban Indian woman but also the women in rural India. It has been said "Youth is most sensitive to the

needs of the community and has the necessary vitality to answer all these needs". YFLO is a nationally recognized organization, which provides a unique platform to young women and helps to nurture the talent within as well as aims at empowering women through education and by providing them with the right opportunities to network, gain knowledge and expertise through interaction with experts from different fields. In this regard, YFLO organizes seminars, workshops and panel discussions on a wide variety of relevant subjects.

I feel deeply honoured and humbled to have been nominated to serve YFLO as Chairperson. Both my predecessors Ms. Shallu Jindal and Ms. Sheetal Ansal did outstanding work before me and gave me constant support during the year for which I warmly thank them.

When I was growing up, my mother Padma Bhushan Smt. Sharan Raniji, legendary sarod maestro, drew a distinction between achievement and success. She shared with me words she had read, which had inspired her all her life and said that "achievement is the knowledge that you have worked hard and done your very best. Success is being praised by others and that is nice too, but not as important and satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success". My tenure as YFLO Chairperson was an exciting journey, meeting new challenges, learning from each new experience and making new friends.

I take this opportunity to warmly thank FLO President, Ms. Mukta Nandini Jain, Ms. Kiran Gera, Incoming President, FLO as well as the Past Presidents of FLO for their invaluable support and for gracing our programs. I also specially thank our Mentor, Ms. Namita Gautam who conceived YFLO and generously guided me throughout the year. I also warmly thank YFLO Mentor, Ms. Vidhi Singhania for her invaluable support and encouragement. To all the YFLO Committee Members, I would like to say that you were the 'wind beneath my wings' and I profoundly thank you for reposing your faith in me and entrusting me with this challenging responsibility. I also warmly thank all the FLO Governing Body Members and YFLO and FLO members for attending all the programs in large numbers and for their valuable suggestions and encouragement given to me during the year.

I would also like to thank Ms. Archana Gupta Garodia for highlighting the YFLO activities and programs in the FLO Newsletter. I would also like to thank members of the media for extensively covering our programs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Shipra Chatterjee, Executive Director, FLO, our printer, caterer, florist and each and everyone at the FLO office for all their efforts in making this year the success that it was. I am also deeply appreciative of increase in the membership that we had during the Year. I extend my heart-felt good wishes to the incoming Chairperson, Ms. Seema Jajodia and Vice Chairperson Ms. Deepshikha Kaitan, whom I am sure, will raise the YFLO flag even higher.

I would like to conclude by sharing a beautiful quotation with all of you, "Each one of us will one day be judged by our standard of life, not by our standard of living, by our measure of giving and not by our measure of wealth, by our simple goodness not by our seeming goodness". Jai Hind !

Radhika Backliwal Narain,
Chairperson YFLO

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JUSTICE TODAY: DELAYED OR DENIED A FOCUS ON 'CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN'

May 5, 2006

In an environment where corruption and misuse of power play havoc, evidence gets tampered, witnesses turn hostile, factors such as these act as major obstacles in the timely and satisfactory dispensation of justice. Crimes against women seem to be increasing day by day and through the media, we are constantly reminded of the same. Cases like that of Priyadarshini Mattoo, Jessica Lal, torture stories of Dalits in the villages, rape, killings, foeticide, dowry deaths, to name a few, are reminders of the same. Does India need stronger laws or deterrent punishments or witness protection programs or do our forensic science needs to be improved? Do we need to provide laws to ensure stipulated time limits within which judgements have to be delivered? These distressing issues need to be tackled on an urgent basis. YFLO organized a Panel Discussion to gain insights into the deep-rooted problems of the system and through the distinguished Panelists hoped to seek solutions to the same.

The distinguished Panelists, Hon'ble Justice Mrs. Usha Mehra (retd.), Delhi High Court, Ms. Kamaljeet Deol, Joint Commissioner, Police, Ms. Sagrika Ghosh, Anchor and Feature Editor, CNN - IBN, Dr. Kiran Walia, Chairperson, Joint Commissioner for Women and Ms. Seita

Vaidyalingam, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, engaged in a most insightful, candid and healthy discussion on the issues concerned. Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain, incoming Chairperson, YFLO, in her Welcome Address, touched upon the system of justice in India from the second century BC to the British period. She quoted Martin Luther King who said, "we are not satisfied and shall not be until justice and timely justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream".

Ms. Virginia A Lynch, Full Bright Scholar to India, also prepared a Special Paper on 'The Development of Forensic Nursing Science', which was distributed amongst the audience.

Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain, YFLO Chairperson, introduced the practice of having one committee member compere each program for the year. This first program was compeered by Ms. Deepshikha Khaitan, YFLO Committee Member. The program was moderated by Ms. Seita Vaidyalingam, Advocate, Supreme Court of India and member, FLO. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Ms. Seema Jajodia, incoming Vice Chairperson, who also hosted the lunch for the same. The program was a complete success with an overwhelming attendance of YFLO and FLO members. It was also well covered by the media.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND OUR BELIEFS: AN INTERACTIVE SESSION ON ASTROLOGY, NUMEROLOGY, GEMSTONE THERAPY AND CARMIC HEALING

July 8, 2006

YFLO organized a fascinating session on a topic, which has intrigued women for over centuries. Renowned grand masters and practitioners, who are widely read and seen in leading newspapers and on television, participated in this Interactive Session. The distinguished Panelists were Ma Prem Usha (Tarrot); Pt. Ajai Bhambi (Astrology, Face Reading and Palmistry); Dr. Mohini Narain (Carmic Healing including Pranic Healing & Reiki); and Shri Sudhir Budhiraja (Numerology & Gemstone Therapy). Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain, Chairperson YFLO, in her Welcome Address, presented an overview on the ancient practice

and knowledge of astrology and its impact over Indian society. She said, 'Is this a science or just a deep rooted belief of generations and briefly highlighted the benefits and ill effects of the same on urban and rural Indian society. The program was compered by Ms. Minal Somany, YFLO committee member. Lunch was hosted by Ms. Deepali Dalmia, committee member, YFLO. The program was attended by a packed hall of YFLO and FLO members and was followed by a lively Question-Answer Session. The program was well covered by the media.



'SARE JEHAN SE ACHHA' : INSIGHTS INTO THE INDIAN INDUSTRY

August 8, 2006

To celebrate Independence Day, YFLO organized a Seminar 'Sare Jehan Se Achha' : Insights into the Indian Industry, to take an indepth look into leading sectors of the Indian industry. Speaking on the Seminar,

Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain, Chairperson, YFLO, said, 'India is seeing intensive growth and development in several areas. The new generation of corporate leaders is not only carrying forward their legacy but is also meeting new challenges and is aggressively spearheading growth in their respective sectors.

A distinguished Panel comprising of corporate leaders and youth icons, who lead and represent business and industry at both national and

international levels, shared their perspective on corporate India. The eminent speakers,

Mr. Navin Jindal, Chairman, Jindal Steel and Power, focused on the Steel and Power industry sector; Mr. Shivinder Mohan Singh, Managing Director, Fortis & Escorts, focused on the Health Care sector; Mr. Arjun Sharma, Managing Director, Le Passage to India, focused on the Tourism sector; and Mr. Sanjay Kapoor, Managing Director, Satya Paul, focused on the Fashion industry. Vote of Thanks was presented by Ms. Seema Jajodia, Vice Chairperson YFLO. The Lunch was hosted by Ms. Priyanka Agarwal, Committee Member, YFLO. The program was attended by a large gathering of YFLO and FLO members and was extensively covered by the media.



'DEFINING INDIAN FASHION': INSIGHTS BY THE PIONEERS'

October 12, 2006

YFLO organized a special program 'Defining Indian Fashion' focussing on the progress and achievements of the Indian fashion industry. YFLO saluted the exemplary talents and artistic creativity of the Indian fashion designers and the unparalleled efforts of the fashion promoters and the role played by the fashion weeks, FDCI, NIFT and the fashion magazines such as Elle etc. Experts from the industry and internationally acclaimed fashion designers Mr. Tarun Tahiliani, Ms. Kavita Bhartiya, Ms. Rina Dhaka, through audio-visual presentations as well as by sharing their experiences provided a most insightful outlook on the current state of the Indian fashion industry as well as their take on its future. The program was moderated by Ms. Rathi Vinay Jha, Director General, FDCI. The Panelists discussed their personal experiences on national and international levels and the challenges faced from the initial stage of artistic conceptualization to the marketing stage.

Speaking at the program, Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain, Chairperson, YFLO, gave a brief history of

Indian textiles and the changing trends of the Indian fashion from the second century BC through the Mughal epoch to the present time. In her welcome address, she said that though the Indian fashion industry is in its nascent stage, the Indian design market stands at about \$ 49 million in domestic sales with a huge potential ahead. India's total garment exports are worth about \$ 5 billion. Everybody is interested in India on the worldwide platform and as the Indian fashion industry grows, we hope that through our exports, it will provide more work for the weavers and for connected industries such as jewellery, beads, accessories, bags, shoes and even perfumes.

The designers also showcased their latest ensembles at the venue. The program was moderated by Ms. Deepali Dalmia, Committee Member, YFLO. Lunch was hosted by Ms. Ashwani Pai Bahadur, Member, YFLO. The program saw an overwhelming turnout of YFLO and FLO members and was extensively covered by the print and electronic media.



A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

November 11, 2006

YFLO organized a special Workshop on Good Health and Well-Being which focused on cardiology and women's health issues, life style and stress issues, and obesity. The program was sponsored by VLCC. Speaking at the program, Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain, Chairperson, YFLO, said that 'the modern Indian women is a multi-tasker. As a working mom, home maker, corporate leader or professional, she always tends to put herself and her health



at the end of her list of priorities.

In India, our ancient system of satvik bhojan and our natural skin care remedies were based on pure, natural and wholesome good things. Our system of yoga and meditation provide for a healthy mind and body. Now with modern, fast-paced, stressful life styles, lack of fresh air and exercise, unhealthy eating patterns and mostly of all mental pressure and lack of sleep have lead to a loss of peace and harmony within our minds and heart. All these factors are the root cause of our poor health, blood

pressure, diabetes, cardio-vascular diseases, obesity etc. Most of us know the problems and many times, even the causes, but still do not take that one necessary step towards making a positive change.



Internationally renowned Cardiologist, Dr. R. R. Kasliwal Director, Cardiology and Outreach Programs, Escorts Heart Institute, while presenting the Keynote Address, said that a study done in USA showed that more women die of heart attacks in comparison to breast cancer. He gave a most informative talk on cardio-vascular diseases in women, how to deal with heart care problems and also shared detailed studies on the subject through specially prepared audio-visual presentation on heart care problems. Renowned Health and Well-Being Expert, Ms. Vandana Luthra Founder and Mentor, VLCC Health Care, spoke extensively on factors leading to good health and well-being. She focused on the increasing levels of stress and work pressures in women and spoke

on the alarming increasing in obesity in India. She said that in the last 25 years, obesity in India has increased by 400 per cent.

A special feature of this Session was an Improv Presentation by eminent theatre personalities Ms. Bubbles Sabharwal, MS. Shivani Wazir and members of Theatre Inc. Through this presentation, they highlighted women health issues such as Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome, obesity, infertility etc. A Panel of leading medical and professional experts including Ms. Rekha Sharma, Chief Nutritionist, VLCC; Dr. Dheeraj Bhatia, Senior Visiting Consultant, Max Heart Care and Vascular Institute; Dr. Prerna Kohli, Clinical Psychologist; Dr. Shobha Sehgal, Skin Care and Dr. Anju Ghai, Fitness Guru, answered queries from the audience on heart care, stress, nutrition, exercise, skin care and lifestyle issues.

Special features of the program included complimentary consultations for body composition analysis, body mass index and reflexology. Display of 'I' by Vandana Luthra, a special exhibition and sale of personal care items, skin care products and Gourmet low



calorie bakery items from the 'Alive Kitchen' were additional features of this program. The program was compered by Ms. Bubbles Sabharwal. The program saw a record audience of YFLO and FLO members. The program was extensively covered by print and electronic media. The program was also a fund raiser through which YFLO generated Rs. 1,90,000.

VISIT TO THE PARLIAMENT

December 1, 2006

Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain, Chairperson, YFLO, led a special delegation of 50 women to the Parliament. The members attended the lively Question-Answer Session of the Rajya Sabha. This was followed by a special guided tour of the Parliament Museum, which included a talk on India's struggle for freedom and a talk on the history and growth of Indian democracy. This was followed by a special meeting with the Hon'ble Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Suresh Pachauri and Dr. Yogender Narain, Secretary

General, Rajya Sabha. The members had a lively interaction with the Hon'ble Minister and posed questions on the issue of Women Reservation Bill and other relevant topics. This was followed a delicious lunch hosted by Dr. Yogender Narain where the members were also presented with books and mementos. The program generated an overwhelming response from the members. Members came back with very special memories of this informative and interesting visit.



ANNUAL YFLO FELLOWSHIP

January 22, 2007

The annual YFLO Fellowship is an occasion for all the members to renew their friendship and share their ideas. For the first time, besides the usual Fellowship, Chairperson Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain, presented the acclaimed play 'Pati Gaye Ree Kathiawar'. The play took a candid, satirical yet humorous look into the relationship between a husband and wife and the ingenuity of a woman's mind. Shri Ajit Chowdhury, who has received high critical acclaim, directed the 14-member cast play comprising of senior artists.

Renowned theatre, TV and film artist, Ms. Sushma Seth graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and shared her experiences as a woman in the film

and theatre industry and also gave insights on films and theatre as a career option. The play was sponsored by Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain. The play was followed by Fellowship and a sumptuous Lunch hosted by Ms. Priya Paul at Mantra, Park Hotel, New Delhi. The Play was attended by senior Past President of FLO as well as the founder Chairperson YFLO, Ms. Shallu Jindal. The Fellowship was a resounding success and members greatly appreciated YFLO presenting a Play as part of the fellowship program.

Members present took the mike and shared their comments and experiences during the year.



MEMORABLE OCCASIONS

March 3, 2007

YFLO Chairperson, Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain met with the Hon'ble Deputy President of South Africa, H. E.

Ms. Phumizile Miamb-Ngcuka on September 2006 at Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi, along with the South African delegation comprising of senior Cabinet Minister, Deputy Ministers, leaders from various Provincial Governments and business leaders at the FLO programme.

YFLO Chairperson, Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain met with Begum Salma Ahmed, President, Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, from Pakistan at Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi on 22nd November, 2006. She also interacted with the members of accompanying delegation from Pakistan who represented different

fields at the FLO programme.

'Sharing Smiles' YFLO on three occasions hosted the lunch for around 80 destitute girls who are residing in the Katyayani Balika Ashram at Jhandewalan, New Delhi.

'Lending a Hand' Initiating a program for the disabled, Ms. Radhika Backliwal Narain, began a drive to provide job opportunities for visually impaired as well as disabled young men and women through the efforts of YFLO by creating a link between corporate houses and qualified differently abled personnel. One corporate house has already promised a job for a visually impaired person. The initiative would be worked through the aegis of National Institute for the Blind and other organisations.





CHENNAI CHAPTER

Chairperson's Message

Being at the helm of affairs of FLO for an year has provided the opportunity to fulfil some of my cherished 'To do's' for FLO, that I had nurtured as a result of my close working with and understanding of FLO as secretary for two years and membership treasurer, by choice the last year.

Being a governing body member too gave a total perspective of FLO and offered more ways to be an effective committee member.

I enjoyed the challenges FLO threw up and coming up trumps was a satisfying experience, though I must record with humility that I could not have carried the year forward in the successful manner that it happened if not for the tremendous support from the FLO committee, members and even others, too numerous to name but forever etched in my memory in gratitude and love. There was a tremendous outpouring of generosity and kindness that made things possible.

Thanks too to the guidance and support from the Delhi past presidents, and all the co-operation from the head office.

Together we have strived sincerely and look back with particular satisfaction on a few achievements such as the Chennai FLO website with information necessary to start a business and an interactive facility to get guidance relating to the same through the website. A members business directory with a personal introduction as well was brought out, to encourage business relationships within FLO. A successful attempt at doing the same with members across the various chapters was also made during the interstate meet when members from visiting chapters too had product display stalls. A designer from Hyderabad participated in the FLO fashion designer's fashion show during the interstate meet as part of the member's product display. It was gratifying that several products were well received by members from various chapters.

Celebrating 10 years in Chennai, as was done in Delhi by Mrs Namitha Gautham, was an opportunity to tell the past presidents and chairpersons that their contribution is remembered and cherished by FLO and a commemorative booklet and film were made recording the contribution and the memories of the years gone by.

For the awards, in consultation with the general body, criteria additional categories and norms were formulated, nominations were called for, and a jury headed by a judge decided the awardees.

Five meetings had an audience of between ninety and over two hundred and FLO is more talked about than ever now thanks to our involvement with the City's first ever branded and well packaged cultural festival to promote cultural revival and tourism. This also gave us about two pages of publicity in one week in the leading dailies of Chennai.

I have tried to pack in more into the year by packing in more into every meeting, as you will see in the following pages of the report.

I wish every success for the efforts of all those who strive for FLO and pray for God's choicest blessings for their families. Thanks to the Chennai Chapter members who placed their trust in me to head this chapter. I wish the incoming team all the best and pledge support for the forthcoming FLO year.

Shobhana Reddy

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MEETING WITH AN ALL WOMEN SWEDISH DELEGATION OF TOP LEVEL BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, OF SWEDISH MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES AND TALK BY MR. PERCY BARNEVICK

April 22, 2006



FLO was invited to meet with the delegation by Mrs. Stina Vasu, the honorary consul for Sweden in Chennai.

Chennai FLO members and their spouses had the opportunity of interacting over dinner with the 19 top level all women Swedish Business Delegation, headed by Pia Anderberg. The delegation was in India to study the success of Indian businesses and practices that contribute to it as part of an ongoing spaced out management training program. Mrs Anderberg in turn invited FLO to bring a business delegation to Sweden and promised all assistance.

Mr. Percy Barnevik the legendary former

Chairman of ABB, in whose tenure ABB won the 'Most admired Company in Europe' award for four consecutive years, was the chief speaker of the evening. He spoke about how whether in a business organization or an NGO the same principles of management apply. The topic was 'The challenge of bringing up a company or an NGO'. Several FLO members are not only active business women, but hold high positions in various NGOs. Mr. Barnevik drew on his experience of over 40 years of heading giant multinationals and his active role in 'Hand-in- Hand', a Swedish charity working in Kancheepuram district which has actually drawn wide attention from the governments of other countries such as Afghanistan and South Africa, who have invited him to carry out similar programs in those countries.

The president of Hand- in- Hand in Sweden, Mr. Johan Radmark, who was present, spoke on the importance of children as the future of the world and how it is important to bring them up to be sensitive to crucial issues pertaining to human living conditions

A brief presentation of FLO- its aims and objectives was also made by the chairperson Mrs. Shobhana Reddy. This event was at the fabulous resort, Fisherman's Cove near Chennai.



SEMINAR ON OSTEOPOROSIS SMART INVESTMENTS IN AWARENESS, SMARTER RETURNS IN WELLNESS

June 12, 2006



As part of the 10th year celebrations of FLO in Chennai, members of Sakhi Mandals were invited. A record number of 185 ladies attended the seminar. Chairperson Mrs Shobhana Reddy welcomed the full house and spoke about FLO and its activities for the benefit of the numerous invitees. The talks were accompanied by powerpoint presentations, nutrition quiz, and a demo of exercises. A panel discussion moderated by Dr. Pritika Chari of Apollo Hospital's, was followed, by lunch. Dr. Preetika, spoke about the importance of knowing about osteoporosis since the treatments are very limited. She mentioned that it was very relevant that FLO organized the seminar in June as International Osteoporosis Conference was held in Toronto on 3rd and 6th June. She stressed on the importance of Calcium and Vitamin D for preventing Osteoporosis. Dr. Jayashree Gopal,

Consultant Endocrinologist, Apollo Hospitals spoke on the endocrine perspective of Osteoporosis. Dr. Jayamoorthy, Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, Apollo Hospitals spoke on the orthopedic management of Osteoporosis. Mrs. Shahnaz Banu Gulrez, Consultant Nutritionist, Director, Health and nutrition services, Green coalition Network, spoke on the nutrition aspect of Osteoporosis.

Dr. Kannan Pugazhendi, Consultant, Sports Medicine, Director, Fitness Foundation Academy, Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education spoke on the fitness aspect of Osteoporosis. Mrs. Rachna Sharma the representative of the sponsor California Prune Board gave a presentation on the nutritional benefits of Californian prunes. The seminar was well covered in all the English Dailies.

This programme was held at The Park Hotel.



THE HUMAN RESOURCES SCENARIO THE SUCCESS STORY OF MA FOI AND A PRESENTATION OF AIESEC

July 28, 2006



Mr Pandyarajan and Mrs Lata Pandyarajan, co-founders of MA FOI Management Consultants Ltd, India's largest human resources provider recounted their inspiring growth to success against all odds.

The talk was followed by a presentation of AIESEC - the world's largest student's organization and an international platform for young people to discover and develop their potential. AIESEC also runs a programme that enables students and

recent graduates the opportunity to live and work in another country. AIESEC provides leadership experience to become change agents of tomorrow.

The presentation provided alternative options in Human Resources sourcing and outsourcing to our member entrepreneurs and created awareness about opportunities for member's children and young FLO members as well. This programme was conducted at the Madras Club.

GENERAL BODY MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME ON A SATURDAY

September 30, 2006

A General Body Meeting was held at 'The Park' Hotel. It was planned on a Saturday to accommodate working members. Important matters were discussed with eager interest. As Chennai had completed a decade of FLO, stock taking of the past and defining a plan for the future were attempted. For the FLO awards additional categories were discussed and agreed upon among the members. An account of the national delegation to Russia by Mrs. Margaret Rahman, so delighted members that a trip from Chennai was planned to Sweden and Russia. Among other programmes planned for the year the 'FLO

Interstate Meet' and '10 years of FLO in Chennai' saw an outpouring of offers from members to contribute in many ways, indicating the spirit of involvement and celebration. The general body meeting ended on this note and was followed by mouth watering snacks by Park's Chef Willie.

The screening of the film '3 Tenors in Concert 1994' showed the 3 greatest tenors in the World Jos è Carreras, Pl àcedo Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti with Zubin Mehta in the finale of the Los Angeles World cup.

A 2 WEEK RURAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON HAND EMBROIDERY AT KAVALI

July 26 - 7 August, 2006

A rural vocational training workshop on hand embroidery was conducted at Kavali, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh. This place was chosen as women here do a lot of embroidery for themselves at home, but do not have the training to make it a commercially viable occupation. Kavali is the Bombay of Andhra in cloth trading. Hence value addition by embroidery is a big opportunity in Kavali, for potential entrepreneurs.

An enterprising lady was found to be the coordinator, 60 women enrolled in the workshop. Certificates and prizes were given by the local MLA Mrs Parvathi Reddy in a grand valedictory

function that was covered in the local TV and Newspapers. She also bought all the 96 towels that the participants had embroidered!

A unit of 10 women from those trained were given work by a FLO member Ms. Haripriya Tunga and the products developed were sold at the Crafts Council Of India's International Symposium. All within the 2 weeks of the workshop, participants were taught to perfect a skill, products were made, and sold. Permanent customers were located within FLO and elsewhere for the skill set of the participants. It was an immensely satisfying experience for the participants as well as FLO.

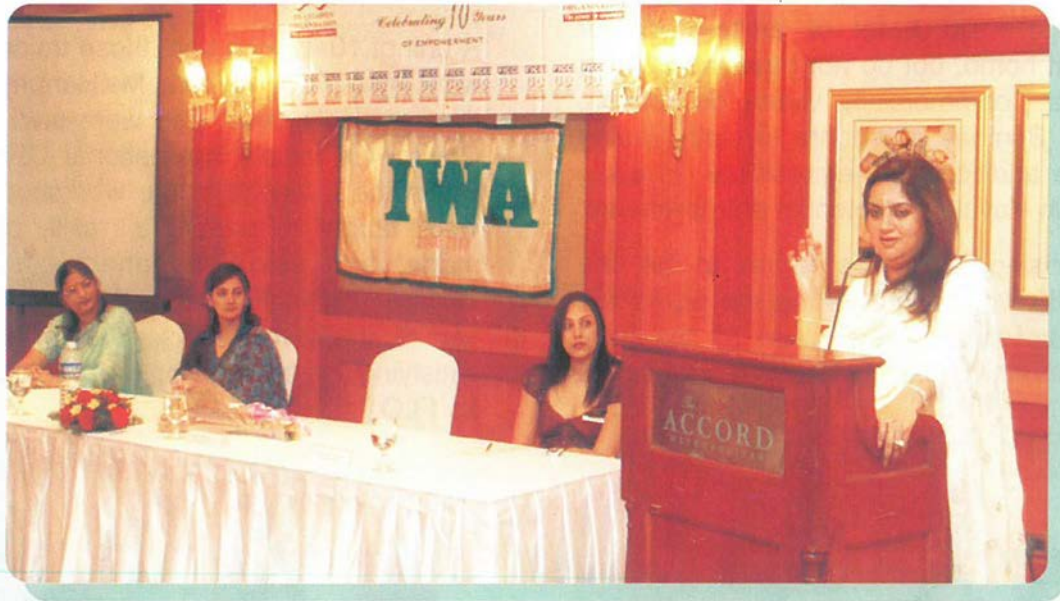


A WHIFF OF THE BANGALORE HABBA` BY MS NANDINI ALVA

August 3, 2006

Ms. Nandini Alva, the person behind the mega cultural festival `Bangalore Hubba` was invited to share her ideas so as to develop a similar

festival in Chennai. A festival of folk arts at the time of 'Pongal' was planned as an annual fund raiser for FLO, thus developing the concept of a



Chennai City festival Ms. Alva addressed a joint meeting organised by FLO with International Women's Association at the Hotel Accord Metropolitan hosted by Ms. Shobhana Reddy, Chairperson, FLO. All the leading members of the Arts and crafts fraternity were invited to this talk as well. The programme was attended by about a

100 ladies who received the idea of a festival for Chennai with delight. This programme was covered by the 'Deccan Chronicle' a leading newspaper which announced that FLO is planning a City festival focusing on Folk Arts at 'Pongal' on the lines of the 'Bangalore Habba'



'NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES' - A SEMINAR & 'HOW TO START A BUSINESS'- A WORKSHOP

September 8 - 9, 2006

A seminar on new business opportunities in Bio-technology, IT enabled services, Imports / Exports and Home Businesses was conducted at 'The Park' Hotel, supported by Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany. Each of these topics were covered by eminent speakers in their respective fields.

Dr. Lakshmi, Faculty, Anna University spoke about the future of Bio technology and the new business opportunities it would create. Mr. Ashok Korvar, Strategic Consultant, Polaris, discussed the various new options arising in IT enabled services. Mr. R. Ashokan, Joint Director, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) spoke about



organized at 'The Park' Hotel, supported by Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany. There were segments on Government regulations, finance, taxation and marketing which were addressed by experts in each field.

Mr. P. R. Perumal, Vice President, ITCOT spoke about Government Regulations. Mrs. Shankari, Senior Manager, IOB-Women Entrepreneur Branch and Mrs. S. Sasikala, Officer, Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation TIIIC covered the segment on Finance. Mr. V. Murali, Chartered Accountant,

prospects in Imports/ Exports. Procedures & Schemes for Imports/ Exports was addressed by Mr. Sai Kumar, IAS, Director, Export Import Promotion Council, Ministry of Commerce. In the home business segment Mr. Mathew, Assistant Director, Small Industries Services Institute (SISI) spoke about technology, training and assistance given by SISI. Ms. Fizza Abid, Altos Advisory Services, spoke about trading in commodities. Mrs. Soundaraya Rajesh from Avtar spoke on flexi careers available for women.

For some, the seminar helped to decide what field they would like to pursue business in.

A workshop on how to start a business was



Victor Grace & Co. spoke about 'The Obligation of an Income-tax Assessee when you Start a Business'. Mr. S.C. Sonkar, Commissioner of Income Tax- Appeals, threw light on the general tax aspects that an entrepreneur should know. Dr. Santhi, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, LIBA, discussed marketing and brand building. Every segment ended with a Q&A session where the speakers replied to many specific questions regarding different businesses.

'LAW-AS REGARDS WOMEN' A TALK BY MR.NATRAJ AND MRS.BADER SAYEED

October 27, 2006



A talk by Mr.Natraj, I.P.S., Human Rights Commissioner of Police, Chennai and Mrs. Bader Sayeed, Senior Advocate and M.L.A on 'Law- as Regards Women' was held at The Park Hotel. The two popular speakers enlightened the

audience on various laws pertaining to and beneficial to women, including a brand new Act which protects women from domestic violence, the importance for any woman to have income and assets in her own name and in her control and that it would be a preventive insurance. They also said that it is very important that every marriage be registered.

And in case of dowry harassment, the case must be registered within the first 7 years of marriage. This informative talk was well attended inspite of incessant heavy downpour the whole day which lead to flooding in many areas.

A short film was shown by Mr Natraj a true story about a stressed out young computer professional who experimented with drug usage casually which eventually totally ruined her life.

'INDIAN ECONOMY - FEMININE IN NATURE' A TALK BY MR S GURUMURTHY

November 1, 2006

Mr. Gurumurthy, a dynamic columnist and a brilliant speaker spoke on the Indian economy, throwing a different perspective on globalization and liberalization. He explained that a savings driven society which takes less risk is feminine in nature. And India being a saving driven society is therefore 'feminine' in Nature, which was also the contributing factor, that helped India overcome the global economic problems.

The programme was conducted 1st November, 2006, at The Park Hotel, Chennai. The talk held the audience spellbound and was followed by a very interesting interactive session. Mrs Shobhana Reddy, Chairperson, while thanking Mr Gurumurthy fervently requested on behalf of



FLO that he should address FLO at least once every year.

FLO INTERSTATE MEET 2006-07

December 2 - 9, 2006

The privilege of hosting the FLO Interstate Meet for 2006 - 2007 was the Chennai Chapter's.

The meet commenced with a trip to the Andamans. The participants particularly enjoyed the trip to the beautiful Havelock island and the water activities. The visit to the Cellular Jail sound and Light show left a deep impression on all.

A lunch was hosted for visiting delegates at 'The Park' Hotel by Mrs. Zainab Kachwalla, Mrs. Sabiha Harris, Mrs. Vandana Agarwal, Mrs. Prasanna Vasnadu, Mrs. Shahnaz Gulrez and Mrs. Mrinalini Maher.

The evening started with a well attended governing body meeting.

The past presidents of FLO Mrs. Abha Dalmia, Mrs. Kusum Ansal, Mrs. Anjana Somani, Mrs. Namitha Gautham and Mrs. Usha Agarwala, the National Vice President Mrs. Amitha Kaushish and the Chapter chairpersons, Mrs. Manjula Reddy, Chairperson, FLO Hyderabad, Mrs. Sangeetha Todi, Chairperson, FLO Calcutta and Mrs. Venkatlakshmi Sailesh, Chairperson, FLO Coimbatore and other members -35 in all from other chapters participated in the meet.



Mrs. Mukta Jain gave the president's address and also inaugurated the product display. There were 15 stalls, out of which one stall showcased the products of the FLO Chennai's workshop at Kavali and another stall was of FLO Hyderabad that

showcased the products of a women's self-help group. The other stalls were by members of FLO.

Mrs. Naazreen Bhura, Editor, 'Deccan Chronicle' guest of honor delivered the keynote address on Women's empowerment.



The product display was followed by a fashion show by the FLO designers. The fashion show kept the audience enthralled with the colorful and stylish garments and jewelry. The evening ended

with a fabulous South Indian dinner hosted by Mrs. Shobhana Reddy, Chairperson FLO Chennai. The evening was well attended with over 170 guests.

On 6th December the delegates were taken on a factory visit to Hyundai Motors, followed by a visit to the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial at Sriperumbudur and the Theosophical Society. The lunch was an Ayurvedic spread hosted by Mrs. Jaya Pradeep of Cholayil Sanjeevanam. There was a Chapter Discussion in the evening after which, the delegates were taken to a theatre performance by Ms. Nirupama Nithyananda at the Museum Theatre. Mrs. Zubeida Asgar Ali and Mrs. Kavitha Dutt Chitturi hosted the dinner that day. The 60 guests were welcomed with garlands and a typical South Indian Nadaswaram. There was also South Indian palmistry and parrot tarot to entertain the guests. Members let their hair down and shook a leg to Bollywood favourites.

The delegates went on a two-day trip to Chettinad on 7th and 8th of December. This was organized through the good offices of Mrs Shrikanta Jhaver. Here they experienced the culture, traditions and the lifestyle of typical South Indian business families called 'Chettiars' thanks to Mrs. Seetha Muthiah and Meenakshi Murugappan of the

Murrugappa Group who hosted the entire group's stay in Palathur, Karaikudi in their ancestral home and those of their close relatives.. They planned the itinerary, organized sight seeing, accompanying the group to the fabulous mansions that belonged to their relatives. Shopping and Chettinad snacks demo were also organized by them. The hosts also kindly arranged a visit to their Spirulina Factory and two of the famous temples in the region. In Madurai the Goddess Meenakshi beckoned to bless the group and this temple was taken in though not initially planned.

On 9th December 2006, the last day of the interstate meet, the delegates went to Pondicherry, a town that was once a French colony and the influence of which could still be seen. The delegates visited the Aurobindo ashram, Auroville, took a heritage walk with INTACH, visited an old handmade paper factory and shopped at Auroville's exclusive outlets. Mrs. Devasena Sridhar hosted a high tea for the delegates on their way back from Pondicherry.



Some of the delegates were hosted by Ms. Renu Jalan, Ms. Sudha Ravi, Ms. Sabiha Harris, Ms. Chitra Gopinath, Kavitha Chitturi and Ms. Rachana Kumar. The Interstate Meet was a huge success,

thanks to the participation of the members from the different chapters as well as the tremendous contribution of the committee and members of the Chennai Chapter.

' 10 YEARS OF EMPOWERMENT' CELEBRATION AT CHENNAI FLO HONOURING PAST PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRPERSONS

December 5, 2006

Mrs. Abha Dalmia, a founding member of FLO and past president was the chief guest and honoured past presidents and chairpersons from

Chennai who were presented with citations by Mrs. Shobhana Reddy, Chairperson FLO Chennai. This was followed by a film, which encapsulated



the 10 year journey of FLO in Chennai as narrated by the Chennai presidents and chairpersons.

The past presidents of FLO Mrs.Kusum Ansal, Mrs.Anjana Somani, Mrs.Namitha Gautham and

Mrs. Usha Agarwala, the National Vice President Mrs. Amitha Kaushish and the Chapter chairpersons,

Mrs. Manjula Reddy, Chairperson, FLO Hyderabad, Mrs. Sangeetha Todi, Chairperson, FLO Calcutta and Mrs. Venkatlakshmi Sailesh, Chairperson, FLO Coimbatore felicitated FLO Chennai on its 10th year celebrations.

FLO Chennai's member directory with business details, Chennai Chapter's own website



www.flochennai.com and a booklet commemorating 10 years of FLO in Chennai were

released by Mrs Usha Agarwala, Mrs Namitha Gautham and Mrs Kusum Ansal

CREATIVE RECIPES FOR THE WORKING WOMAN - LIVE COOKING BY SANJEEV KAPOOR

December 19, 2006



Mr. Sanjeev Kapoor started the program by sharing his experiences while learning to cook. He said that since he had difficulty learning from master

chefs who were always secretive and reluctant to teach, he decided that he would teach right from the start.

He conducted an interactive cookery demonstration and shared simple, no-fuss recipes, while giving important tips in cooking. Mrs. Vasantha Padmanabha Rao and Mrs. Prasanna Raja volunteered to help Mr. Sanjeev Kapoor.

He also answered the queries of the enthusiastic audience of 220 participants.

The program was organized by FLO, at the Park Hotel in association with Fresh California Grapes. Mrs. Amarja, representative of the sponsor and Mr. Kapoor were given hand towels embroidered at the FLO workshop as mementos by Chairperson Mrs. Shobhana Reddy.

GENERAL BODY MEETING & FELLOWSHIP QUIZ ON NUTRITION AND COOKERY BY MRS SANTHI BALARAMAN

January 31, 2007

A General Body Meeting was held at 'The Banquet Hall', The Cascade.

In the meeting 'Chennai Sangamam', the city festival which Chairperson Ms. Shobhana Reddy conceived with inputs from Mr. S. Muthiah, historian of Chennai and Mrs. Nandini Alva of 'Bangalore Habba' was discussed. Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, who had a similar vision eventually conducted the mega Chennai Sangamam. FLO was to be part of the event as an exclusive privilege in return. It was felt that it would be good for FLO to be associated with this mega event.

A fellowship program followed the General Body meeting. Mrs. Shanthi Balaraman conducted a quiz on Nutrition and Cookery. Educative answers to useful questions by Mrs. Shanthi Balaraman kept everyone interested.



CHENNAI SANGAMAM, THE CITY'S CULTURAL FESTIVAL

February 20 - 26, 2007

FLO conceptualized Chennai Sangamam, the first ever branded Cultural festival of Chennai and so had the exclusive privilege to do programs as part of the Chennai Sangamam festival. FLO was able to do 11 sponsored programs which were

open to the general public. Kalamkriya, the advertising agency sponsored the publicity of these programmes through the good offices of it's owner, our member Mrs Chandra Shankar.



At the Park Hotel ..

The first event was 'Kadambam' on the 21st February, 2007, an evening of fusion fiesta coming together of renowned musicians Viji Krishnan on the violin, dancer Meenakshi Chitaranjan, artists Jacob Jebaraj, Asthma Menon, Tejo Menon, Lakshmi Srinath and Shalini Biswajit painting live, drawing inspiration one from the other. This programme was coordinated by Shalini Biswajit of the Forum Art to Gallery and hosted by the Park Hotel.

The second event was on 23th February. A folk dance group from Andhra Pradesh did the 'Gaaradi', an ancient folk dance with drums and flags. This was done outside the hotel in a spot where both the commuters on one of the busiest roads in Chennai as well as the hotel guests could view it. In the 2 hours that it was performed, a few thousand people would have witnessed it, including foreign tourists. This event was hosted by the Park hotel and sponsored by the World Telugu Federation through the good offices of Mrs. Indira Dutt, its President, who also hosted



the group in Chennai. Mrs. Devasena Sridhar helped coordinate the programme.

Kapaleeshwara Temple

The mandapam of the Kapaleeshwara Temple in Mylapore was the venue of an exhibition of paintings by George.K, 'The Colours of the Street Song' on 22nd February, the series being of street vendors. The paintings were exhibited in

the environment they originated from. It was amazing to see the subjects of the paintings come and see themselves along with their family and friends. Ms Sharan Appa Rao of 'The Apparao Galleries' who coordinated the event remarked later that she had never seen anything like that before, meaning the crowds, the enthusiasm and the appreciation the paintings had received.

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The chief coordinators of the Chennai Sangamam Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi and Father Gaspar Raj founder of Tamil Maiyyam, visited this art

show and expressed their appreciation and congratulated FLO on the job well done.



Health Check ups at Parks

On 4 days of the festival from the 22nd - 25th February, at 4 popular public parks situated in different corners of the city namely, Nageswara Rao Park, Natesan Park, Shivan Park and Tower Park, free health checkup constituting B.P, Blood sugar tests etc. were carried out by a team from Apollo Hospitals. This was carried out between 6.30am and 8.30am and was sponsored by the Apollo Hospitals thanks to the good offices of Mrs. Preetha Reddy, Managing Director of Apollo Hospitals. Over 1500 people benefited from this program in all the 4 parks.

All the events, hosted by leading hotels and at the Kapaleeshwara Temple, which is a tourist spot ensured that no social strata or even visitors to the city would miss the festival.

FLO had tremendous mileage from this festival as over 2500 people attended the programs, excluding the thousands who had a glimpse of the folk dance performance conducted at the Park hotel. Additional mileage was gained through media coverage including leading newspapers in English

and Regional languages and T.V channels including NDTV.

At the Taj Coromandel Hotel ..

From the 21st February, at the 'Southern Spice' restaurant, a week long South Indian Food Festival was coordinated with the Taj Hotel. The food festival commenced with a book launch of 'Dakshin Bhog' a southern cuisine cookbook by Mrs. Shanthi Balaraman, Mr. N. Murali, Managing Director of The Hindu newspapers and Mrs. Suhasini Maniratnam, actor, director and producer participated as chief guests.

Dr. Bhuvaneshwari Shankar, chief consultant dietician of Apollo Hospitals, outlined the salient features of the book. Mr. Prabhat Verma, General Manager of the Taj, welcomed the gathering. Mrs. Shobhana Reddy, Chairperson, FLO Chennai, thanked Mr. Prabhat Verma for having supported the idea of a city festival mooted by FLO and having hosted a meeting at which the name 'Chennai Sangamam' was coined by

Mr. Irai Anbu, the tourism secretary of Tamilnadu.

CHENNAI



She also thanked Mr. S. Muthaiah, historian of Chennai, who contributed his ideas to Chennai Sangamam, to make it a city festival to attract tourists from abroad by marketing a well-packaged festival in a systematic way, starting with the

Southeast Asian region. It was his idea that was implemented to conduct programs on a participatory basis, which was how the 'Chennai Sangamam' FLO programs were conducted.



The same day saw the inauguration of an art show also at the Taj by Rajesh Mehta and R.M. Palaniappan, the former inspired by music and

the latter a famous artist of Chennai. Ms. Sharan Appa Rao of 'The Apparao Galleries' coordinated this event.



On the 23rd February, 30 artists of Chennai, inspired by the folk art performances sketched or painted and brought their work to the Taj pool side where they were exhibited in an exhibition titled 'The Soaring Spirits Exchange'. This facilitated an

interaction of the artists among themselves and with others. A dinner was hosted for the artists and guests by the Taj. This event too was conceptualized and coordinated by Ms. Sharan Appa Rao of 'The Apparao Galleries'.



COIMBATORE CHAPTER

Chairperson's Message

The year 2006 was a year of membership drive and the chapter had inducted 18 new members. "The highest type of efficiency is which can utilize material to its best advantage". The 5s programme conducted on quality management techniques by Mr. Mukundan of Chennai was an eye opener for all participants from various sectors including housewives.

"You are your greatest asset, put time, money and effort into training, grooming and encouraging your greatest asset". A programme on grooming secrets was conducted by Ms. Chaaya Mommaya of Mumbai and fashion designer Sheetal sharma. The programme was first of its kind in Coimbatore. The response was tremendous and people from all walks of life participated.

a visit to bannari institutions comprising of their sugar mill, co-generaion plant, granite factory and educaional institutions marked our industrial

programme. It provided a great insight to all members and was a memorable day for all.

All human activity is prompted by desire and Coimbatore Chapter is poised to grow in all directions with its aspirations.

Venkatlakshmi Silesh

Chairperson

LIST OF ANNUAL MEMBERS - COIMBATORE CHAPTER

Mrs. Sasirekha Venkatesh
Mrs. Deepa Ranganathan
Mrs. Vyshnavi priya Narenkumar
Mrs. Shanthi Srinivasan
Mrs. Pavarna Varadarajan
Mrs. Anusha Aditya
Ms. Harinis Venkatarman
Mrs. Manjula Hango
Mrs. Lalitha Alagappan
Mrs Dharma Subramaniam
Mrs. Nethra J.S. Kumar

Mrs. Anandhi Thulasidharan
Mrs. Renu Sampath
Mrs. Bindya Madan Lund
Mrs. Vanaja Ramaraj
Mrs. Lakshmi Ramachandran
Mrs. Sulochana Malhotra
Mrs. Selvarani
Mrs. Chandra (old member)
The rest are all life memebers.

No institutional members : P.S.G. has not renewed their membership fee and Geetha hegde ceases to be a member.

July 7, 2006

Ms Kiran Gera from Mumbai and Ms Kavitha Chittoori from Chennai visited Coimbatore. A presentation on FLO was given by them and also the activities carried out by the respective chapters

were discussed. Members and prospective members attended and it was followed by lunch. The meeting was a membership drive also.

August 8, 2006

The induction of the committee was done and the chairperson Mrs. Venkatlakshmi Silesh took charge of office.

August 16, 2006

The 5s quality management programme was conducted. It was a 1 day workshop by

Mr. Mukundhan from Chennai. A total of 130 participants took part in the programme.

January 20, 2007

Chambors Grooming Secrets programme by Chaaya Mommaya and Sheetal Sharma was well attended with 170 participants from all walks of life. Both men and women attended the

programme. It was a great success and it had a lot of coverage by the media. FLO was well recognized and awareness on FLO was remarkable after the show.

March 10, 2007

The members of FLO had visited Bannari group of institutions comprising of granite factory, sugar

mill, co-generation unit and educational institution as a part of the industrial visit.

FLO/HSF/PSG WORKSHOP ON WINNING THOUGHT & WINNING MOVES

February 16, 2006

A Workshop on Winning Thought And Winning Moves was conducted by FLO with the support of HSF at Coimbatore. The Faculty members were Mr Daniel Pacheco from Bangalore came to Coimbatore for the Workshop and Mr Shrikumar Coimbatore based.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO COIMBATORE

February 16, 2006

As part of its activities, FLO President Ms Usha Agarwala and Executive Director Ms Shipra Chatterjee visited Coimbatore on February 16, 2006.

Mrs Geeta Reddy, Chairperson welcomed the President and organized an HSF workshop.

INDUSTRIAL VISIT

March 28, 2006

FLO Coimbatore Chapter organised an Industrial visit to "VIS PARK", Diamond Jewellery Crafting & Retailing Unit, a Kirtilal Concern on March 28, 2006



HYDERABAD CHAPTER

Chairperson's Message

We've smiled aplentythroughout the year.

In a series of events, the city of pearls has strung, Pearl after pearl to make the year meaningful.

Kiran Bedi, "every women has her moment of spark. Ignite it".

CM, AP,Y. Rajashshekhar Reddy, extended his support and said, " the leading positions in IT, in AP are being headed by women, and it is noteworthy that many entreprenial women are joining this sector"

Pooja Bedi, " live by the motto..... be the change you want to see"

Indira Jaising, advocated "not to just cite precedents but be concerned in creating law" the importance of legal awareness among women.

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual – scientists call it synergy – and the thought that the whole is greater than the sum of its part was lived by every member of my team.

The real challenge for FICCI FLO is to create an environment in which the entrepreneur can flourish.

And my congratulations to Vani Subash and her incoming new team of 2007-08 under whose leadership, I'm convinced that the radiance of the pearls is bound to glow even further!

Manjula Reddy

HYDERABAD



From Left to Right: SARITHA, NAMITHA, PADMAJA, MANJULA, ANITHA, VANI, JAYASHREE, HEENA



FLO Hyderabad Members during inaugural session



Dr. Kiran Bedi & Manjula Reddy - Chairperson
FICCI FLO addressing the electronic media



Instillation Summary: Chitra Ram Chandran - Tourism Secretary, Indra Dutt, Swaranjit Sen - DGP, Subbi Rami Reddy - Minister for Mines, Heena Shrivastava, Padmaja Reddy, Manjula Reddy



On 15 August 2006 FICCI FLO was invited to Raj Bhavan - Mrs. Y. Manjula Reddy, Mrs. Anitha Agarwal, Mrs. Vani Subhash, Sri Rameshwar Thakur - Hon'ble Governor - A.P. Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy - Hon'ble Chief Minister - A.P., Sri Hari Narayana - Principle Secretary



Dr. Kiran Bedi & Manjula Reddy - Chairperson
FICCI FLO with the Juvenile jail children

HYDERABAD



Manjula Reddy - Chairperson FICCIFLO Dr. Kiran Bedi, Harjinder Kaur Talwar (Chairperson YFLO)



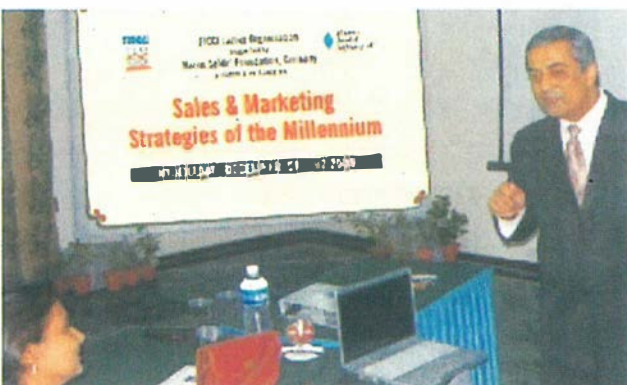
Karuna Gopal (Director - Concilience Consulting), Ramesh Partani, Pooja Bedi, Manjula Reddy - Chairperson FICCI FLO



Members showed keen interest in the health diet program - " Seminar on Health Expressions "



Doctors from various fields Aromapathy, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, Ayurveda, Unani



Sales & Marketing Strategies of the Millennium Sumeet Mitra at the interaction session



Engrossed participants

HYDERABAD



Commemoration Day: FICCI FLO Chairperson Manjula Reddy was invited to place wreath for the departed police who sacrificed their lives for the country



Abha Dalmiya, Usha Agarwala, Namita Gautam, Mukta Jain, Kusum Ansal, Indira Dutt



FICCI FLO Hyderabad Chapter was invited by Govt. of A.P. to express their vision for the police. Manjula Reddy Chapter Chairperson addressing a gathering of IPS officers on Commemoration Day.



FICCI FLO Hyd. Chapter was invited to Raj Bhavan on Republic Day DGP Basith, Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy - Hon'ble C M - A.P., Manjula Reddy, Heena Shrivastava, Ajitha Yogesh, Harjinder Kaur Talwar, Mansi Mallik



Committee Members with Umapathi IPS, IGP, CID - Women Protection Cell, Indira Jai Singh Senior Advocate - Supreme Court, Satavathi NGO, Tej Deep Kaur DGP



Engrossed FICCI FLO Hyd. members during a session



Apollo Hospitals invited FICCI FLO Chairperson Manjula Reddy, for Women's Day Celebration to address the gathering

JAIPUR CHAPTER

Chairperson's Message



With three women at the helm of affairs in Rajasthan -The aGovernor, the Chief Minister and the Speaker of the Rajasthan Assembly - The setting up of FLO Jaipur Chapter is a national consequence of the awakening womanhood in Rajasthan.

Every opportunity is a challenge and every challenge provides an opportunity to grow, expand, influence and excel . I am extremely delighted to head the nascent FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) Jaipur Chapter and am indeed privileged to accept the responsibility entrusted to me by the National President, Mrs. Mukta Nandini Jain and the Governing Body of FLO.

The Chapter was welcomed to the FLO family at the historic Neemrana Fort Palace on 31st January, 2007. The past two months have been

full of action and reflection; impact and outcome; joy and contentment; hope and faith. We are ecstatic indeed to have arrived on the scene- quietly yet noticeably.

Now we have a website of our own, a vibrant Charitable Clinic and a wonderful family of 70 FLO members. With the best wishes and support of all, we hope to carry forward the great legacy of FLO.

With Best Wishes

Neeta Boochra

Committee Members

Jaipur Chapter

Ms. Neeta Boochra	Chairperson
Ms. Jane H. Singh	Advisor
Ms. Nirmala Durlabhji	Advisor cum Treasurer
Ms. Shailja Khaitan	Vice chairperson
Ms. Indira Bagri	Honorary Secretary
Ms. Vinnie Kakkar	Joint Secretary
Ms. Nidhie. A. Data	Joint Treasurer
Ms. Shefila Chordia	Event Co-ordinator

PATRONS : JAIPUR CHAPTER

Her Highness Rajmata Gayatri Deviji Sahiba of Jaipur

Rani Vidya Deviji Sahiba of Jaipur



VISIT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF FLO

November, 2006

The National President of FLO first visited Jaipur in July 2006 and then in November 2006 in relation with the setting up of FLO Jaipur Chapter. The Orientation Session was organized at 'Hotel Park Plaza'. The session was successfully attended by a group of 35 eminent ladies consisting of women entrepreneurs, professionals and homemakers.

The Purpose of this session was the declaration to Introduce the Jaipur Chapter. Mrs. Mukta Nandini Jain informed all present about FLO. It is an organization comprising of 1600 entrepreneurs, business women, professionals, homemakers. It promotes entrepreneurship and

professional excellence amongst women and society at large. Since 1983 FICCI's Ladies wing is working the empowerment of woman in the country FLO endeavours to make women aware of their strength, through educational ,vocational training programmes, talks, seminars, workshops, panel discussions on a wide range of subjects.

The newly appointed Chairperson of FLO Jaipur Mrs. Neeta Boochra expressed that FLO is a forum where women who head industry, lead businesses and initiate start ups come together in a joint forum to provide synergy that sizzles.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS
THE CHIEF MINISTER OF RAJASTHAN,
SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJEJI SCINDIA**

December 6, 2006



INTRODUCTION OF JAIPUR CHAPTER AND INTERACTIVE SESSION AT NEEMRANA FORT PALACE

January 31, 2007



FICCI Ladies Organization, Jaipur Chapter was introduced at the historic Neemrana Fort Palace Hotel on 31st January 2007 in the presence of Rani Vidya Deviji Sahiba patron of FLO Jaipur Chapter.

More than 150 Leading women comprising of professionals, entrepreneurs, business women, doctors, educationists, architects engineers,

fashion & jewellery designers, interior designers attended the occasion. Leading Business and Professional women of Jaipur like Ms. Rajkumar, Archana Surana, Meenal Jain, Shamini Shankar

Jain, Champa Godha, Rashmi Sharma, Ritu Uberoi, Neeta Choudhary, Sunita Sharma, Aditi Arora, Rashmi Khaitan and many others were present. Eminent women of Delhi FLO like Dr. Kusum Ansal, Ms. Chandra Garodia, Amita Kaushish, Ranjana Agarwal, Dr. Nutan Pandit also graced the occasion. Neemrana Fort Palace's beauty was doubled by the presence of all these enterprising women.

Mr. Aman Nath, author, historian & promoter Neemrana Group of Hotels gave a presentation on "Have a Purpose - Means will follow" which was well appreciated.

The Former President of Poland Mr. Lech Valesa and his wife were present at this historic moment of the introduction of FLOs first Regional Chapter in Northern India.

Mrs. Mukta Nandani Jain, the National President of FLO addressed the gathering. The Founder Chairperson of the Jaipur Chapter Mrs. Neeta Boochra gave a powerful message on the vision of FLO Jaipur Chapter and introduced her dynamic team members.

NEEMRANA

January 31, 2007



The aim of FLO is to promote entrepreneurship and professional excellence in women and society at large



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH HANNS SEIDEL FOUNDATION, GERMANY AT HOTEL RAJPUTANA PALACE SHERATON

January 2007

Jaipur FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) Jaipur Chapter organized an Interactive Session with the visiting delegates of the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) of Germany.

An open discussion on income generation, the educated youth, youth enhancement programmes for the managerial level were discussed. HSF seminars, symposiums and presentations in order to help people upgrade their capabilities.

Among the key members of the session were discussed. HSF seminars, symposiums and presentations in order to help people upgrade their capabilities of FLO, Ms. Neeta Boochra,

FounderChairperson of FLO Jaipur Chapter, Patron Rani Vidhya Deviji and the HSF delegates.

FLO Advisors Ms. Jaane H. Singh and Ms. Nirmala Durlabhji, the members of executive committee, Mrs. Vinnie Kakkar and Mrs. Nidhi. A. Data, Dr. Reema Hooja, author and historian, Dr. Amla Batra, Principal Maharani College, Dr. Vibha Garg, Dr. Peter Witterauf, Managing Director of Hanns Seidel Foundation Germany, Reinhold Babel, Regional Director Asia of Hanns Seidel Foundation and Dr. Volker Bauer, Resident Representative Hanns Seidel Foundation, India graced the occasion by their presence. This was the first visit of the Managing Director of HSF to India.



JAIPUR REPRESENTATION AT MUMBAI AND NEW DELHI FLO MUMBAI

February 27 - 28, 2007

Ms. Nandini Alva, the person behind the mega cultural festival `Bangalore Hubba` was invited to share her ideas so as to develop a similar

festival in Chennai. A festival of folk arts at the time of 'Pongal' was planned as an annual fund raiser for FLO, thus developing the concept of a



NEW DELHI

March 12, 2007



LAUNCH OF THE WEBSITE OF FLO JAIPUR CHAPTER

March, 2007

Knowledge is power, the website of FLO Jaipur was launched.

Website : www.flojaipur.info



Talk on Health Awareness



Dr. Vibha Garg, FLO Jaipur member gave an informative presentation on 'Health Awareness'. It was attended in great numbers by both members and their husbands. She made a presentation on the health issues of Indian women in comparison to other countries of the world. Diseases and problems of adolescence to old age were informed.

She stressed on the health problems of aging women like osteoporosis, menopause, cardiovascular degeneration. Problems related to adolescence, marriage, motherhood and cancer screening were also a part of the presentation.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 8, 2007



FLO Jaipur Chapter, marked International Womens Day by launching the "Mission Arpan Charitable Clinic" at Bhagwan Shri Venkatesh Temple on Jawaharlal Nehru Marg. Dynamic Chairperson Mrs. Neeta Boochra, welcomed the guests and envisaged the vision of FLO. In this clinic medical check up of about 100 women and children of Jhalana Doongri Kachchi Basti and other slum colonies of Jaipur was conducted by FLO member Dr. Vibha Garg and her husband Dr. Kailash Garg.

The event was supported by "Yes Bank" Mr. Sunit Bhargav gave an informative talk on banking.

Patients thronged the beautiful temple venue and awaited their turn to be checked by the doctors. The FLO members and invitees got together and vowed to make the clinic a success. The occasion was well covered by the press and appreciated by all.



GLIMPEGLIMPSSES OF FLO EVENTS AT JAIPUR

‘महिलाएं सोसायटी की ब्रांड मैनेजर’

प्रदेश में महिलाओं के सोशल और इकोनॉमिक इंटरेक्ट, अरुण 3 करल विमन की सौल डिपेंडेंस जैसे मुद्दे पर एफएलओ के जयपुर चैप्टर और एक्स्पर्ट कंटेनैटर्स ने चर्चा की।



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हर काम परफेक्ट

मैं विजनेस वीमेन होने के बावजूद आप आप की पहले एक एक्स्पेरिमेंटल गायर हूँ। क्योंकि मेरा मानना है कि जब तक आप अपने बिजनेस को आत्मसात नहीं करते आप उसे अच्छे से कर ही नहीं सकते। मैं बुकिंग इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ लॉजिस्टिक्स मैनेजमेंट की अध्यक्ष हूँ। ऑफिस में इंटेलिजेंट एजेंट्स लैकजिन जब तक मैं इसके मुख्य मैनेजर (पदना) पर कंसंट्रेट नहीं करती सफलता नहीं मिलेगी। साथ ही मैं अपन इंडीपेंडेंट एक्स्पेरिमेंटल गायर से जेन बिजनेस को संभाल रही हूँ। मुख्य सोसायटी की अध्यक्ष भी हूँ। लेकिन इस साल फिक्की लेडीज क्लब मेरी टॉप प्रायोरिटी पर है क्योंकि इसके जरिए मुझे कुछ ठोस करार का मौका मिल रहा है। फिक्की और लाइफ यह है कि जो भी काम उसे परफेक्ट तरीके से करूँ। बाहेर वो बिजनेस हो या सोशल लाइव।

मीता बूचरा, एक्स्पर्ट कंटेनैटर्स लेडीज ऑर्गेनाइजेशन, जयपुर चैप्टर

महिलाओं के लिए जयपुर में स्कोप है

जयपुर। फिक्की लेडीज ऑर्गेनाइजेशन के जयपुर चैप्टर और डॉ. अरुण 3 करल विमन की सौल डिपेंडेंस जैसे मुद्दे पर एफएलओ के जयपुर चैप्टर और एक्स्पर्ट कंटेनैटर्स ने चर्चा की।



एफएलओ-जयपुर की मीता बूचरा, सहायक सिंगल वीमेन दुर्लभजी, सदस्य विनी कक्काड़ व डा. डॉ. विभा गर्ग, एक्स्पर्ट कंटेनैटर्स के प्रबन्ध निदेशक (विटरीक, क्षेत्रीय निदेशक (रानाहोल्ड बायल, भारत) डॉ. कोल्कर बाउर उपस्थित करीबन दो घंटे तक चले इस सत्र में विटरीक को मंच पर सभासदों ने नजर आई।

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एफएलओ की राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष मुक्तानंदनी जैन तथा जयपुर चैप्टर की संस्थापक अध्यक्ष नीता बूचरा ने संगठन के मिशन और विजन को जानकारी दी। परिचय



और स्थापना समारोह में कुल 150 महिला उद्यमियों ने एक-दूसरे से एक्सपेरियंस शेयर किए और अपनी उद्यमशीलता को बढ़ाने के उपायों पर चर्चा की। एफएलओ की संरक्षण जयपुर राजमाता गायत्री देवी तथा रानी विद्यादेवी हैं। इनमें से रानी विद्यादेवी ने ही समारोह में शिरकत की। समारोह में पोलैंड के राष्ट्रपति भी अपनी पत्नी के साथ शामिल हुए।



विटरीक ने जयपुर चैप्टर के लिए एक्स्पर्ट कंटेनैटर्स का सत्र संचालित किया।

फिक्की का लेडीज ऑर्गेनाइजेशन जयपुर में

विटरीक फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडियन वीमेन ऑफ कमिंस एंड इंडस्ट्री (फिक्की) की लेडीज विंग, फिक्की लेडीज ऑर्गेनाइजेशन (फलो) के जयपुर चैप्टर की शुरुआत 21 दिसंबर से होगी। जयपुर चैप्टर की स्थापना जयपुर चैप्टर की अध्यक्ष नीता बूचरा ने संचालित की। फिक्की लेडीज ऑर्गेनाइजेशन का उद्देश्य महिला उद्यमियों को एक साथ लाना और उनके बिजनेस को बढ़ाना है। फिक्की लेडीज ऑर्गेनाइजेशन का उद्देश्य महिला उद्यमियों को एक साथ लाना और उनके बिजनेस को बढ़ाना है।

फिक्की में इस महीने अभिजात्य वर्ग की महिलाओं का जमावड़ा देखने को मिलेगा। 21 दिसंबर को होने वाले एक समारोह में देश की जानी-मानी हस्तियां पधारेंगी।

एलीट क्लास का 'फिक्की'



फिक्की लेडीज ऑर्गेनाइजेशन की स्थापना

जयपुर छा संटर

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बिजनेस नेटवर्किंग

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महिलाओं का स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण

वैशाली नगर। जयपुर एल ओ चैप्टर की ओर से अंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस के अवसर पर स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण शिविर का आयोजन किया गया। शिविर में महिला स्वास्थ्य विशेषज्ञ डॉ. विभा गर्ग ने शहर की विभिन्न कक्षाओं की महिलाओं को स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण किया। शिविर की सुरुआत करीब जयपुर चैप्टर की संस्थापक अध्यक्ष नीता बूचरा ने की। इस अवसर पर एक विशेष कार्यक्रम के रूप में महिलाओं को स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण का अवसर मिला।

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गांधी के अनुयायी पोलैंड के
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महिला सशक्तिकरण की राह...

FLO



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जयपुर एफ एल ओ चैप्टर द्वारा महिलाओं का स्वास्थ्य परिक्षण

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जयपुर एफ एल ओ चैप्टर द्वारा 8 मार्च, 2007 अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस



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KOLKATA CHAPTER

Chairperson's Message

Dear Friends,

It has truly been an honour for me to lead the Kolkata Chapter of FLO in 2006-2007. It has definitely been a profound journey for me with multi-dimensional experiences. With the valuable guidance of the senior members and inspiring support from the committee members, we could have various events on important issues and we saw the organisation further evolving during this year.

It has been a privilege to be a part of this dynamic group and I extend my best wishes to all future leaders as they take Ficci Flo forward into its 24rd year of serving the cause of women. I am sure they will move forward with a renewed sense of purpose.

Best wishes to each and every member of FLO...

Sangita Todi

Committee Members Kolkata Chapter

Sangita Todi	Chairperson
Leena Kejriwal	Vice-Chairperson
Shashi Prabha Jalan	Past Chairperson
Rajkumari Saharia	Secretary
Usha Modi	Treasurer

FELLOWSHIP

June 28, 2006

On June 28th 2006 a fellowship was hosted by Chairperson of FLO Kolkata Chapter Mrs. Sangita Todi. Mrs. Mukta Nandini Jain National President graced the occasion. Very prominent and senior

women achievers of Kolkata were felicitated who by the grit of their passion and hard work had made a remarkable contribution in their respective fields of work.



"THE GREAT INDIAN FAMILY – OLD ROLES, NEW RESPONSIBILITIES."

July 5, 2006

July 5, Wednesday 2006 – the day when the ladies of Kolkata, under the aegis of FICCI LADIES ORGANISATION gathered at The PARK to discuss about "The Great Indian Family – Old Roles, New Responsibilities." Mrs. Gitanjali Prasad spoke on this along with the other speakers – Ms. Kiran

Uttam Ghosh: Fashion Designer, Ms. Nandita Palchoudhuri: Curator for folk traditions and Mr. Alope Malik: Director, Pepsi Co. Ms. Anjum Katyal, Senior Editor, Seagull Books donned the mantle of Moderator and fine tuned the proceedings throughout.



HEALTH SEMINAR

August 12, 2006

'Live well , live long and live better' – was the mantra chanted by the FICCI – FLO Kolkata Chapter on Saturday , 12th August, 2006 which in association with California Prune Board had invited

an eminent panel of doctors who busted various myths and propounded many facts of healthy living at a seminar held at the Park Hotel.



MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL WHO IS THE FAIREST OF US ALL?

October 14, 2006

On October 14, Saturday, 2006, the above question had one answer in unison – 'The FICCI Ladies Organisation, Kolkata Chapter ', for the seminar

held on ' Quick start on Image And Grooming' could have only turned out picture perfect ladies!

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER SPEAKS

November 23, 2006



When a Nobel Peace Prize winner speaks, the world listens.

On November 23rd, 2006, FICCI Ladies Organization, Kolkata Chapter, took pride in welcoming the first Iranian and Muslim woman peace prize winner Ms. Shirin Ebadi. Her talk on 'Human Rights- An Obligation, Not An Option' was extremely relevant and enlightening as she stressed on the prevailing discriminatory laws against women.

BUSINESS SUCCESSION PLANNING

December 30, 2006

Business Succession planning should be a priority for any family business. FLO Kolkata Chapter was fortunate to have Chairman Essar Group Mr. Shashi Ruia give valuable insight into who is an entrepreneur and what does it mean to be one on 30th December 2006.



GOURMET DELIGHTS FOR HEALTHY COOKING

January 19, 2007

'Gourmet Delights for Healthy Cooking'- a programme immensely enjoyed by all was held on 19th January 2007.



FELLOWSHIP WITH A DIFFERENCE

February 7, 2007



In a fellowship with a difference, FLO Kolkata Chapter brought forth the spirit of Kolkata on February 7th, through an interplay of some narration of Leena Kejriwal's experiences as she photographed for her book 'Calcutta Repossessing the City', some explanation of the city's heritage by Mr. G.M. Kapur and a lot of quizzing on Kolkata. The programme was followed by tea and delicious Kolkata Style chaat.



MUMBAI CHAPTER

Chairperson's Message

We at the Bombay Chapter of FLO have always believed in the "Power to Empower" women.

As part of our ongoing initiative we launched on International Woman's Day, the first of what we hope several 'Early Detection Camps'. We screened over 200 Police women at Naigaon Police Station for Cancer. The detailed examination is something the average Indian Woman would rather avoid and as such our effort was regarded as extremely successful.

The inmates of Byculla Jail received a comprehensive eye check thanks to the initiative of our FLO members.

We have 'Adopted' Worli Police Station in an effort to create an opportunity for the Mumbai Police to adopt management techniques into their work space. We are introducing management templates, to set their tasks and measure their output on a continual basis.

It also helps create a platform for FLO Bombay Chapter, and the Mumbai Police to continue a social interaction, mutually satisfying to both the organizations.

Being a *Woman's* organization and in Mumbai the 'Mumbai Woman' is our focus. Arming women with information, creating platforms for them with unique seminars is an ongoing effort. With our 'Legal Seminar' we addressed several issues relating from rape, domestic violence to the simpler ones such as will making. We also incorporated within our framework a 'Legal Tree' which is a helpline for women in distress, especially Legal Aid from lawyers.

In keeping with our objective to 'Empower the Woman' we are adopting the Grameen Trust model in India under the aegis of Prof Mhd. Yunus and Dr. B. N. Kulkarni, Director, Grameen Trust, India. We are looking to create a corpus to achieve this objective.

With a "Finance" seminar on the anvil and hopefully a musical fundraiser, along with our regular ongoing initiatives, FLO Bombay Chapter seems to have a meaningful and busy year ahead.

We are looking forward to have a "Bombay" National President and have of course pledged our support to Kiran on her all her initiatives specially Female Foeticide.

Vinita Bimbhet

Committee Members Mumbai Chapter

Vinita Bimbhet	Chairperson
Ms. Piali Syam	
Ms. Bela Rajan	
Ms. Mahalakshmi D. M	
Ms. Jyoti Karmarkar	
Ms. Ujjwala Singhania	

ROAD TO SUCCESS

May 24, 2006



Purnima Das, Vinita Bimbhet, Pammi Somal, Piali Syam, Bela Rajan and Mahalaxmi

Attended by over 150 women and covered in over 15 publications. Sanjana Kapoor, Nisha JamwVal and Ms. Meera Borwanker contributed to its enormous success.



Kiran Gera, Sanjana Kapoor, Purnima Das Nisha JamwVal and Meera Borwanker

HOLISTIC FITNESS CAMP

July 19, 2006



Dr. Anju Venkat



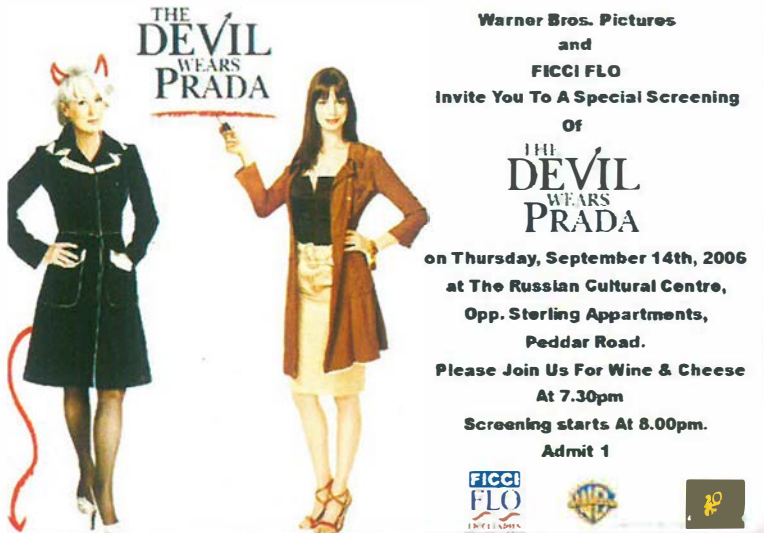
Dr. Dhuru Shah

Dr. Dhuru Shah, Ms. Anju Venkat , Soniya Hora and Rohini Gupte addressed issues related not

only to physical ailments but also mental health and well being.

A SPECIAL PREMIER OF 'THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA'

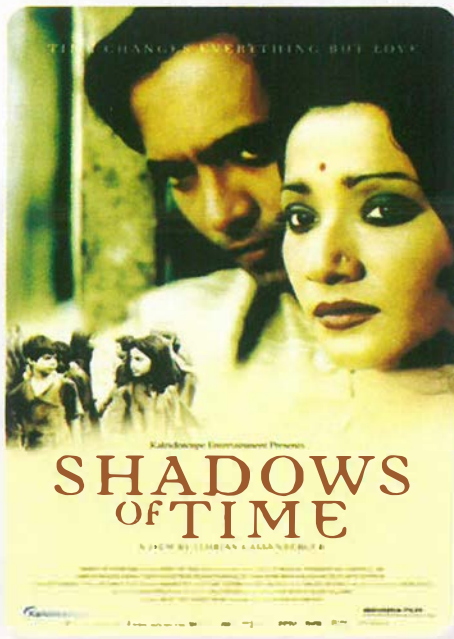
September 14, 2006



On a lighter note, FICCI FLO in collaboration with Warner Brothers Pictures jointly premiered the film "THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA." Extremely well attended by over 200 women, Warner Bros. Pictures chose FLO as a partner because FLO promotes entrepreneurship and professional excellence in women.

SHADOWS OF TIME

September 27, 2006



In collaboration with Kaleidoscope Entertainment, FLO Bombay Chapter showed the movie "Shadows of Time" on the 27th of September at INOX. The movie was directed by Florian Gallenberger from Germany, Oscar winner for his short film Quiero Ser in 2001.

While actress Soumitra Chatterjee makes a guest appearance in the movie, Irrfan Khan can be seen in a leading role. The movie also features some exceptional performances by Prashant Narayanan, Tanishta Chatterjee and Tilotama Shome. A stunning movie, enjoyed to the hilt by a full house.

THE BEST WOMAN CONTRIBUTOR AWARD – CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

December 1, 2006



*Sonal Patel receiving the award from
Purnima Das*

FICCI FLO awarded "The Best woman Contributor award - Construction Industry -2006" to Ms.Sonal Patel of Patel Engineering, who pioneered RCC and micro tunneling technology for her company. She also is the COO and takes fully responsibility for the operational and commercial performance of her organization which has a turnover of over Rs.1800 Crores.

LEGAL SEMINAR ON "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

December 8, 2006



Zia Mody and Rahul Nanda

well as unaware, of where to seek help. We, at FLO wanted to create a platform where we could arm them with information, by introducing them to legal professionals who are experts in their respective fields and who can help them in return. The seminar was aimed to take a step towards



Shobha Jagtiani

We at FICCI FLO, Bombay Chapter created a unique opportunity to bring together resources for women in need of help. Women today are facing an increasing risk of domestic violence, physical abuse, and mental abuse and are helpless, as



*Nadira Babbar, Pradnya Sarvade and
Manjula Rao*

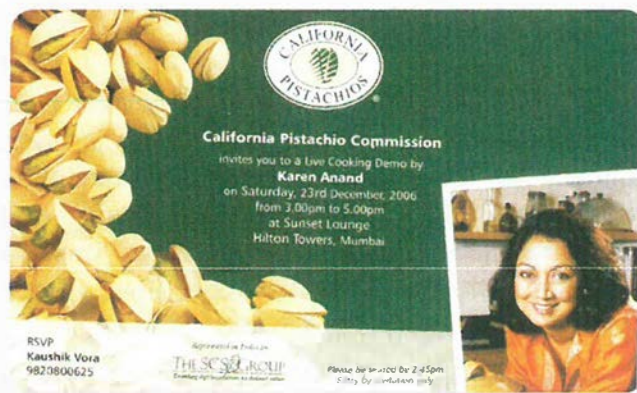
educating the "Women" in knowing their legal rights! Held on the 8th of December at the Y.B. Chavan auditorium, the seminar was an astounding success on all fronts. With over 500 people, a distinguished panel of speakers and most importantly a vigorous and enthusiastic Q&A session which answered all their questions. A booklet compiled and printed by FLO on "Knowing your Rights" was also distributed.

LIVE COOKING DEMO

December 23, 2006



Vimta Bimbhet with Karen Anand



December 23rd presented us with a unique interactive session with Karen Anand. Gourmet

food was created and eaten by all at the Hilton Towers!

INDIASTAR AWARDS 2006

December 1, 2006



Kiran Gera with jury members

INDIASTAR Awards, instituted by the Indian Institute of Packaging are the most prestigious national awards for India's packaging fraternity.

Awards were given in various categories such as Consumer, Eco-Friendly, Food, Pharmaceutical and Transport Packaging etc.

This year Kiran Gera, Senior Vice President of FICCI FLO was invited to be on the jury of these awards along with eminent panelists from IIT, ISI and Consumer Guidance Society. This is a reflection of FLO being recognized as a premier women's organisation in the field of commerce and industry.

WINNER' NOBEL PEACE PRIZE 2006 FOUNDER, GRAMEEN BANK

February 2, 2007

Poverty breeds conflict and to fight poverty is to promote peace. The Nobel Peace Prize is given annually to an individual whose humanitarian efforts exemplify a spirit of generosity and leadership which help to spread the positive message manifested by the Nobel Peace Prize Committee throughout the world.

It was a great honour and privilege to have had amongst us, the recipient, of what is universally considered the greatest award on earth, Prof. Mhd. Yunus, Nobel Peace Prize Winner 2006 graced an evening hosted by FLO on the 2nd of February 2007 at the Sophia Bhaba Hall.

As you are aware, his pioneering work in microfinance is highly respected and even inspirational. It is being emulated in more than 137 countries today. Amongst the 600 strong audience, there were students, NGO's Corporates, Bankers and members of general public.

A feisty question and answer session brought the

first part of the evening to an end.

Mr. and Mrs. Habil Khorakiwal extended their hospitality to FICCI and FLO Members, Prof. Yunus and several guests in the latter part of the evening. A scrumptious dinners, scintillating conversation in their stunning casa the starry skies was a perfect end to a unique evening.



EARLY DETECTION CAMP, NAIGAON POLICE STATION,

March 6, 2007

As part of our cancer prevention programme, and keeping in mind that Women's Day is round the corner we conducted the first of our Early Detection Cancer Camps. It was held on 6th of March and was specifically for Police Women and the wives and female family members of Policemen at Naigaon. Over 200 women were screened.

Along with promoting the concept of periodic

screening which means early detection and therefore cure, these camps shall be successful in creating awareness about the disease and its causative factors. Our emphasis is on Oral Cancers, Cancer of the Uterine Cervix and Breast Cancer, these being the most common cancers in our country and luckily, cancers that can be detected early enough to affect improved cure rates.



FLO has been silently surging ahead under the very capable aegis of several women. What remains unchanged is our unwavering determination towards empowering women. Being the Bombay chapter we have focused towards the "Mumbai Woman" with the year 2006/2007 scheduled not only to conduct talks, seminars, and panel discussions related to common issues but to also look after the 'health' of the 'Mumbai Woman' and the police women are an integral and vital part of our society who may not be

aware or able to have these comprehensive early detection checks.

These are the people who 'look' after us and it gives FLO immense satisfaction to be able to bring this facility to the police women and the wives/daughters/mothers of policemen.

We hope that this is the first of many joint efforts between Ms. Meera Borwanker, Jt. Commissioner of Police (Crime) Mumbai and FLO Bombay, the Women's Wing of FICCI.

MUMBAI

Early detection is the only cure in cancer and FLO, Bombay is committed to spread this message of awareness and try and remove the stigma of

the 'C' word. With Women's day round the corner we at FLO feel that this is the appropriate time for spreading this awareness.





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Message

The Hanns Seidel Foundation is pleased to extend its greetings and good wishes to the President, Mrs. Kiran Gera, and Governing Body Members of the FICCI Ladies Organization on the occasion of their 23rd Annual Session "2007" in New Delhi.

The FLO has been conducting commendable work in promoting knowledge and awareness, particularly among women, through their training programs, seminars, symposia, workshops and through their business advisory service. These activities, spread all over India, are aimed at motivating the participants to go ahead in their chosen occupations with courage and confidence.

For the past eleven years, with its fruitful association with the FLO, Hanns Seidel Foundation has been extending its support for their educational activities, which train and motivate the participants to enhance their skills and become capable enough to tackle their professional lives more efficiently.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation wishes FICCI Ladies Organization success and further encouragement to carry forward their achievements and productive work.

Dr. Volker Bauer

The Resident Representative
Dr. Volker Bauer

THE HANNS SEIDEL FOUNDATION IN INDIA

The HANNS-SEIDEL-FOUNDATION (HSF) is named after the late Dr. Hanns Seidel (1901-1961). He was the Chief Minister of Bavaria (1957-1960) and Party Chairman (1955-1961) of the Union Social Union (CSU).

The HSF was founded in 1966 in Munich and has the legal form of a registered society. It is one of the youngest amongst the four German Foundation in India.

The Foundation has Liaison Offices in 54 countries and single Project Offices in about a 8 centers world wide.

The HSF receives grants from the Federal Republic of Germany and the Free State of Bavaria; its activities are non-commercial, non-profit-making and its accounts are subject of constant monitoring by the Federal Audit Office.

The Foundation has five wings: (1) The Academy for Political Science and Contemporary History; (2) The Institute for Audit Civic Education; (3) The Institute for Foreign Relations; (4) The Scholarship Organization; and (5) The Institute for International Contact and Co-operation, which is represented in India through its Liaison Office in New Delhi.

The "Institute for International Contact and Cooperation" functions overseas' we are in India since 1996 and cooperating with the FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), which is our active partner. Our endeavor is to promote the principle of "self help". The partner-organization has not to be the receiving end, but contributing as well. Only through this kind of joint effort, we feel' could a dialogue become purposeful between India and Germany.

Objectives :

With a view to promoting knowledge and awareness, the HSF supports projects in the areas of community development, education, health and environment awareness, management training and institution building. The HSF also provides support for Seminars, Symminars, Symposia and Presentations, in order to help people to help themselves, and further up-date their qualifications, skills and capabilities. The Foundation's education programs are intended to: (i) invoke thought process and provide motivation and awareness for independent action; and (ii) train the participants to enhance their level of competence, so that they become self-reliant and capable of handling their professional problems with confidence.

For the smooth conduct of the programs, suitable and qualified Faculty is drafted from India and Germany-Faculty, which has didactic experience and those who are recognized experts in their respective fields.

Since 1996 the Foundation has been extending support for about 35-40 projects annually. These educational workshop & training programs, proposed by the FLO, are mainly for wpmen, and spread all over India; the three broad categories receiving our support are: (1) Grass-root level or income generation projects for the unemployed and for the artisans and craftpersons; (2) Middle level of skill development workshop for the educated youth' and (3) Senior level of skill enhancement programs for the managerial groups.

From 1996 up to the end of 2006, nearly 12500 participants from all over India have taken advantage of some 310 training programmes/workshops/seminars and symposia, organized by FLO and supported by HSF

4 WEEKS TRAINING ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

New Delhi: June 29 - May 23, 2006

Educators today are faced with the challenge of providing young people with a sound basic education, helping them to develop as individuals and citizens and to equip them with the wide range of skills and competencies needed in today's world. Entrepreneurs typically emerge from situations of adversity. Concentrating on this observation and as a part of its activities FLO organized four weeks training programme on Entrepreneurship Development at Delhi with the prime objective of making aware that young people are undoubtedly a resource. The workshop was supported by Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany

Participants were given the insight of selection of

product, assistance from various financial institutions, opportunities, information about the market followed by the Market survey and factory visits. The faculty members were drawn locally to deliver lectures and to give presentations. The participants were comprised of many young college pass out and also from established on their jobs but looking for a change.

Most of them have already identified their projects and many of them made their presentations. Those projects were on Art Business, Real Estate Consultancy, Wood Products, exclusive gifts shops, Personality Development and Communication Consultancy etc.



TRAVEL & TOURISM ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Agra : June 5 - 6, 2006

FLO with the support of HSF organized a workshop on – Travel & Tourism Entrepreneurship at Agra. The workshop was conducted for 2 days and 50 participants attended the workshop.

The Travel & Tourism Industry is the second largest foreign exchange earner for India, so the scope for growth in this sector is immensely high. With this objective FLO organized the said workshop for enhancing the knowledge of existing entrepreneurs and for the young and emerging

entrepreneurs. The participants were given an overview of Industry and formalities involved in this sector. This helped the beginners to know about the basic concepts and they were able to identify the new areas and diversity that this sector holds. They got to learn about the financial support that Government of India provide. The Govt. of India has a special Corporation to help entrepreneurs if they needed financial help. They also had a good interactive session with the speakers. All speakers were arranged from Delhi.



FLO/HSF WORKSHOPS

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT & EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Cochin : June 26 – 27, 2006

Ranchi: September 24– 25, 2006

New Delhi : Oct. 4 – 5, 2007

Indore: November 10–11, 2007

In recent years a number of researchers of modern World have clearly reiterated the limitations of the "old" way of looking at business prospects. The success of business lies on the personality and communication. It has been understood that it's not enough that a person has only the cognitive ability. For a person to be successful in life must also demonstrate that one has personality and much more than that to fight with the modern

World. That is what they demonstrate the ability to be more matured in their day to day life.

FLO for the first time organized a workshop at Cochin on this subject for the benefit of young entrepreneurs and professionals. The faculty was Ms Sajni Dani, from Bangalore, trainer and an expert in this field and has an experience of 15 years or so.



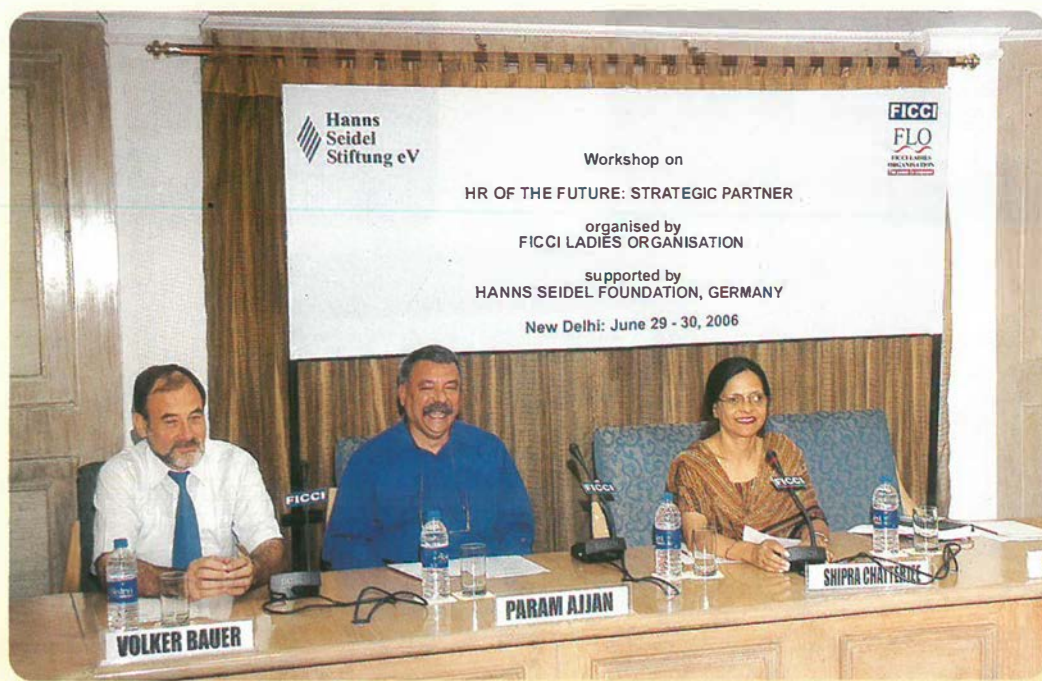
HR OF THE FUTURE: STRATEGIC PARTNER

New Delhi: June 29-30, 2006

In today's competitive world, high performing individuals and also organisations have learned to extend HR practices to enhance competitive advantage. Globalization, uncertain economic growth, tight labour markets, mergers and acquisitions, long-term demographic changes, and prospects for expanding business opportunities are forcing organisations to recognize the importance of people management. The HR per say has primary responsibility in most organisations for moving the organisation forward on people-

related issues and for helping the organisation to maximize the value of all its employees.

To support this idea, FLO organized a two-day workshop on HR of the Future – Strategic Partner . During this programme, participants were given an insight into the subject. The faculties were called from the related fields. The objective of this workshop was to open the new ways for the people of Human Resource and to realize the Role of HR in the future as a Strategic Partner.



FLO/HSF WORKSHOPS

DEVELOPING GLOBAL CLASS LEADERSHIP

Maduari : July 3 & 4, 2006

Vishakhapatnam: Oct. 27& 28, 2006

Kolkata: February 25 & 26, 2007

People do not like to get stagnated, one would always like to develop into something better. There are some ways to achieve this metamorphosis in one's career. If one were to understand these basic rules, one can develop him into anything he aspires for.

FLO realized the importance of developmental skill required in today's environment and thought to organize the training programmes at three

different places. All these workshops were supported by Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany. Participants were educated about how they can enhance their positive mental attitude, creativity, auditing self-image, inner and outer fitness etc. The Maduari program was in collaboration with Maduari Management Association and Vishakhapatnam was in Collaboration with Vizag Chamber of Commerce & Industry.



HOW TO START AN EXPORT BUSINESS

New Delhi: September 21-22, 2006

Exports during July 2006 were valued at approx Rupees 47,277.53 crores which was 50.11 percent higher than the level of Rupees 31,495.81 crores during July 2005. To make aspiring exporters understand the relevance of documentation and procedure of export FLO organised this workshop.

The workshop was supported by Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany. There was a demand for

an advance or upgraded programme which must provide a lot more to them to graduate from a beginner to an established exporter and entrepreneur.

Similar workshops were held several times in Delhi and other smaller towns and like earlier programmes this was also very receptive and successful.



TV FILM PRODUCTION: A CAREER OPTION

NEW DELHI: 10-12 OCTOBER, 2006

FICCI LADIES ORGANISATION in collaboration with HANNS SEIDEL FOUNDATION, Germany organized a workshop on TV FILM Production, A Career Option at FICCI New Delhi from 10th to 12th October 2006

The inaugural session took place in the presence of the President of FLO, Ms. Mukta Nandini Jain, The Resident Representative-HSF, Dr Volker Bauer.

The subject covered were different stages of Production, like Pre-production, On-Production and Post Production. The faculty comprised eminent experts from the respective field of those include Mr Saurabh Sinha, Senior Producer, Channel Siti, Mr Umesh Khanduri, HOD-Packaging, Channel Citi-Zee networks and others.

Many important and valuable information besides Production was given and demonstrated i.e. Technicalities of the Camera and shooting techniques, Editing Software, concepts of Editing and Graphics anchoring and Voice over delivery. Other practical demonstration included using the equipments like Camera, Lights, Non Linear and Editing machine.

On the third day participants visited the Studio Doordarshan for a first hand experience and further exposure to the reel and real working environment.

Thirty-nine people participated from various fields and they all seemed to find the workshop interesting and worth attending some of them even conveyed their gratitude towards FLO, HSF and Faculty members to make them aware of advance and current techniques.



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION & PRESENTATION SKILLS

Udaipur : November 15-16, 2006

To boost self-image with optimism by possessing special qualities that inspire respect, admiration and confidence to impress those around us is like having a mastery to win hearts and lead road ahead to achieve professionalism, prosperity and above all a positive personality. But how to attain certain qualities to prepare ourselves for Professional Development?

To address these issues FLO organised a workshop on Effective Communication &

Presentation Skills at Udaipur. The faculty for the workshop was Mr Suneet Mitra from Delhi who is a qualified consultant. The participants were from different background especially from collages, professional and business establishments .

Student Participants found the workshop very useful as they are at the learning stage and can develop further their skill especially during the interview time in a professional manner.



GARMENT MERCHANDISING: A CAREER OPTION

New Delhi: November 17 & 18, 2006

The textile and garment industry is booming in India, especially after elimination of the global quota system. Presently India is exporting garments to more than 100 countries including US, EU, Latin America, and The Middle East. To understand the garment merchandising industry FLO organized a workshop for potential entrepreneurs.

Garment industry has a wide scope for choosing as a career. Fashion industry has become so specialized that it encompasses a vast field of studies in production management, quality control, planning, fabric design, garment design and so on. Therefore, it has been noticed that there is a vast scope of garment merchandising for domestic and export market.



EFFECTIVE MARKETING STRATEGIES FOR THE MILLENNIUM

Kanpur: November 20 & 21, 2006

One of the greatest investments one can make in the success of the small business is in smart and thoughtful marketing strategies. Success is not driven by what one spends on marketing but by how well it is integrated marketing into the very fabric of business offerings.

With the view of the globalised marketing strategy FLO supported by HSF organized tow such

Hyderabad : December 1& 2, 2007

Workshops at Kanpur and Hyderabad. These programmes helped participants to build the framework of a complete marketing program that is practical and ready to implement and augment as one evolves marketing's role within the company. It also helped in the ability to plan and implement practical marketing initiatives designed to thoughtfully grow business.



GEMS & JEWELLERY ENTREPRENEURSHIP

New Delhi :January 24 –25, 2007

Gems & Jewellery is the leading foreign exchange earner for India, so the scope for growth in this sector is immensely high. With this objective FLO organized a two-days workshop on Gems & Jewellery for enhancing the skills of existing entrepreneurs and for the young and emerging entrepreneurs. Jewellery Design & Technology Institute supported its faculty.

FLO had the honor to welcome Dr. Peter Witterauf, Managing Director and Mr. Reinhold Babel, Regional Director Asia of HSF, Germany who

addressed this workshop and interacted with the participants. The participants were given an overview about the different kinds of Gems and Stones, Jewellery Designing, Selling of Gems and the Export – Import formalities involved in it. This helped the beginners to know about the basic concepts of Gems and they were able to identify them. They also gained their knowledge about the means and ways to identify the potential markets and expand their selling abilities.



PHOTOGRAPHY - TRADITIONAL & DIGITAL - THE CREATIVE REVOLUTION FOR ONE AND ALL

February 23-24, 2006

The Inaugural Session of Photography-Traditional & Digital programme begun with the welcome address delivered by the President FIO, Ms Mukta Nandini Jain followed by an interesting appraisal from the Resident Representative, HSF Dr Volker Bauer.

The noted Canadian Photographer Mr William B Hawke, MD LB Associates Pvt. Ltd was the Chef Guest. Other Speakers were from the prestigious

Institutes with many years of experience in the field, present amongst them were Mr Bhaskar Mukherjee, Director, The Magic Camera, Dr Ram Kishore, Dy Director & Head, Electron Microscopy, National Physical Laboratory, Mr D Sen Gupta, Director, Photo Division, Govt. of India, Dr R K Gulati, Special Director, BIFR and Mr Keshav Chaturvedi, Freelance Photography, Translator & Writer, BBC, TWI, National Geographic & Doordarshan.



ACTIVITIES HELD DURING THE PERIOD

APRIL 20, 2005 - MAY 9, 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
2006		
May 9	First Governing Body Meeting	New Delhi
May 10	Panel Discussion on Successful Mothers Make Successful Daughters!	New Delhi
May 24	Road to Success	Mumbai
May 29 – June 23	FLO/HSF Four Week Entrepreneurship Development Programme	New Delhi
June 5 – 6	FLO/HSF Workshop on Travel & Tourism Entrepreneurship	Agra
June 12	Smart Investments in Awareness, Smarter returns in Wellness – A Seminar on Osteoporosis	Chennai
June 21	Hyderabad Chapter: Annual Session	Hyderabad
June 26 – 27	FLO/HSF Personality Development & Effective Communication	Cochin
June 28	Kolkata Chapter Fellowship	Kolkata
June 29 – 30	FLO/HSF HR of the Future: Strategic Partner	New Delhi
July 3-4	FLO/HSF Developing Global Class Leadership Skills	Madurai
July 5	The Great Indian Family	Kolkata
July 8	YFLO: The Science Behind Our Beliefs	New Delhi
July 12	The Human Resources Scenario –The Success Story of Ma FOI and A Presentation of AIESEC	Chennai
July 14	Cancer Awareness and Cancer Protection	New Delhi
July 15	Governing Body Meeting	New Delhi
July 19	Holistic Fitness Camp	Mumbai
July 26 – August 09	Vocational Training Workshop on Hand Embroidery	Chennai
July 29	Seminar on Health Expressions: Losing Weight Safely	Hyderabad
August 1	Panel Discussion on A Nation Without Women	New Delhi
August 3	'A Whiff of the Bangalore Habba' by Ms. Nandini Alva	Chennai

August 8	YFLO Independence Day – Celebration: “Sare Jehan Se Acchha”	New Delhi
August 17	View of Movie: Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehana, Shiela Theatre	New Delhi
August 10 – 18	Business Delegation	Austria & Russia
September 6 – 8	Corporate Gift Exhibition	New Delhi
September 8 –9	FLO/HSF Workshop on New Business Opportunities and How to Start A Business	Chennai
September 12	Visit of the Deputy President of South Africa	New Delhi
September 14	A Special Premier of “The Devil Wears Prada”	Mumbai
September 21 – 22	FLO/HSF Workshop on How to Start an Export Business	New Delhi
September 24 – 25	FLO/HSF Workshop on Personality Development	Ranchi
September 27	Shadows of Time	Mumbai
September 30	General Body meeting followed by screening of the movie ‘3 Tenors in Concert in 1994’	Chennai
October 4 – 5	FLO/HSF Workshop on Personality Development	New Delhi
October 9	A Women’s First Love – Jewellery: A Programme with Gold Souk	New Delhi
October 10 – 12	FLO/HSF Workshop on TV Film Production: A Career Option	New Delhi
October 25 – 26	FLO/HSF Workshop on Discover the Leader in You	Vishakhapatnam
October 27	Talk on ‘Law- As regards a Woman’, by Mr.Natraj and Mrs. Bader Sayeed	Chennai
October 29 – November 2	40 th CACCI Conference	Taiwan
November 1	Talk on ‘Indian Economy – Feminine in Nature’, by Mr.S.Gurumurthy	Chennai
November 10 – 11	FLO/HSF Workshop on Personality Deveopment	Indore
November 11	YFLO interactive session on “A Holistic Approcah to good Health & Well being”	New Delhi
November 15 – 16	FLO/HSF Workshop on Travel & Tourism Entrepreneurship	Udaipur
November 17	Interactive session on Cosmetic Surgery Divine by Design with Fortis La Femme	New Delhi

November 17 - 18	FLO/HSF Workshop on Garment Merchandising	New Delhi
November 20 - 21	FLO/HSF Workshop on Effective Marketing Strategies for the Millenium	Kanpur
November 22	Meeting with the Delegation Visiting from Pakistan	New Delhi
November 26 - 30	Study Tour	Manila
December 1	YFLO Parliament Visit	New Delhi
December 1	The Best Women Contributor Award–Construction Industry	Mumbai
December 1 - 2	FLO/HSF Workshop on Sales & Marketing Strategies of the Millenium	Hyderabad
December 2 - 9	Interstate Meet at Chennai – Visits to the Andamans, Chettinad, Pondicherry and Sriperumbudur	Chennai
December 5	Governing Body Meeting	Chennai
December 5 - 9	Interstate Meet Followed by Visit	Chennai, Chettinad & Pondycherry
December 8	Legal Seminar on “Know Your Rights”	Mumbai
December 19	Cooking demo by Sanjeev Kapoor - Live	Chennai
December 23	Live Cooking Demo	Mumbai
December 26	Farewell to the Chairperson	Mumbai
2007		
January 4	Luncheon meeting in Honour of H E Ms Emma Bonino, Italian Minister for International Trade and European Affairs	New Delhi
January 22	YFLO Fellowship	New Delhi
January 24-25	FLO/HSF Workshop on Gems & Jewellery Entrepreneurship	New Delhi
January 29	Address by H.E Ms. Maud Olafsson, Deputy Prime Minister for Enterprise and Energy of Sweden	New Delhi
January 31	The Launch of Jaipur Chapter	Neemrana
January 31	General Body Meeting followed by – Nutrition quiz by Mrs. Shanthi Balaraman	Chennai
February 2	Interaction with Mhd. Yunus followed by Dinner	Mumbai
February 4 - 13	Award Ceremony & Visit to HSF Office	Barcelona & Munich
February 16	Taking Over Ceremony of SCWEC	Mumbai

February 20 – 26	'Chennai Sangamam'-The first city festival of Chennai – Concept and 11 programmes by FLO	Chennai
February 21	YFLO "Information Technology" Investment Opportunities in Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
February 23 – 24	FLO/HSF Workshop on Photography – Traditional & Digital	New Delhi
February 26 – 27	FLO/HSF Workshop Developing Global Leadership Skills	Kolkata
March 5	The Legal Awareness of Women's Privileges	Hyderabad
March 6	Early Detection Cancer Camp at Naigon Police Station	Mumbai
March 11 – 14	Delegation from the USA	New Delhi
March 20	International Meeting with Ambassador Ms. Shirin Tahir Kheli	New Delhi
April 3	YFLO Celebrating the Spirit of Shakti	New Delhi
April 4	Interactive Session on Growth, Development and Equal Opportunity for Women	New Delhi
April 5	Governing Body Meeting	New Delhi
April 5	Annual Session	New Delhi

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Ms Shashi Prabha Jalan
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Ms Sangita Todi

WEST (Mumbai)

Ms Vinita Bimbet
Ms Poornima Das
Ms Shubha Maudgal

NORTH (Delhi)

Ms Sheetal Ansal
Ms Radhika Backliwal
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Ms Neena Malhotra
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Ms Malvika Rai
Ms Ritu Relan
Ms Madhu Singhal
Ms Vidhi Singhania
Ms Jyoti Thapar
Ms Seita Vaidialingam

SOUTH (Hyderabad)

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Ms Heena Shrivastava
Ms Harjinder Talwar

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Ms Zubeida A. Dhala
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GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS HELD 2006-07

May 9, 2006	New Delhi
July 15, 2007	New Delhi
December 5, 2007	Chennai
April 5, 2007	New Delhi

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Sudha Jhunjhunwala	1988-1989	Renuka Shah	2000-2001
Nirmala Jain	1989-1990	Dr Kusum Ansal	2001-2002
Indu Rani Punj	1990-1991	Surekha Kothari	2002-2003
Shubhra Gupta	1991-1992	Chandra Garodia	2003-2004
V L Indira Dutt	1992-1993	Namita Gautam	2004-2005
Madhu Kanoria	1993-1994		

FLO AWARDS AND THEIR RECIPIENTS

1983

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur

Mrs Beena Jain, Production Organiser of the Jain Laboratory, Mathura, was given the award for her contributions in the field of export promotion.

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker

This award was given to Mrs Arunaben Desai for her contributions to emancipation of women, rehabilitation of destitute and children, etc.

1984

Award for Outstanding Woman Professional

Dr (Mrs) Rani Siromoney was given the award in recognition of her significant contribution in the field of Modern Mathematics.

Award for Outstanding Social Welfare Institution for Woman

The Shradhanand Mahila Ashram, Bombay was given the award for the commendable services rendered by it to needy women and children for nearly six decades.

1985

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur

Mrs Shahnaz Hussain, a pioneer in herbal beauty treatment was given the award in recognition of her outstanding initiative as a woman entrepreneur.

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker

Mrs. V. Veerammal, a noted social worker, was given the award in recognition of her outstanding contribution in social work.

1986

Award for Outstanding Social Welfare Institution for Women

Bal Rashmi Society which was created with the objective to serve the downtrodden and economically backward classes, mainly Harijan children, received the Award.

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur/ Professional

The jury decided not to give the Award.

1987

Award for Outstanding Social Welfare Institution for Women

Mrs. A.C. Krishna Rao, Madras, received the Award for outstanding social worker. Her nomination was sponsored by Addition and Company Limited, Madras.

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur/ Professional

The jury decided not to give the Award.

1988

Award for Outstanding Woman Professional

Mrs Adit Syam of Kolkata received the Award in recognition of her significant contribution in the field of Public Relations, Education and Research.

Award for Outstanding Social Welfare Institution for Women

Shramasahkar Mahila Sangha Ltd received the Award for the commendable services rendered by it to women who are mainly from the lower strata of society.

1989

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur

Mrs. Rita Singh, Managing Director of MESCO group of industries Delhi received the Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions as a Woman Entrepreneur.

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker

The cash Award was shared by Mrs Donna Fernandes, Counsellor and Ms Renana Jhabvala, Secretary, SEWA, Ahmedabad.

1990

Award for Outstanding Woman Professional

The Award for Outstanding Woman Professional was shared by Mrs. D. Lakshmi, Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore and Dr. (Mrs.) Rugmini Sankaran, Director of the Defence Food Research Laboratory, Mysore.

Award for Outstanding Social Welfare Institution for Women

The jury decided not to give the Award.

1991-92

Award for Outstanding Woman Professional

The Awards in the field of Outstanding Women Professional have been given to Mrs. Lakshmi G Menon, B.Sc., DMIT Electronics and she has to her credit planning, installation, testing and maintenance of SPC computer controlled exchanges of VSML including telex, telegraph telephone Mrs. D S Baldawala who has achieved excellence in business career.

1992-93

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker

The eminent jury has decided to present the Outstanding Woman Social Worker Award to Mrs Jayalakshmi, Secretary, Multi Purpose Industrial Cooperative Society Limited, Bangalore.

1993-94

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur

Ms Jayashree Ashwinkumar, Managing Director of Shree Mahila Sewa Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad received the Award for Women Entrepreneur for Integrated Social Security Scheme for women working in informal sector.

1994-95

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker

The Outstanding Woman Social Worker Award was shared by Mrs Latha Pandey and Prof (Mrs) Shaila Dwarkadass Lohiya.

1995-96

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur

Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur award was given to Mrs Rajeswary Ramakrishnan, Managing Director, Jeypore Sugar Company Limited, Madras, for successfully managing industries, with high degree of competence.

1996-97

Award for Outstanding Woman Professional

The Award for Outstanding Woman Professional was given to Mrs Sangeeta Agarwal, Managing Director, Nakamichi Securities Ltd., Calcutta for establishing a stock broking company with a successful public issues.

1997-98

Award for Woman Entrepreneur

The Award for Woman Entrepreneur was given to Mrs N Anitha U Kamath, Managing Partner, Sanoor Phova and Rice Mills, Sanoor, Karnataka.

1998-99

Award for Outstanding Social Welfare Institution for Women

This Award was given to Kasturba Gandhi Kanya Gurukulam, Vedraniam for the upliftment of downtrodden women in the field of education and training in various crafts and industries.

Award to Outstanding Woman Professional

The award was given to Mrs Padma Madhuranath, Scientist-F, National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore. She is the Group Leader of Flight Simulation Group, Flight Mechanics and Controls Division.

1999-2000

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur

The Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur has been awarded to Ms Sushila Devi Tikmany, Calcutta. She started "PITAMBARI" as a small venture with the noble objective of helping refugee women from Bangladesh.

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker

The Award Outstanding Woman Social Worker has been awarded to Ms Swaraj Lata Goel, Proprietor, Deep Gas Service, Mathura.

2000-2001

Award for Outstanding Woman Professional

Ms Akhila Srinivasan, Managing Director of Shriram Investments Limited (SIL), Chennai. SIL is member of the Rs. 3,000 crores Shriram Group.

Award for Outstanding Institution - Women Welfare

This Award was given to 'Pratidhi' which is a collaborative society of Delhi Police and Association for Development a registered NGO of social work professionals, perhaps the first agency of its kind in the country.

2001-2002

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur

The Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur has been given to Ms Manju Jalota, Director of Alankrit, Lucknow, where in exclusive works are being done by about 1000 artisans in the areas of – Tailoring, Zardozi, Printing, and Dyeing.

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker

The Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker has been given to Mrs Neeta Bahadur, Founder President of Drishti Samajik Sansthan, Lucknow, which is an NGO working for the welfare of all types of disabled person.

2002-2003

Award for Outstanding Woman Professional

FLO award for Outstanding Woman Professional for the year 2002-03 has been awarded to Dr Seepana Padmaja Rao, Head, Seed Technology Division of Indian Grassland and Fodder Research

Institute (IGFRI), Jhansi.

2003-04

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker – SEWA

FLO award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker for the year 2003-2004 has been awarded to Ms. Runa Banerjee, General Secretary, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Lucknow.

Ms. Runa Banerjee established SEWA, Lucknow in 1984 and started with only 31 artisan women. At present, it is supporting more than 5000 women artisans and covers 40% rural and 60% urban women who come from marginalized section of the community. She has helped in establishing the brand equity of SEWA as a nationally and internationally accredited institution, making women confident of their ability and identity.

Award for Outstanding Women Entrepreneur - Ms Surender Kumar

FLO award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur for the year 2003-2004 has been awarded to Ms. Surender Kumar, Managing Director, Travelmate India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

Ms. Kumar commenced her career in travel industry in the year 1980 as an airline trainee and later worked with reputed travel agencies in New Delhi. In 1990, she started her own Travel Agency and took it up as a challenge. In the last few years, despite all odds and difficulties, the company grew and now has a turnover of Rs. 20 crores.

Ms. Kumar is also the trustee of a trust that promotes education for girls students, medical relief, care of animals etc.

2004-2005

Award for Outstanding Woman Professional

Award for outstanding woman professional for the

year 2004-05 has been awarded to Ms Ruzan Khambatta.

After Post Graduation, Ms. Khambatta started a company called "Wizz O Tech".

The Company with the help of Professionals in HR field developed software called BIRBEL. This was successfully marketed to lot of Corporate such as Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Bangalore and Chennai.

Her team developed unique Softwares like/ BRUMINS and Integrated Network Support System (INSS)

Award for Outstanding Institution for Women Welfare

The award for outstanding Institution for Woman Welfare has been awarded to Lupin Human Welfare & Research Foundation, (LHWRF) Bharatpur.

Initiating the programme of rural development with small number of 35 villages, (LHWRF) now has succeeded in revitalizing, revamping and recreating more than 1919 villages in the states of Rajasthan, M.P., Uttaranchal and Maharashtra to make the Foundation as one of the largest NGO's in the country.

2005-06

Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur

The Award for Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur was given to Dr. Viloo Morawal Patell, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Avestha Gengraine Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore.

From a five people strong academic start-up company working from a university laboratory on agribiotech research in 1998, Dr.Viloo Morawala-Patell, one of India's pre-eminent biotech entrepreneurs, has grown Avesthagen to an almost 200 people strong force in 2006 that has diversified in other areas of research and product development, pursuing its vision to achieve

convergence of food, pharma and population genetics leading to preventive personalized healthcare.

Dr. Patell started her professional career as Research Associate at "ICRISAT" at Hyderabad, in 1978.

In 1989 Dr. Patell decided that there was more in life than staying put in a research career and decided to pursue further study by embarking on a PhD program in plant molecular biology at University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, France. And then there was no looking back. In 1998, Dr. Patell decided that the time was ripe for India to establish its own, research and discovery based, biotechnology industry, on the strengths of its well-educated workforce and abundant biodiversity.

Dr. Viloo Morawal Patell has been awarded by Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Excellence Award of "Institute of Economic Studies (IES)", The Economic Times Awards and many more..

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker

Harmala Gupta is presently President of CanSupport, President of Cancer Care India and Vice-President of the Indian Association of Palliative Care.

In 1985-86, she was diagnosed and treated for Hodgkin's Disease,

a cancer of the lymphatic system while doing her Ph.D. at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Subsequently, on her return to India, Harmala initiated pioneering work in caring for cancer patients.

She started the first emotional support group for people with cancer in India, "Cancer Sahyog", in 1990. It was founded on the recognition that besides information and financial support, people with cancer and their families need psychosocial support. This is best given by fellow survivors, trained to listen, in a confidential group setting one-to-one.

Six years later in 1996 Harmala founded

CanSupport, which runs a daycare programme for children and adults under treatment for cancer and their families.

Award for Outstanding Woman Social Worker

FLO award for outstanding woman social worker has been awarded to Dr. Gowri Chandrakasan.

Dr. Gowri Chandrakasan is a renowned scientist and her name reckoned within the international area of connective tissue Biochemistry and Pathology. An award winning specialist in collagen, her pioneering research has gained recognition for her in the international scientific community.

Dr. Gowri Chandrakasan is a committed social worker for the past 35 years with proven record of service to the society through involvement and holding key position in several service organizations, national and international levels namely Altrusa International Inc, Family planning association of India, University Women's Association, Indian Women Scientist Association, Indian Red cross Society etc.

When Loinsim became gender neutral in 1988, She was invited to join this movement and this gave her a wider opportunity to serve the society in various areas in uplifting the needy and poor.

Since 2001 her significant contribution on Rubella awareness and vaccination program for adolescent girl is worth mentioning.

She is actively involved in children's science academy projects and conducting science awareness program for girl students.

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Business Line

Forging ties



The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Energy of Sweden, Ms Maud Olofsson, with the FICCI Ladies Organisation President, Ms Mukta Nandini Jain, at a meeting in the Capital. — Ramana Sharma

'Rural India needs attention'

OUR CORRESPONDENT

As part of the pre-Independence Day celebrations, committee members of the Young FICCI Ladies Organisation held a seminar on "Sare Jahan Se Achha Insights into India Today and India Tomorrow" at the Parliament House last week.

Eminent personalities from the field of tourism, fashion, healthcare, power and steel participated in the brainstorming session to discuss various facets of Indian development. Shriinder Mohan Singh, managing director, Fortis and Escorts, said that India has a good chance to do well in the healthcare sector. He, however, also maintained that certain medical facilities in Indian hospitals were not at par with international standards.

Nevin Jindal of Jindal Steel and Power drew parallels between urban and rural India. "Despite the tall claims by some politicians that India is a shining model of

the third status in the country, it is still struggling for basic facilities. Even the basic constitutional right of appropriate primary education is missing. Until and unless rural India is developed, India of tomorrow will be bleak," he observed.

On a personal note, he also said that there is no need for women's reservation in the country. "In a country where Indira Gandhi ruled for 15 years and Sonu Gandhi is presently the leader of the ruling party, you don't need reservation for women," he said. India is the second largest employment generating country in the field of tourism after China and the third most desired tourist destination in the world after Montenegro and China.

These facts were revealed by Arjun Sharma, the managing director, Le Passage to India. While Sanjay Kapoor of the fashion label Satsya Paul said that Indian fashion brands will soon find a footing in the global market like H&M and American products.

A celebration of women empowerment

FICCI Ladies Organisation completes ten years

Staff Reporter

CHENNAI: They moved from marketing pulchre and popped to make successful business models in the fields of biotechnology and entrepreneurship development. It is this women empowerment they achieved that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Ladies Organisation celebrated on Wednesday as they completed 10 years. Indira Dutt, who started the FLO in South India in 1998, traced its beginnings that was formed to help women entrepreneurs and explore other areas. Now, the range of activities includes organising entrepreneurship development programmes to offer business consultancy services to members and outsiders.

At a function held at The Park, industrialist Abhis Dalmia felicitated chairman K. Shashidhar Reddy, the board members and past chairpersons. The FLO also launched its official website and organised a product display by members.



PRODUCT DISPLAY: A section of the exhibition organised by FICCI Ladies Organisation at The Park on



Minister of state for commerce and industry Ashwani Kumar (second from left) with Daryl Rand, president Harrison Advertising, USA; LJ Mukta Nandini Jain, president, FICCI Ladies Organisation (c); Joan Verplank, New Jersey state member of commerce, USA, second from right; and Seta Vaidyalingam, governing body member, FICCI Ladies Organisation during the meeting with delegation from USA on Mission 2007 Friends of India in New Delhi on Monday.

Indian, Russian women vow to boost trade

Chain store of Indian goods to be reopened in Russia; FLO delegation meets its counterparts

Visitors: Russian

MOSCOW: Russian and Indian business women have taken up the responsibility of boosting trade between the two countries. "I am convinced we can multiply trade between India and Russia by 300-400 times by joining our efforts to tap the untapped potential for bilateral trade," said Ms Mukta Nandini Jain, President of the FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO).

Ms Jain, who is leading a 20

member delegation of Indian business women on their first visit to Russia, said there was no reason why Indo-Russian trade, against at about \$1 billion for more than a decade should not grow as long as Russia's trade with China, which crossed \$25 billion last year, or India's trade with China, which is projected to touch \$70 billion by 2010.

And opportunities

"We are aware of the vast opportunities for business in both

countries, all we need these efforts can be achieved if we work in a systematic manner," Ms Jain told a joint press conference with leaders of Russian business women organisations.

Trilateral forum

Agreeing with the FLO head, President of Russian Businesswomen's Association, Tatiana Malysheva, suggested in turn that business women of Russia, India and China start working in a trilateral format.

"There are close business ties between Russia and China, between India and China, so there has come for us to build Russia-India-China ties," Mrs. Malysheva said.

During the press conference, women entrepreneurs of India and Russia resolved to re-open a chain store of Indian goods that operated in the Soviet Union under the name of "Ganga". It was also decided that the FLO sign long-term cooperation agreements with the Association

of Russian Women Entrepreneurs which bears responsibility of reaching out and make the matter in their hands and put their efforts to multiply trade.

A 20-member delegation of FICCI organisation

(FLO) is currently on a week-long Russia visit and has agreed to closely cooperate with the Russian Businesswomen's Association in bolstering the stagnant bilateral trade. "I am convinced we can multiply trade between

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Indo-Russian hi-tech centre opens in Siberia

MOSCOW: An Indo-Russian centre for research, development and implementation of joint high technology projects opened in Siberian city of Khabarovsk today. The centre would be involved in development and implementation of projects in the field of metal and alloys with the help of lasers and power electronics systems. Inaugurating the centre, it was launched by the government agencies of both nations. Aids for international cooperation in the Department of Science and Technology, P. K. Singh said Indian scientists are also keen to work with the Siberian counterparts, including in the projected technopark in Novosibirsk, formerly a major Soviet centre for defence and applied technologies. — PTI

India and Russia by 300-400 times by joining our efforts to tap the untapped potential for bilateral trade," FLO President Mukta Nandini Jain said at a joint press interaction here with the Russian counterparts before leaving for St. Petersburg, Russia.

Businesswomen said there was no reason why Indo-Russian trade, stagnant at about USD two billion for more than a decade, could not grow to the level of Russia's trade with China, which crossed USD 25 billion last year and India's trade with China, which is projected to reach USD 70 billion by 2010.

As a first step the business women have agreed to revive Ganga chain of shops in Moscow and other major Russian cities which existed in the ex-Soviet Union for the retail of high quality Indian consumer goods and handicrafts imported from India.

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TOGETHER IN POLICY, BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

Poddar against land subsidy for industry



Minister for International Trade and European Affairs of Italy, Emma Bonino (C) is greeted by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) President Saroj Kumar Poddar (L) and FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) President Mukta Mandini Jain during the Women in Policy, Business and Economy meeting in New Delhi on Thursday. Bonino, elected to the Italian Chamber of Deputies in 1978 and in her illustrious political career, she has held a number of other posts.

Gaurav Choudhury
New Delhi, January 4

THE INDUSTRY should not seek subsidised land from state government and farmers should be given the opportunity of receiving the best price from corporations that wish set up units by acquiring land, said president of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry Saroj K. Poddar.

"I do not support the acquisition of land by state government at the so called land acquisition price. Indian industry has come of age and should not get such subsidies," Poddar told *Hindustan Times*.

The issue of land acquisition by state governments has snowballed into a major controversy, particularly in the context of the West Bengal government acquiring land to set up for the proposed small car plant of Tata Motors.

Poddar said that to insure the full support of the land owners, a scheme should be devised where the land owners would

be involved in the project.

"A scheme should be devised where a certain percentage of the profits of the project is set aside for the erstwhile landowners. Let this fund be managed by a trust and make it redeemable for the landowners after a period of 20 years. This would work as an employee stock option scheme (ESOP) and also have a major psychological impact on the farmers," said Poddar.

Poddar said the theme for this year's annual general meeting (AGM) of FICCI is 'Raising The Challenge of Growth, Governance and Equal Opportunity'.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will inaugurate the two-day event beginning on January 8. Finance minister P. Chidambaram, commerce minister Kamal Nath, Leader of Opposition J. K. Advani and CDM leader Sitaram Yechury are among others who are scheduled to address sessions at the event, said Poddar.

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HEALTH CHECK

Ficci's ladies meet helps shatter myths



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Tea Or Coffee On An Empty Stomach Can Lead To Gastric Problems & Affect The Digestive Sys

Crash Diets To Lose Weight In Turn Tend To Harm Both The Liver & Digestive Sys

Low Food Intake Affects The Immune Sys. Hence Being Overweight Is A Blessing

CONVENTIONAL wisdom has it that men are more prone to cardiac problems. But the truth is that heart attacks are just as rampant among women. Did you know that stomach ulcers are not triggered by flawed eating habits but a bacteria called *Helicobacter pylori*? Or that in medical diagnosis, there's no such thing as a weak liver?

These and several other time-honoured myths were shattered with

"It isn't a great idea to go on a crash diet to lose weight since that tends to harm the liver and the digestive system," warned Dr Deepika Kedia, a gastroenterologist and hepatologist.

Guess what? Health professionals now feel it's better to be slightly overweight than underweight. "Low food intake affects a person's immune system more than the complications of being underweight," said Ms Alka Verma, a Delhi-based nutrition immunologist.

Recent studies show that the pros-

FLO to open shops in member establishments

To sell products of women entrepreneurs

Staff Reporter

CHENNAI: The FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) plans to set up single shelf shops in its member establishments to market products of rural women entrepreneurs, whom it will help to set up units with German assistance.

The FLO Shops will sell products made by the women under the rural outreach programme of the women's wing of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Hans Seidel Foundation of Germany will fund the programme, FLO chairperson Shobhana P. V. Reddy told a meeting here recently.

Addressing the meet, got up in connection with the visit of a delegation of all-women business executives from Sweden, she said a business consultancy

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A query form to get response to any question pertaining to setting up or running a business was available on the FLO website, www.whconline.com, and the service is free of cost, said Ms Reddy.

According to a release, the delegation, comprising 19 executives from Swedish multinational firms, was in India for six days to study the success of Indian businesses, and practices that contributed to it, as part of an ongoing spaced out management training programme.

Percy Barnevik, former chairman, ABB, during whose tenure the firm won the "Most Admired Company in Europe" for four consecutive years, addressed the meeting on "The challenges of being an entrepreneur".



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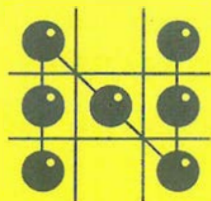
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