

**ABOUT FLLN 2022 HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2022, AT HOTEL TAJ VIVANTA, YESHWANTPUR, BENGALURU.**

THE 7TH EDITION OF FORGING LINKS, LEVERAGING NETWORKS, REACHING OUT was held on August 25, 2022 at TAJ VIVANTA, YESHWANTPUR.

About 200 registered delegates, along with nearly 50 sponsors and guests attended this one day event.

The one day conference was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister for Large and Medium Industries, Dr Murugesh Nirani. In his inaugural address, Dr Nirani mentioned about the vast opportunities available in Karnataka. The infrastructure is being developed at many districts, so that the locals of these districts can benefit and grow their business. He encouraged women to come out and make the best use of the conducive ecosystem in Karnataka to grow their business.

He visited the stalls set up by our women members and sampled some of their products.

The inauguration was followed by the Keynote Address by Dr Pratima Murthy, DIRECTOR of NIMHANS. She talked about the importance to recognise the occurrence of mental health issues at the work place. She also mentioned several opportunities that are available for women to volunteer their services and work in the area of mental health care.

An interesting panel discussion with the representatives of various government departments, the Dept of Industries and Commerce, GOK, SIDBI, NSIC and MSME helped in understanding the various opportunities that are available for women entrepreneurs. Mr Sreevatsan, ZM, NSIC was one of the panelist. He elaborated on the various opportunities available for entrepreneurs, especially for the women entrepreneurs. He also talked about the procedures involved in accessing these schemes, as well as the discounts that can be availed by women entrepreneurs. This session helped to clear many doubts that the women entrepreneurs had regarding opportunities from NSIC and other governmental agencies.

A scintillating Bharat Natyam recital by the students of Pushkara Institute of Performing Arts, Tumkur together with light music by Ms Megha Nagendra kept the audience enthralled in the afternoon.

The 7th edition of the WOMAN ACHIEVER AWARDS was an exciting event, as we recognised women who had achieved success in various spheres of their business and profession. There were four categories of awardees, The women Entrepreneur of the year, Start up Entrepreneur 2022, Social Entrepreneur 2022, and Professional Entrepreneur of the year.

The entire day's program closed with the singing of the National Anthem. All the delegates who attended the event went home with wonderful memories of a day well spent with plenty of learning and networking.

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