



## Dialogue

A CII Foundation quarterly e-newsletter

### Women Empowerment & Gender Equality

Dear Friends,

India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru said 'You can tell the condition of a nation by looking at the status of its women'.

According to the World Economic Forum Global Gender Gap Report 2015, India is ranked at 105th position in the world in terms of economic opportunities and education for women. Despite being the world's largest democracy, and laws &

legislation concerning gender equality being formed, there is still much that needs to be done for implementation.

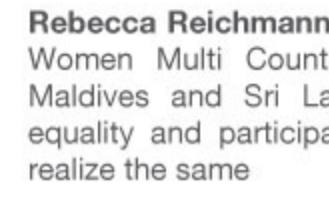
We, at CII Foundation believe that industry has a key role to play in inclusive development and women's empowerment. CII Foundation, with support from member companies, has been empowering women through a range of on-ground projects, including the CII Foundation Woman Exemplar Program, which recognizes and supports extraordinary women at the grassroots. These women, overcame all odds stacked against them to become "active agents of change", and are an inspiration to many others, including us.

In this issue of Dialogue, we bring stories, views and opinions of stakeholders from multilateral agencies, industry and foundations on women empowerment. Together, we can enable gender equality and empowerment, thus creating ripple effect of change in the family, community and country at large.

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### Expert Opinion

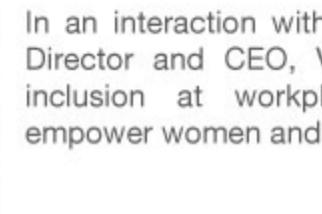


'Stepping it up' for gender equality, women's empowerment & safety

**Rebecca Reichmann Tavares**, Representative, UN Women Multi Country Office for India, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka talks of SDGs, gender equality and participation of the private sector to realize the same

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### In Conversation

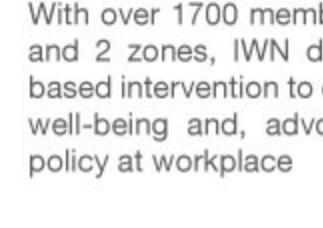


Connecting for Good: Empowering women through CSR

In an interaction with CII, **Sunil Sood**, Managing Director and CEO, Vodafone India Ltd., talks of inclusion at workplace, CSR interventions to empower women and his future outlook of CSR

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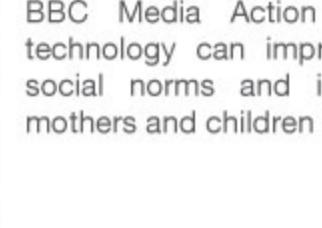
### Trend Watch



The Indian Women Network (IWN): An exclusive platform for career women

With over 1700 members and presence in 12 states and 2 zones, IWN delivers value-added and need based intervention to enable learning & development, well-being and, advocating & promoting inclusive policy at workplace

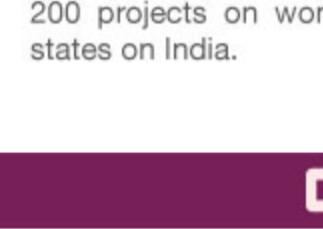
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A New Frontier: Use of Technology for Transformation

BBC Media Action demonstrates how mobile technology can improve health services, change social norms and impact health outcomes for mothers and children in rural India

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Sammaan is an online platform to enable corporates to undertake effective CSR activities by connecting them to verified authenticated NGOs. Choose among 200 projects on women empowerment across 21 states on India.

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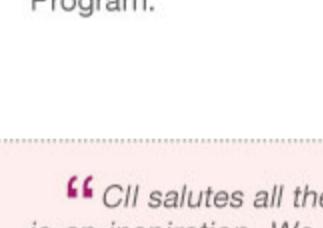


Opportunities of corporate engagement in Government Schemes to empower women

There are several opportunities for the companies to participate in various Government schemes through their CSR interventions and contribute significantly towards gender equality and inclusive development.

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### Celebrating Women Empowerment



CII Foundation Woman Exemplar Program

Celebrating the transformational leadership of exemplary grassroots women and further empowering them through the Woman Exemplar Program.

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Building Capacity & Expanding Horizons- A workshop

For the first time 20 grassroots Women Exemplars came together to share insights of their journey and future plans with CII Foundation.

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