

Tuesday, 26th October, 2010

Venue: National Liberal Club- One Whitehall Place, SW1A 2HE

Time: 8:45am to 5.00pm

Registration

Site Registration facilitated by Mr J.S Sachar- GOPIO UK Chapter

(Tea Coffee will be served during the registration)

9:30am Conference Inauguration

Welcome address by Lord Diljit Rana, President GOPIO International

Inaugural address by H.E. Shri Nalin Surie, High Commissioner of India to the UK

Special address by Shri Shri Mahan Kundasamy High Commissioner of Mauritius to the UK

Special Address by Shri Inder Singh-Chairman GOPIO Intl.

10:30am Tea Break

Indian Diaspora's Role In New Economic World Order

Session 1

Chair: Mr Raj Loomba-Vice President, GOPIO Europe
Co-Chair: Mr Sunil Prasad-President GOPIO- Belgium

Keynote Speaker: Lord Bhikhu Parekh (House of Lords, United Kingdom)

Speakers: Lord Karan Billimoria-House of Lords

Mr J.C.Sharma-Former Secretary- Ministry of External Affairs

Mr Mahyendrah Utchana (GOPIO Mauritius)

Mr Keith Vaz-MP

12:30 PM **Lunch**

Session II

Chair: Dr Thomas Abraham- Former Chairman-GOPIO International

Co-Chair: Drs Ryan Tewari- President GOPIO-The Netherlands

Keynote Speaker: Lord Navneet Dholakia (House of Lords, UK)

Speakers: Mr R.K.Mehrotra CBE

Dr Satish Kumar-Queens University Belfast Dr Shalin Singhal- University of Ulster, Belfast

Prof. M.Nithiyanandan-People of Indian origin in Sri Lanka

Mr. Prabakaran Ganesan -Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Sri Lanka

3:00 PM Tea Break

Session III

Chair: Ashook Ramsaran-Vice President GOPIO International

Co-Chair: Prabhu Kulkarni-President _GOPIO Ireland

Keynote Speaker: TBC

Speakers: Baroness Shreela Flather- House of Lords

Puneet Sekhon (Attorney, Punjab, India) Dr Pritam Singh- Oxford University Shri Virendra Singh, MP (TBC)

TBC

Vote of Thanks: Mr Chanchal Chowdhry-Secretary-Steering Committee

Resolutions & Wrap-up

5:00 PM CLOSING



1st GOPIO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2010

Launched by GOPIO International

October 27, 2010 National Liberal Club, One Whitehall Place, London

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GOPIO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL (GIWC) INITIATIVE

<u>Conference Theme</u> Women of Indian Origin - Issues and Solutions

Quick Schedule

Registration: 8.45-9.30am

Inaugural Session: 9.30-10.30am

Inaugural Plenary: 10.30-11.30pm

Theme: Women of Indian Origin and Sustainable Development

Tea Break: 11.30 am -12.00 pm

Plenary Session #2: 12.00-1.00 pm

Theme: Gender Issues in Education, Culture and Health

Lunch Break: 1.00-2.00 pm

Plenary Session #3: 2.00-3.00 pm Theme: Women and Industry

Plenary Session #4: 3.00-4.00 pm

Theme: Legal and Marital Issues of Women of Indic Origin

Tea Break: 4.00-4.30 pm

Concluding Session: 4.30-5.30 pm



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Conference Theme:

Women of Indian Origin-Issues and Solutions

Detailed Programme:

Inaugural Session: 9.30-10.30am

Lighting of the Lamp

Invocation: Her Holiness Anandmurti Gurumaa

Welcome Address: Lady Shruti Rana, Conference Convener & Chairperson, GIWC

Keynote Address: Lord Meghnad Desai, (Member House of Lords, UK) Special Address: Baroness Verma, Minister for Women and Equality

Signing of MOU between FLO and GIWC

Address by President of FLO on collaboration between GIWC and FLO

The GIWC SHAKTI Award presentation

Vote of Thanks: Ashook Ramsaran, Vice President, GOPIO International

Inaugural Plenary: 10.30-11.30 pm

Theme: Women of Indian Origin and Sustainable Development

Chairperson: Her Holiness Anandmurti Gurumaa Co-Chairpersons: Raj Lakha, Bluebrick Capital,

Lady Shruti Rana Chairperson, GIWC

Keynote Speaker: Mrs Ila Gandhi (TBC)

Honorary Speaker: Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Padma Vibhushan

Honorary speaker: Mr. Mahen Utchanah, President, GOPIO Mauritius.

Tea Break: 11.30- 12.00 pm

Plenary Session #2: 12.00-1.00 pm

Theme: Gender Issues in Education, Culture and Health

Chairperson: Baroness Shreela Flather (Member, House of Lords, UK)

Co-Chairperson: Mr C.B.Patel

Keynote Speaker: Lord Naren Patel, KT, FRSE (Member, House of Lords, U.K.) (TBC)

Honorary Speaker: Kamala Lakhdhir, US Consul General to Northern Ireland

Speaker 3: Indrani Rampersad, Trinidad (TBC)

Lunch Break: 1.00-2.00 pm



Plenary Session #3: 2.00-3.00 pm Theme: Women and Industry

Chairperson: Ranjana Agarawal, President- FICCI Ladies Organisation Co-Chairperson: Atul Pathak; Chairman Appt Corp Trading (TBC)

Keynote Speaker: Maggie Semple, OBE, FCGI, Chief Executive, The Experience Corps

Speaker 2: Mr. Raj Loomba, GOPIO Vice President Europe

Speaker 3: Sharda S Nandram, Founder Prann Solutions, Netherlands(TBC)

Plenary Session #4: 3.00-4.00 pm

Theme: Legal and Marital Issues of Women of Indic Origin

Chairperson: Mr. Vijay Sharma, Arlington Sharma Solicitors, Legal Advisor- GOPIO

Co-Chairperson: Mekhala Dey, FS Regulatory Compliance Consultant Keynote Speaker: Madhuri Apte, Founder, Good Human Foundation (TBC) Speaker 2: Pavit Mattewal, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, India

Speaker 3: Seema Anand, U.K.

Tea Break: 4.00-4.30 pm

Concluding Session: 4.30-5.30 pm

Theme: Ways and Solutions for Success

Chairperson: Mr. Piyush Agarwal, GOPIO Country Coordinator-USA

Co-Chairperson: Dr Pushpinder Chowdhry Valedictory Address: Mrs Ila Gandhi (TBC)

Concluding Remarks: Lady Shruti Rana, Convener

For Logistical help and Accommodation, please contact Mr Sameer Seth, on 0044 7841 371 341 or sameer.seth@andrashouse.co.uk

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