

BCICAI holds maiden Women's CA conference

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Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) held its maiden Women's CA conference on 20th March 2021 on a virtual platform to bring together a few women who have made a difference, as well as those to challenge themselves, by breaking barriers. Over 170 delegates from across the globe attended the conference.

Present at the inauguration were Piyush Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, Dr Sawsan Kamal, Member of Parliament of Bahrain, Elham Hasan, Board Member and Business Strategy Advisor of Mumtalakaat, Dr Kiran Bedi, the former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry and retired IPS Officer, Ahlam Janahi, the President of Bahrain Businesswomen Society, and Kemisha Soni, a Central Council member of ICAI and the Chairperson of Women Member Empowerment Committee and CPE Committee of ICAI.

The Acting Chairperson Sharmila Shet thanked BCICAI Chairperson Ajay Kumar for allowing Women members to symbolically hold his position for a month to lead from the



Participants during the conference

front.

She explained how International Women Day and the conference's theme "Choose To Challenge" resonated with all the women members during the pandemic.

Piyush Srivastava highlighted the initiatives taken to strengthen the bilateral relations with India. He announced that 20th

March marks the start of India's celebration of the 75th years of Independence, which will continue for the next two years.

Sawsan Kamal, a Member of Parliament, appreciated the integrated and systematic strategy adopted by Bahrain, giving more rights to the Bahraini women.

Elham Hasan viewed the theme of the conference as rele-

vant, saying, "no matter who you are and where you are, you can choose to challenge by showing leadership skills and excelling in your respective field."

Dr Kiran Bedi urged all the Chartered Accountants to explore the possibilities of helping the underprivileged or linking themselves to NGO that help women in need or advance the

cause of women empowerment which can make a transformative revolution in the NGO network and community service.

Ahlam Janahi praised the work of the Supreme council of women and highlighted the role of members of the Bahrain Businesswomen's Society.

Kemisha Soni talked about the initiatives taken by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and its Women Members Empowerment Committee for Women Chartered accountants in India and abroad.

The event covered several technical and inspiring sessions and included a panel discussion. The speakers included Kiran Bedi, Kemisha Soni, Kiran Dembla, Celebrity Fitness Coach, Chitra Shringare, Ex MD JP Morgan Chase Bank, Deutsche Bank, Alice Vidyayan, Former Chairman-cum-Managing Director at General Insurance Corporation of India, Dr Rewati Pathankar, Vice-Chairperson of Baghini Nivadita Sahakari Bank Ltd, Chetna Gala Sinha, Indian Social Activist, Elsie Gabriel, Award-winning Environmentalist and Global climate change speaker, and Hardi Oza Patel, Founder & Director, TravelSoul - VelvetEscapes.