

**Embassy of India
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India participated in the “Global Summit of Women 2023” which was inaugurated in Abu Dhabi on 21 February under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak, the UAE’s Mother of the Nation and Chairwoman of the General Women’s Union, President of Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood and Supreme Chairwoman of the Family Development Foundation. The Summit focussed on ‘the Role of Female leaders in Peace Building, Social Integration and Driving Prosperity’ in commemoration of 100 years when women obtaining the right to vote in elections.

The Summit opened with Rashtrapatiiji Smt. Droupadi Murmu delivering a virtual keynote address, a proud and prestigious moment for India. In her message, Rashtrapatiiji highlighted that the Summit is a reflection of Her Highness’s vision about the women of her country and the world. The UAE has several women as Ministers, members of the UAE Federal National Council and prominent Ambassadors. They have taken their country to Mars, and they are working to make their country carbon-neutral. This is testimony to Her Highness’s visionary leadership. Rashtrapatiiji praised Emirati women who are representing the UAE at global level, occupying prominent positions and making their country proud. On behalf of Rashtrapatiiji, Ambassador of India to the UAE. Shri Sunjay Sudhir attended the Summit.

Rashtrapatiiji added that India has always been at the forefront of promoting gender respect and democracy in society. In modern times, India was the first among major democracies in the world to grant Universal Adult Franchise to all its citizens, irrespective of their gender, race or religion. In India, women have occupied all prominent positions including the President, Prime Minister and Speaker of the Parliament. In today’s India, women are acquiring centre-stage of every discourse and decision-making to build a future-ready society.

The 2-day Summit is being held on February 21-22 in Abu Dhabi, UAE and joined by prominent stateswomen, faith leaders, entrepreneurs, social activists, cultural personalities, media celebrities and scholars from more than 100 countries. Speakers and participants will address a multitude of struggles faced by women at this critical juncture of human history and find ways to build bridges of peace,

inclusion and prosperity between communities. There is special focus on the role of women leadership in peace, building, social inclusion and creating prosperity. The Summit also has sessions on Women leaders and issues of sustainability and climate change, Women leaders in education and scientific research, climate change and gender equality and the role of women in promoting the circular economy and sustainability.

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