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India Sanitation Coalition hosted a day long knowledge workshop on "Why Correct Infrastructure Holds a Key to Sustainability in Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)" on 1st September at FICCI Federation House, New Delhi. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Jitendra Srivastava, Joint Secretary and Mission Director Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) at the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti. Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, and Ms. Natasha Patel, CEO India Sanitation Coalition, Post his keynote address, Shri Srivastava engaged in a one-on-one with the audience, leading to an invigorating discussion on SBMG progress, roadblocks, way forward and innovative ideas and solutions. The inaugural was followed by thematic sessions on SLWM Infrastructure across the SBMG 2.0 value chain. The workshop saw active contribution and participation from leading sector experts, government and non-government practitioners, corporate houses, and representatives from their implementation arms.



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC sharing her thoughts at the workshop mentioned that India's success story is dotted with examples of public-private partnerships and their contribution to the sanitation sector.



Ms. Natasha Patel, CEO, ISC suggested that we are much wiser, experienced, and further along the ODF road aptly named ODF Plus today at the SLWM Knowledge Workshop.

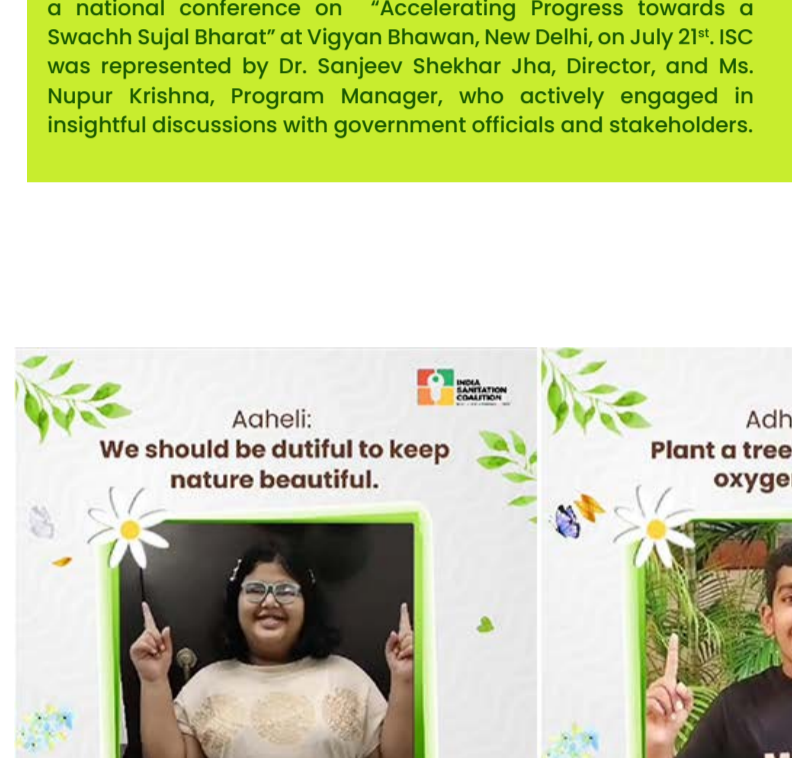
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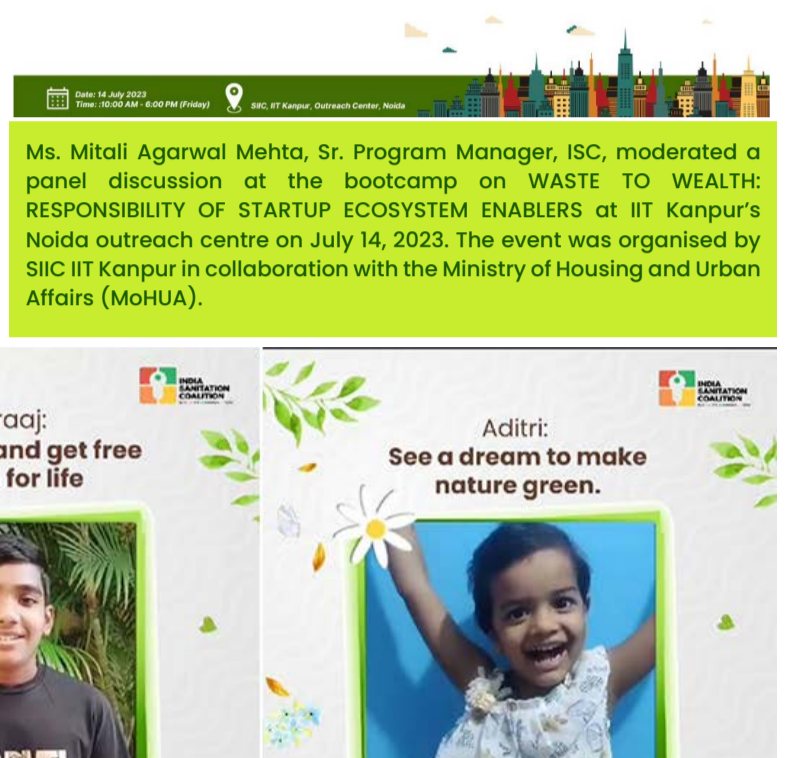
Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC advocated the importance of women thriving economically and how it leads to inclusive and prosperous communities at the G20 Empower Summit.



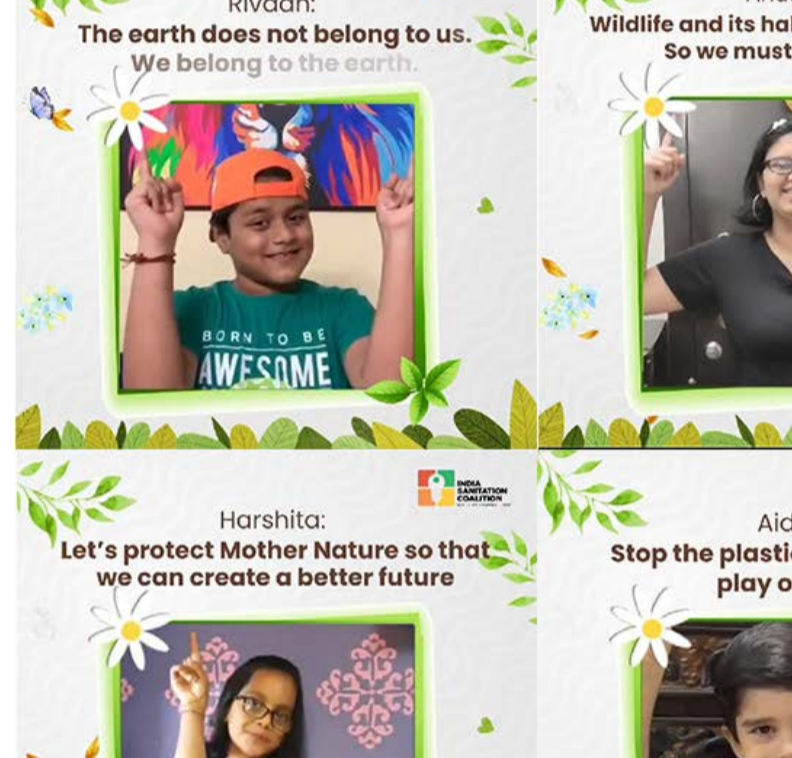
Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC with heads of Missions of ASEAN Countries hosted by Mr. Subhrakant Panda, President, FICCI, and Co-Chair (India), ASEAN-India Business Council at Federation House, New Delhi.



On the World Population Day, ISC fervently advocated the empowerment of women and girls, embodying the motto: "Empower Her, Empower the World". On the occasion, ISC gave a three step approach to unlocking the potential of gender equality.



On World Paper Bag Day, ISC advocated Reduce-Recycle-Reuse by saying No to Single-use plastic bags and YES to the humble paper bag. ISC urged one and all to make conscious choices.



The Rural WASH Partners Forum (RWPF), in collaboration with lead partner India Sanitation Coalition, marked its first anniversary with a national conference on "Accelerating Progress towards a Swachh Sujal Bharat" at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on July 21st. ISC was represented by Dr. Sanjeev Shekhar Jha, Director, and Ms. Nupur Krishna, Program Manager, who actively engaged in insightful discussions with government officials and stakeholders.

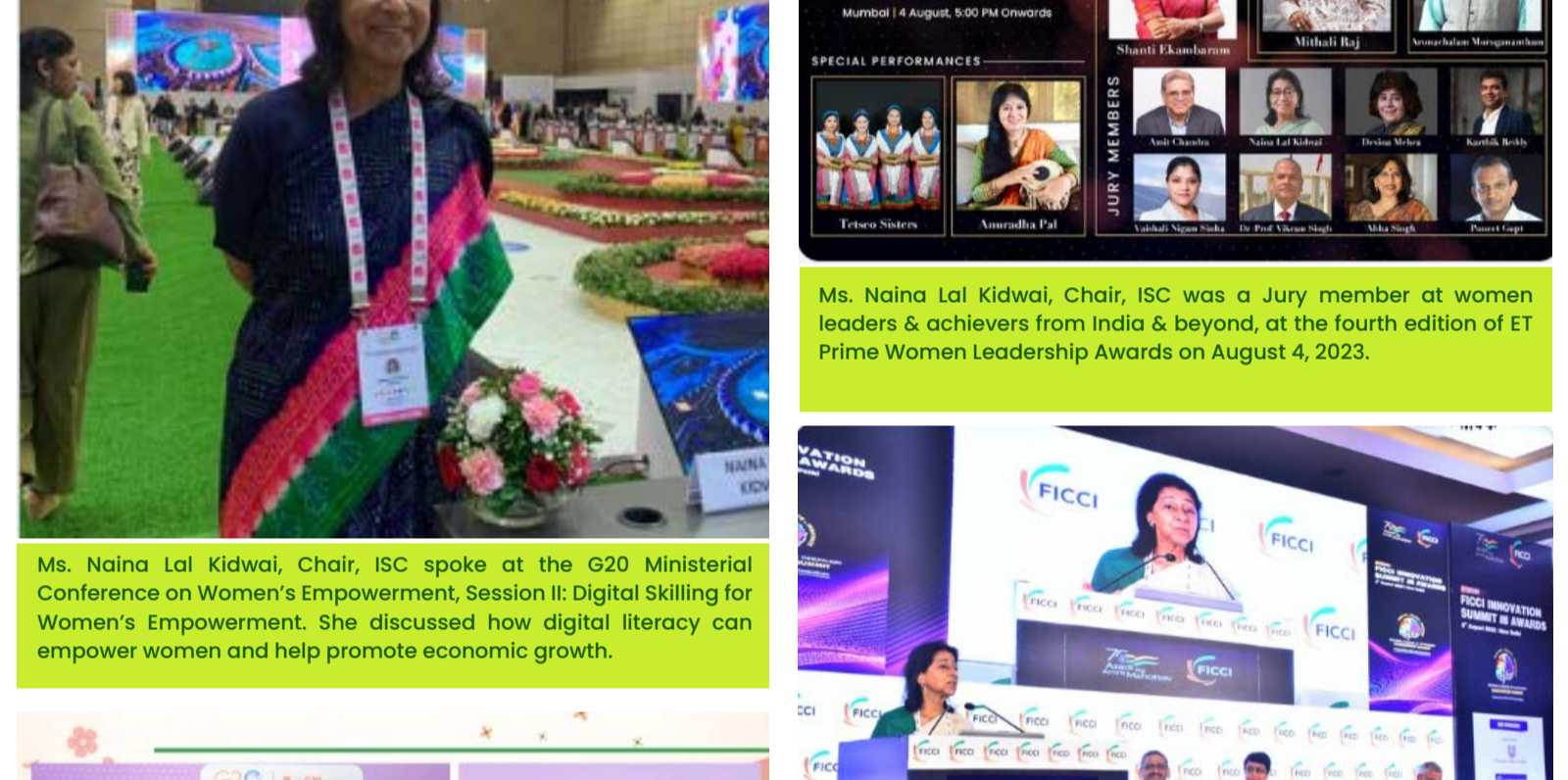


Ms. Mitul Agarwal Mehta, Sr. Program Manager, ISC, moderated a panel discussion at the bootcamp on the waste to wealth RESPONSIBILITY OF STARTUP ECOSYSTEM ENABLERS at IIT Kanpur's Noida outreach centre on July 14, 2023. The event was organised by SIIC IIT Kanpur in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).



On World Nature Conservation Day, ISC asked Gen Z and Gen Alpha to comment and share their messages on preserving nature for our future generations.

AUGUST



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC, met Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti, at his residence on August 16, 2023 along with Ms. Natasha Patel, CEO, ISC, and Dr. Sanjeev Shekhar Jha, Director, ISC. Ms. Kidwai briefed the Honorable Minister about the work ISC has done under the Lighthouse Initiative (LHI), the corporate involvement in the implementation of the Initiative, and how the LHI initiative has become an impelling force to achieve the objectives of Phase 2 of SBMG. Mr. Shekhawat has agreed to supporting the LHI and will request the states to participate in the initiative cordially.



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC spoke at the G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment, Session II: Digital Skill for Women's Empowerment. She discussed how digital literacy can empower women and help promote economic growth.



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC was a Jury member of women leaders & achievers from India & beyond, at the fourth edition of ET Prime Women Leadership Awards on August 4, 2023.



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC moderated the session on Women's Leadership Summit at FICCI Innovation Summit and Awards on August 8, 2023, stated that the most important co-pilot for any organization is the human resources team. Organizations must understand the importance of putting different teams together to innovate.



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC participated in the FICCI Innovation Summit and Awards on August 8, 2023.



ISC advocated championing sustainable solutions on Biofuel Day by posting about Fueling Swachh Bharat: Unleashing Biofuels for Clean Energy from Organic Waste!



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC in Conversation for Change – at G20 Empower Talks as she speaks on enabling digital access for women at the grassroots.



On Women's Equality Day, ISC joined hands with everyone who believes in the power of equity, progress, and inclusivity.

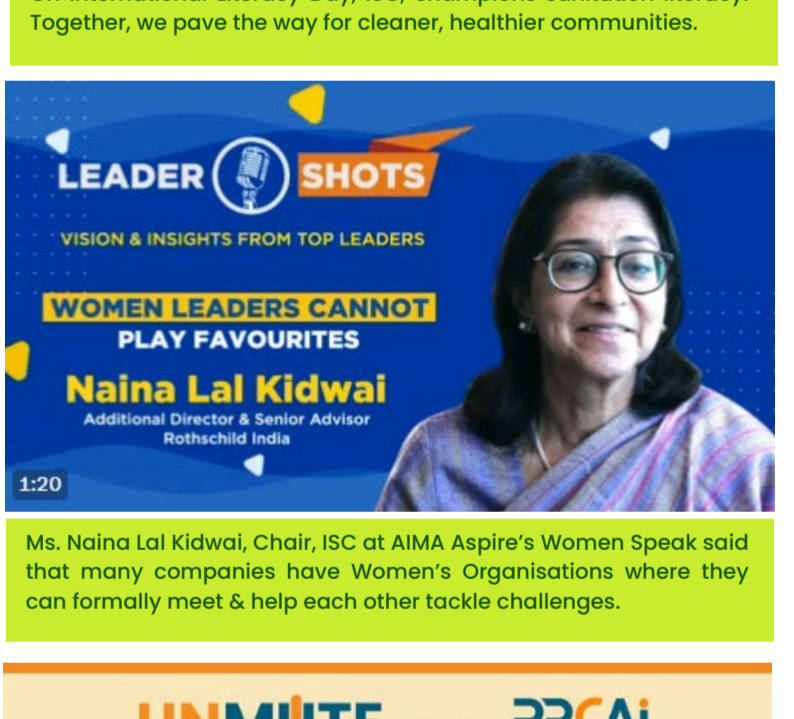


Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC shared her significant views at the YBLF Annual Summit-Leaders of Tomorrow' event organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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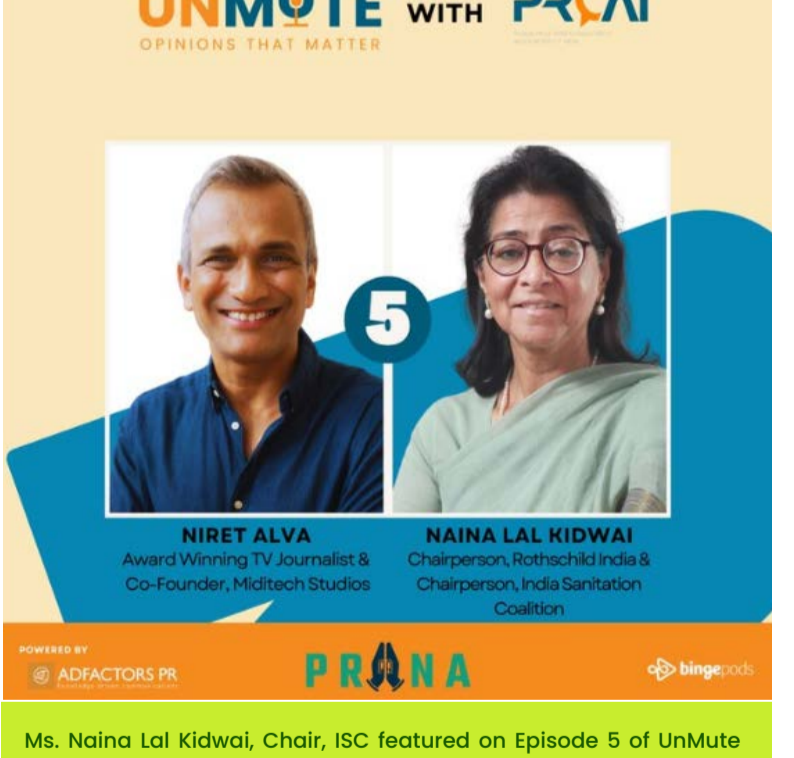
During Nutrition Week, ISC advocated a Clean Start for our Well-being, by making sanitation a priority and elevating our nutrition.



On International Literacy Day, ISC, champions sanitation literacy. Together, we pave the way for cleaner, healthier communities.



Ms. Poonam Muttreja, Executive Director, Population Foundation of India, and Mr. Niladri Chakrabarti, Senior Lead at IHS, shared their inspiring journey after winning the ISC-FICCI Sanitation Awards.



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC at AIMA Aspire's Women Speak said that many companies have Women's Organisations where they can formally meet & help each other tackle challenges.



On World Maritime Day, ISC honoured the importance of our oceans and maritime industry. ISC urged people to ensure clean waterways, sustainable coastal sanitation, and a healthier, thriving marine world.



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC featured on Episode 5 of Unmute With PRCAI, for a candid conversation with renowned TV anchor Mr. Nireet Alva.



India Sanitation Coalition and TATA Trusts teams on a visit to Paschim Chalgoin, Kamrup, Assam. They visited Lighthouse Initiative project locations in Paschim Chalgoin to document the amazing journey of the Gram Panchayat in becoming a model OP that not only maintains safe and sustainable WASH practices, but also sets an example for other aspiring and rising GPs to follow.

ISC IN MEDIA



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC in conversation with Mr. Vineet Malhotra, Consulting Editor, on NewsX about Women's Reservation Bill.



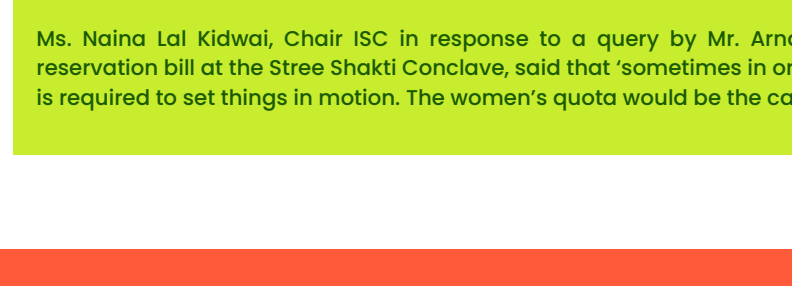
Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC was empaneled for a conversation regarding Lok Sabha's historic decision on Women Reservation Bill on NDTV 24x7 with Executive Editor, Mr. Vishnu Som.



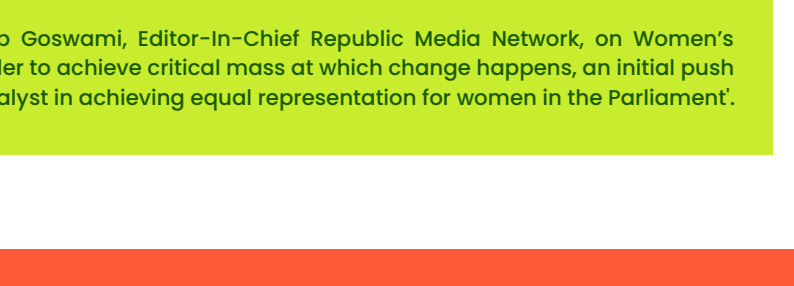
Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC shared her thoughts on Women Reservation Bill on CNN News 18 with the host Ms. Shivani Gupta, Senior Associate Editor, CNN News 18.



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC at the Stree Shakti Conclave organized by Republic TV, mentioned the power of women leaders in the Boardroom.



Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, ISC in response to a query by Mr. Arnab Goswami, Editor-in-Chief Republic Media Network, on Women's reservation bill at the Stree Shakti Conclave, said that "sometimes in order to achieve critical mass at which change happens, an initial push is required to set things in motion. The women's quota would be the catalyst in achieving equal representation for women in the Parliament."



NAINA LAL KIDWAI: HAVE COME A LONG WAY, MILES TO GO