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Matra Shakti's identity is determination & strength: Guv

Governor Mangubhai Patel on Friday said that hard work in the field of entrepreneurship has boosted the confidence of women. "Determination and strength are the identity of matra-shakti. They never desist from hard work to achieve the goal," he said.

He was addressing opening session of daylong entrepreneurship awareness programme (EAP) organised by Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship and National Commission for Women at Vikram Kirti Mandir on Friday.

The Governor said that Modi government was leading the nation with emphasis on women development. "Union Budget too underlines the same. Women are getting a global platform through G-20. Today, out of every five entrepreneurs, one is woman," he said.

Governor Patel commended self-help groups' role economic development of women. Many underprivileged women proved their mettle by contributing to family and country's economy. He hoped that awareness programme for entrepreneurship would further accelerate the learning process.



Guests light a lamp to inaugurate one-day entrepreneurship awareness programme in Ujjain on Friday FP PHOTO

Union minister of state for child and women development Munjpara Mahendrabhai said that the women empowerment was Central government's main agenda. He stressed on creating an ecosystem for capacity building of women entrepreneurs. The Central government's Mudra Yojana, Start-up Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan accounts had empowered women, he claimed.

National Women's Commission chairperson Rekha Sharma said that half of the population of the country was women. "If we leave them behind then economic progress will be hindered. Today, women are at the forefront of start-ups in India," she said. Not only

this, 60% women were running enterprises by taking loans. There was a need for a networking platform for women to express themselves. Along with this, their mentorship too was needed, she added.

Director of the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship Sunil Shukla, said that women participation was visible in nation's development in last 10 years. He said that entrepreneurs were not born, they were also made.

Prior to this, guests lit the lamp to inaugurate the programme. Meenakshi Negi, member secretary, National Commission for Women gave a welcome speech. Amit Dwivedi proposed the vote of thanks.