

**DAY 1: 26 AUGUST 2013, MULTIPURPOSE HALL,
India International Centre 40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi-110001**

TIME: 9:30-11:15 AM

Inaugural Session

Welcome Remarks	RekhaMody President, Stree Shakti- The Parallel Force
Inauguration By	Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment
Opening Remarks	Dr. Syeda Hameed Member Planning Commission
Address	Ms. Lise Grande UN Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative in India
Address	Dr. MohiniGiri Chairperson Guild of Service
Inaugural Address	KumariSelja Hon. Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment
Overview	Mathew Cherian CEO HelpAge India

Comments and Observation:

- RekhaMody-
 - Expressed deep regret that CSR Policy left out aged. She approached various chambers for financial assistance and inclusion of aged in the policy but was turned down or faced disinterest.

- Women's group across India have become dependent on fundraising and are only working towards issues like health, empowerment, and abuse. The need for the issue of ageing needs to be added to their list of agendas.
- Uneducated, old women working in an unorganized sector should be looked into urgently. 85% of the workforce are a part of the non-formal sector and their plight is dreadful.
- Lisa Grande- "In 2010, India had an estimated population of 90 million ageing over 60 years. In 2015, the projection is somewhere near 320 million. The policy implications of such a large number of people who have crossed 60 years of age are significant. One of the points we were stressing that India has risen to that policy challenge. There is a very good policy framework, but additional steps are required. One of this is pensions, which people have spoken about it should be raised. The elderly are contributing massively to India's economy and through India's economy also to be the global economy."
- MohiniGiri- Spoke mainly on Vrindavan widows. "We must unite and assemble under the same banner to effectively work towards the cause."
- KumariSelja- she promised to pursue the cause of aged women within the ministry. "Our cultures defines respecting elders and we shouldn't forget that."