Good Afternoon everyone...

Hope you all are safe and healthy...

A warm welcome to our esteemed panelists, all the members and guests for this event.

Around the world and across history, innovative women have imagined, developed, tested, and perfected their creations. From life rafts to disposable diapers to rocket fuel, women have invented amazing things In fact, if you use GPS on your cell phone, turn on windshield wipers when you drive in the rain, or eat a chocolate chip cookie, you can thank the woman behind them!  The participation of women in the innovation ecosystem is crucial to development of - ideas, products and services that will truly change the world, not only for these women themselves, but for everyone.

Today we have with us 3 dynamic innovative experts who have made a mark in their respective fields through their exemplary work and vision. I am delighted to welcome our inspiring panelists -  Ms. Lakshmi Menon, Ms. Namita Banka and Ms. Rashmi Bharti for the event. We are all eagerly looking forward to hearing your success stories, personal experiences and insights on the topic of innovation and  paving the way for a more diverse and inclusive future.

A warm welcome to Ms. Bhavna Doshi - Past President IMC Ladies' Wing for the event. With her immense expertise and knowledge she will moderate the discussion into a lively and inspiring conversation.

We are glad to have her vision, time, considered thoughts and expertise in facilitating this panel discussion.

I would like to present our panelists an E-Certificate from Grow Trees consisting of a thicket of 10 trees planted in their honour as a token of gratitude on behalf of the IMC Ladies' Wing.

Also here's presenting the IMPACT 2021 Committee helmed by Vice President - Nishreen Khorakiwala, Chairperson - Jyoti Doshi, Co-Chairperson - Reena Rupani, Advisories - Amita Haribhakti and Arti Sanghi, Special Invitee - Bhavna Doshi, Members - Malini Agarwalla and Radhika Kaji.

As we begin, I take the opportunity to give a brief introduction of Ms. Bhavna Doshi....

**Ms. Bhavna Doshi** is the founding partner of BD Associates LLP and former partner of KPMG member firm in India. She has been providing advisory services to national and multinational entities for over 30 years. She is a Chartered Accountant and holds Master’s degree in Commerce from University of Mumbai.

She serves as independent director on Boards of several listed companies. She was elected to the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India for four terms of three years each.  She has served as a member of the Government Accounting Standards Advisory Board set up by the Controller and Auditor General of India.

She was the President of IMC and is actively associated with its activities. During her President-ship she established “IMC Inclusive Innovation Awards” to recognize work of the grass root innovators. She was also the President of IMC Ladies' Wing twice.

She is a regular faculty at programs organized by professional institutes and business chambers, contributes articles and also delivers lectures abroad.