Good Afternoon everyone!!!

Hope you all are safe and healthy...

On behalf of the IMC Ladies’ Wing - I would like to extend a warm welcome to our members and guests for this event.

A warm welcome to our esteemed Guest speakers - Mr. Gaurang Shahand Ms. Swati Khandelwal

If you’ve been imagining handlooms as the coarse, knobbly fabric of yesteryear that was inexpertly woven, shoddily dyed and archaic in style, think again. With celebrity designers entering the fray, handlooms have moved to a new arena of glamour where sparkling colour, bold design and fine weaves have taken centre stage.

We are honoured to have Mr. Gaurang Shah as our esteemed Guest Speaker,  A master, a pioneer and a visionary, Mr.  Shah has worked tirelessly towards the revival of hand-woven textiles in India and has helped many women weavers to sustain and preserve their skills and art with a sustainable livelihood.

When traditional handlooms were fading into oblivion, due to declining patronage and an onslaught of growing popularity for embroidered saris like georgettes and chiffons, Mr. Shah took up the challenge of reviving the traditional handlooms and bringing them back in vogue.

We are glad to have Ms. Swati Khandelwal to curate the event with her immense experience and erudition.

Before we begin, on behalf of the IMC Ladies' Wing, I would like to present to you both an E-Certificate from Grow Trees consisting of a thicket of 5 trees each planted in your honour as a token of our appreciation and gratitude.

Also, here's presenting the  Business Environment Committee  for the year 2020-21.

I would now request Samira Shah - Member of the Business Environment Committee to take the programme further by introducing our esteemed guest speaker.

Thank You.

**Vote of Thanks**

On behalf of the IMC ladies wing, I take great pleasure in extending the vote of thanks to our guest speakers – **Mr. Gaurang Shah** and **Ms. Swati Khandelwal** for the absolutely erudite and insightful session.

India has been home to a variety of arts and crafts which have won it a coveted place in the cultural heritage of the world. However, the Indian handloom sector is going through a painful phase. We appreciate you initiative of motivation the Weavers as the art was fading away.

Our best wishes for the series of pop-up shows you have planned to promote the weavers and the new talent.

A session can never be successful without a powerful and fantastic curator.  I thank Ms. Swati Khandelwal for curating the session so fanatically.

A big thank you to the members of the Business Environment Committee for conceptualising the event.

My sincere gratitude to our members and guests for attending the event.

#### I would like to inform you all about our next event - Women behind the Scenes scheduled tomorrow 10th December 2020 at 3:00 pm on zoom.

We hope to see you all for the event.

Thank You.