

OUT TO WIN'22

On the occasion of International Women's Day , IEEE Women in Engineering Affinity Group of St. Joseph's college of Engineering in association with the IEEE Student Branch of SJCE , Chennai, India has successfully conducted a Panel Discussion, "**OUT TO WIN**" on the topic **Women-An Influencer of Society**" on March 8, 2022, with Astounding panellists **Ms. Sinjini Sengupta** (Founder - LIGHTHOUSE , President of WICCI), **Ms. Karen Pedersen** (IEEE USA President 2017), **Ms. Karen Oldhoven**(Founder Personal Branding Agency), **Dr. Celia Shahnaz** (Professor, Department of EEE, BUET2022 IEEE WIE Committee Chair-Elect), **Ms. Kathleen Kramer** (Director of IEEE region-6 2017 to 2018, Candidate - IEEE 2023 President-Elect IEEE Secretary 2019-21).

Utilising the Google Meet Platform, the Panel Discussion was conducted with immense pride and responsibility. The session went live on YouTube simultaneously gathering viewers' attention. The event was moderated by **Ms. Abinayaa Sri T**, Chairperson of IEEE WIE SJCE SBC. The entire session was coordinated by the IEEE WIE SJCE SB Office bearers along with Mr. R. Sreekanth, IEEE SB Counsellor.

On the day of the event, our first panellist **Ms. Sinjini Sengupta** , emphasised the need of women breaking out their shells and realising their own worth. She stated that the mind and body are intertwined, and being at present is crucial. She has also shared her struggles and the way she overcame them. She made the session too lively and made a clear statement that “ Live your life how you wanted it to be!”

Ms. Karen Pedersen, our second panellist shared her professional life experiences, memorable occasions, and valuable suggestions for women. She shared her views in a very optimistic way and being the IEEE President-2017, she shared her IEEE Experience and the way every woman should enjoy their lives.

As our third panellist, **Ms. Karen Oldhoven** shared her personal experiences as well as the importance of women in society. She discussed the importance of women's strength. She also shared a lot about personal branding and "Passion and confidence in what you do will make it a success," she stated emphatically. Ms. Karen encouraged everyone by saying, "It's always better to do something than nothing." .

Dr. Celia Shahnaz, being our fourth panellist shared her own life experiences and she quoted “You should select a goal and work towards it without looking back”. Being passionate about Engineering from childhood she shared the means of inspiration for her to become an engineer. She also shared a lot about her IEEE Journey. She also stated that “ Don't go long in search of happiness and satisfaction! Enjoy things you do at present” .

Our final Panellist , **Ms. Kathleen Kramer**, drew a large crowd because of her captivating speech. She discussed the main themes concerning women's business, particularly for homemakers. She made a clear statement that “ Women aren't meant only for cooking, they

are one of the supreme and talented powers who have the full rights to travel towards her goals and wishes”.

Almost 100 people from all around the world participated and gained from the OUT TO WIN Discussion. Finally, participants were provided with digital certificates as a token of appreciation. Our love and gratitude towards the honourable speakers were attributed with memento and certificates.

We, the IEEE Women in Engineering, intend to serve society by organising events that would fulfil the Mission and Vision of the WIE affinity group. We aim at providing events to promote Women Empowerment with the aid of all people irrespective of their gender. We wish to participate in the STAR Program by hosting events targeting the growth of School Pupils. As a next milestone we plan to commemorate the important days like Women in Engineering Day and other paramount achievements in future days.

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