

Women's Forum at 15th AAPI Annual Global Health Summit at Hyderabad, India- January 5th- 7th, 2022

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During the 15th AAPI Annual Global Health Summit in Hyderabad, the Women Physicians Committee organized a Women's Forum with a panel of "Women Who Inspire" bringing some of the most accomplished and inspirational women under one roof from all walks of life and from across the continents who left the audience spellbound with their extraordinary feats of achievements conquering the adverse challenges and numerous struggles they faced in each of their phenomenal lives, thus serving as role models to many. Some of the motivational take-home messages were summarized as "Women are facing similar challenges worldwide. The momentum of fight for human rights needs to continue. Empowerment means creating self-worth. A woman is defined by her courage and self-confidence. Empower yourself to empower others. Do not suffer in silence. Be brave to voice your choices, be bold to speak up your opinions, and be strong to get a life you imagined and goals you created. Believe in yourself, nothing is impossible. Women can wear many hats and can lead the world. Strong mothers raise strong daughters. Teach your sons and partner with men to grow a gender-neutral society".

In accordance with the theme of this summit, "Prevention is better than cure", the talks during the women's forum also included cervical and breast cancer awareness and prevention. In order to recognize January 2022 as the Cervical Cancer Awareness month, women physicians committee also played a key role in an initiative to educate and prevent cervical cancer by administering HPV vaccination to 100 girls in the State of Telangana, India.





GHS Women's Forum Speakers and Committee

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1. Ms. Preity Upala

Investment banker, Media Entrepreneur, Geo-political Expert, Award-winning International Columnist, Director of The Omnia Institute. Actor, Radio/TV Commentator in Hollywood, Host of a popular show 'The Preity Experience', and Miss India International.

2. Dr. Juby A. Jacob-Nara

Physician with Masters in Public Health and Business Administration. Chief Medical Officer & Vice President of Global Clinical Development and Medical Affairs at Sanofi-Genzyme, Washington DC.

3. Dr. Meenacshi Martins

Practicing consultant psychiatrist honored by the Psychiatric Society of Goa for services rendered in the field of Mental Health. Award-winning Theater Artist, Film, Television, and Netflix Actress.

4. Dr. Shantha Kumari

Senior Gynecologist and Laparoscopic Surgeon in Hyderabad, President of the Federation of Obstetric & Gynecologic Societies of India and the Treasurer of International Federation of Obstetrics & gynecology.

5. Dr. Tejaswini Manogna

Young Medical Doctor from Hyderabad, titleholder of the beauty pageant 'Divine Miss Earth India 2019', a Model and a professional Bharatnatyam dancer.



GHS Women's Forum Committee: From L to R- Dr. Malti Mehta, Dr. Uma Jonnalagadda, Dr. Anupama Gotimukula (President AAPI), Dr. Seema Arora (Chair, AAPI Women Physicians Committee), Dr. Meher Medavaram (Chair, GHS Women's Forum), Dr. Udaya Shivangi (Advisor, AAPI Women Physician Committee)

Link to watch 'GHS Women's Forum' in Facebook live stream (16 min-1.38min)

AAPI GHS 2022 - Live Stream

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