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**EDUCATION IS THE ONLY WAY TO EMPOWER WOMEN**

-- Sharmila Tagore

Jaipur, 6 May: Education is the only way to empower women and make them competent to face the vicissitudes of life said senior cine actress Sharmila Tagore in Jaipur today. She was in conversation with the FLO Chairperson of Jaipur Chapter, Ms. Preeti Saboo and the former National President, Ms. Neeta Boochra at Hotel ITC Rajputana.  With over 400 members of FLO (FICCI Ladies Organization), in a jam packed hall – Ms. Tagore in a freewheeling chat touched upon various issues in the talk entitled ‘Power of Choices’.

Emphasising upon education she said efforts must be made to provide quality education to the girl child. Debunking the myth, Ms. Tagore did not agree that commercial films cannot stand the test of time – examples being bollywood movies like 'Aradhana' and 'Amar Prem'. She also said that it is more challenging to act in a commercial film than an art film.

She also stressed upon the fact that one must follow one’s  heart in life. Citing her own example she said it was not easy for her to take up a career in film in those times but she stuck to her decision. She said actresses of present times were getting more woman-centric roles and were also commanding a greater fee. Naming Priyanka Chopra, Deepika Padukone and Kangana Ranaut  -- she said they had done the film world proud by their performances. She also touched upon topics relating to the quality of music, technology, family support and social media in the current scenario.

Earlier, in her Welcome Address the Chairperson of FLO Jaipur Chapter, Ms. Preeti Saboo said that the presence of an eminent actress like Sharmila Tagore in the FLO meeting will certainly inspire the members. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by FLO Committee Member, Ms. Smita Sanghi.

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**Photo Caption:**

**IMG\_001:** Bollywood Cine Actress, Ms. Sharmila Tagore (Center). To her right is National Past President, Ms. Neeta Boochra,  and to her left is Present Chairperson, FLO Jaipur Chapter, Ms. Preeti Saboo.

**IMG\_002:** Bollywood Cine Actress, Ms. Sharmila Tagore (center), National Past President, Ms. Neeta Boochra and Present Chairperson, FLO Jaipur Chapter with Core Committee and Executive members.

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