Need gender-budgeting at national level: Kavitha

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Indian School of Business partnered with the YCMA in Deputy High Commissioner, Hyderabad, to organise the 2018 edition of Young Thinkers’ Conference (YTC) on Friday. Kavitha MP Kuntla Kavitha, who delivered the keynote address at the inaugural session, touched upon three important issues, which seek greater attention, by women.

Firstly, work and geographical places must be made women-friendly, and secondly, there was a need for gender-budgeting at the national level as initiated by Telangana government in new important departments relating to health and education, she said.

Finally, on women leadership, the MP emphasised India as a nation never having a mental block to have women in top leadership positions. However, there was a need for more women in top leadership positions and this needed support from men and emancipation of women through education, she said.

33% reservation

Kavitha urged the organisers of the conference to form a pressure group to get the Bill of 33 per cent reservation for women passed in the Parliament. “Such a disruptive intervention is required to achieve the required women empowerment,” she said.

Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, Hyderabad, spoke about the importance of entrepreneurial women and the need to support it.

The UK government is envisaging 1.1 million women entrepreneurs, which will add 95 billion pounds, by 2025, he said. However, referring to WEF reports, which showed a widening of the gender gap in education, health, economic and political empowerment, he emphasised the need for addressing the inequality that persists in spite of the clear advantage of having women in economic and political roles.

Prominent speakers at the sessions include Lakra IGP (Women Services), and In-charge SHE Telangana, and Bharosa Centres, Dr. Hesh Bhagwat, Rachael Police Commissioner, Praveen Kumar, Secretary Telangana Social Welfare Residential Education Institutions Society, Surya Bodhapati, Deputy Commodore, INSV Tarani, Jyothi Sriperambuduru, mountaineer, Tems Imsong, social activist, Malavath Poorna, mountaineer, among others.