

Special Dialogue around Women's Leadership in AI, the Digital Economy and Cybersecurity

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In the backdrop of the ongoing AI Impact Summit in New Delhi, the Embassy of Lithuania in New Delhi, in partnership with the Data Security of Council of India (DSCI), hosted an exclusive session with a bid to meaningfully reflect on the roadmap for empowering women in an AI-driven world.

This session created an engaging platform for dialogue, knowledge exchange, and networking by bringing together pertinent stakeholders to explore pathways for inclusive, secure, and gender-responsive digital futures.

The leaders engaged in crucial conversations around how emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence are reshaping industries—and why it is critical that women are nurtured as leaders in these realms.

The conversation also entailed opportunities in the digital economy, examining how ecosystems are expanding pathways for women entrepreneurs globally. Speakers highlighted the growing threat landscape, the need for more women in cybersecurity leadership roles, and strategies to build safer digital environments while emphasizing capacity-building initiatives, policy frameworks, and cross-sector partnerships that ensure women are empowered not just as users of technology, but as architects of secure, ethical, and resilient digital futures.

The Minister of Economy and Innovation of Lithuania Edvinas Grikšas said “Research shows that diverse teams develop better products, identify risks earlier, and adapt more effectively to technological change. Today, women represent 33.4% of people with AI competencies in Lithuania, which is higher than the global average of 30.5%. We are proud of this result, but there is still clear potential for further progress. Continued investment in education, mentoring, and supportive professional environments therefore remains essential. At the Ministry of Economy and Innovation, we are committed to this agenda.”

Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania Taurimas Valys said: “Empowering women in AI is not optional – it is strategic. Gender equality in the AI domain strengthens innovation, improves resilience, enriches perspectives in policymaking, and builds systems that better serve the society as a whole.”

Mr. Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI, mentioned “Economies across the globe are realizing the profound impact of emerging technologies which are witnessing accelerated development and adoption. Women are driving a lot of these efforts, especially at leadership levels. For

DSCI, it has been a matter of great privilege to work with the ecosystem to contribute to this strategic imperative “

Mr. Atul Kumar, Director, Government Initiatives & Global Trade, said “Representation of women in Strategic technology areas and Cyber has been steadily rising and organizations across the board are strategizing for diverse and robust workforce. It is essential to catalyse the efforts that are underway in this regard. DSCI is proud to join forces with the Embassy of Lithuania for this critical endeavour. “

About DSCI

Data Security Council of India (DSCI) is a not-for-profit, industry body on data protection in India, setup by Nasscom®, committed towards making the cyberspace safe, secure and trusted by establishing best practices, standards and initiatives in cyber security and privacy. DSCI works together with the Government and their agencies, law enforcement agencies, industry sectors including IT-BPM, BFSI, CII, Telecom, data protection authorities and think tanks for public advocacy, thought leadership, capacity building and outreach initiatives.