



# GASAT 11 Happenings

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## Opening Ceremony



### HIGHLIGHTS OF SPEECHES:

#### **S Bissoondoyal, Chairman of MIE Council**

- Emphasised the role and place of women in Science and Technology (S & T) and also the use and misuse of S & T.
- Mentioned that MIE will be especially attentive to words from delegates and their suggestions will be considered in teacher education programmes.

#### **Lady S. Jugnauth, Patron GASAT 11**

- Stressed on the values of education and family ties.
- Mentioned that she herself embraced a teaching career and did much to promote gender equality especially with her experiences of grass root realities.
- Stated that she is for gender parity in all fields.

#### **Mona Dahms, GASAT Chairperson**

- Mentioned that the use of science and technology should be for the benefit of all humankind.
- Also stated that poor nations be given opportunities to improve and raise their standard of living through S & T by involving more women in science.

#### **J. Naugah, Convenor GASAT 11**

- Mentioned that for a long time women have been in the backfields in S & T but now their works are being increasingly recognised.
- S & T education can be used for reducing the divide between developing and developed countries.