



## SHEILA DIKSHIT

<p><b>Presentation of the Speaker</b></p>	<p>Born on March 31, 1938 at Kapurthala, Punjab          Schooling at Convent of Jesus &amp; Mary. Graduation from Miranda House &amp; Post Graduation in History from Delhi University.          Chief Minister of Delhi since 1998          First Delhi CM to have a second term (2003 – 2008)          Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs &amp;          Minister of State in Prime Minister’s Office during 1986-89.          Represented India on UN Commission on Status of Women during 1984-89.          Secretary of the Indira Gandhi memorial Trust which plays a leading role in promotion of international understanding.          Her internationally acclaimed initiative is ‘Bhagidari’ which is a program of people’s participation in the process of governance. It also won a UN award.          She has championed the cause of women and has launched an innovative “Stree Shakti” (Women Power) programme in Delhi which entails capacity building among women especially those belonging to weaker sections of the society by providing them frequent access to health care and medicine, training in different employment generation streams, and financial aid for self-employment opportunity. The programme is carried out through regular camps across the city, Gender Resource Centres i.e. ‘Stree Kosh’ (Women Fund) have also been set up in different localities of the Capital to enhance and encourage entrepreneurship among women.</p>
<p><b>Data of the represented Institution/Organization</b></p>	<p>Government of Delhi, India</p>
<p><b>Debate</b></p>	<p>I: The Local Authorities in the Information Society: The vision of the regions</p>