

**WOMEN'S INDIAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (WICCI)
KARNATAKA DEFENCE PERSONNEL COUNCIL**



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STATE VICE PRESIDENT : Ms. BIA SANDHU TANEJA

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2. Ms. CHHAVI SHARMA
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MAJOR ADITI MOHAN

STATE PRESIDENT

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- Major Aditi is a former Army officer from the Army Service Corps (ASC) and served with the forces for 8 years. She has been a part of two wars - Kargil (Op Vijay) and Operation Parakaram. Born and raised in a Defence environment, and married into a family of Forces having proudly served the nation for generations, Aditi brings more than 26 years of military and corporate experience.
- She currently heads Corporate Services for an MNC at Bangalore. She is recipient of many awards during her corporate tenure and also an honorary & advisory board member for few associations. She is a strong speaker and invited for many forums in her professional space & as an inspirational speaker in the civil world. She gets featured in various magazines & media channels for her works. She is also an influencer and blogs her personal experience to motivate and inspire people.
- She has a strong advocacy towards women-empowerment and child safety. She has helped many people esp. women and children in distress with financial funding, worked along with law enforcement agencies and also extensively helped and worked during Kerala flood relief with tying up with the armed forces and transported 200 tonnes of relief material.
- She recently was felicitated and awarded by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City Police for her selfless work during Pandemic wherein she spearheaded Covid Taskforces and assisted many across the state and nation ever since the pandemic hit our nation. While this crisis might take a while, but Major continues to stand tall to ensure that women can be a living example of “WISDOM, COURAGE & COMPASSION”.
- She has also received an award from Women Economic Forum 2020 for being an “Iconic Woman Leader for creating a better world for All.”
- She is a woman with very high standards of integrity and character, an extremely bold, fearless and versatile personality and lives by her Corps motto ~ “Seva Asmakam Dharamaha” – Service is my Creed.

BIA SANDHU
STATE VICE PRESIDENT
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- **Defence Connect** : Three generations in Armed Forces and a retired Lt General's daughter.
- Bia Sandhu Taneja is the founder of Parfait Image Consulting . She is known internationally for Corporate Workshops , Personal Brand Consulting ,Image Makeovers, Personal Styling and Pageant Mentoring .
- She is an award winning Grooming and Etiquette Expert who has trained finalists for big names like Femina and Savvy in India and many international pageants in Italy , UK , USA, Thailand and Sri Lanka ..
- She carries a strong sense of Image and quality ethic bringing meticulousness and great dedication to the profession of Image Management , Grooming and Appearance .
- First 30 years of her life were spent enshrined in a Defence Environment as her paternal Grandfather, her maternal grandfather and her own father who retired as a Lt Gen as Deputy Chief of the Indian Army , have served the nation through and through fighting second world war and all the wars till date and brought laurels to the nation. She strongly feels for this council and is proud of her family legacy.

PARBEEN KAUR
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- Entrepreneur , Promoter , Spiritual trainer & Social worker.
- My passion & the Spirit of 'Sewa' (Voluntary Service) towards conducting development programs drove me to create & provide a platform for women. I focus on Cultural, Spiritual, Religious & holistic developments of women . It provides them with an overall sense of high self esteem & self confidence fueled by personality development workshops, divinity classes, etc., I work towards promoting gender equality and women's full and effective participation and leadership at all levels of professional and daily life - by helping them achieve their goals and to develop self confidence.
- Board member of the Management Committee of Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Bangalore and actively organizes various development events and programmes.
- Co-Founder and President of Daswandh Foundation - a foundation which works towards upliftment of the lesser privileged



CHHAVI SHARMA
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- **Defence Connect** : Retd Colonel's wife who served the Indian Army for two decades.
- Life skills trainer/ Coach & Counsellor.
- THE SACHH FOUNDATION Trustee & Head Of Coffee with A Difference
- MRS. India Asia International world winner, Winner of Mrs. Karnataka & Mrs. India Asia International World. & Subtitle winner of Mrs. Fineness.
- Trained by Sir Al Gore, the 45th Vice President of the United States and Nobel laureate at the Climate Reality Leadership Training Program in Houston Texas. We were trained to be Climate Reality Leaders, advocates of environment protection and leaders of tomorrow.
- Being a retired Army officer's wife who hung his olive greens as a Colonel and having lived in a defence environment, this council makes me feel bringing back all those works we pursued towards the upliftment for our wives of army combatants.



ANJUM AZEEZ
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- **Born an enthusiast, I currently run a boutique by the name of ~ “ The Emerald store”.**
- **I’m a Sophia school and Mount Carmel college product.**
- **Related to NA Harris and Nasir Ahmed ~ MLAs (politicians).**
- **I have curated and conducted events for women against body-shaming.**
- **Strong believer of making women empower themselves and hence I'm a successful entrepreneur and have a team of women that work along with me.**
- **Being a patriot and from a family of politicians where we serve the government , I feel quite committed towards this council and WICCI is a great initiative for Women in Industry.**

ASHA KIRAN
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- D/O G. Rajashekar MLA Bhadravathi constituency 1978 during R. Gundu Rao period
- Brother G.R. Praveen Patel MLA candidate Bhadravathi constituency (and through my brother, Defence Personnel council shall also look at working with Government agencies.)
- Mrs. India Universe Bangalore 2019
- Mrs. India universe title winner for Best Cat Walk 2019
- I am the founder trustee of Sonasha Charitable trust which is mainly striving to provide suitable platforms for artisans from across the country to seek markets for their wonderful creations of arts and crafts. My goal has been to connect these artisans to the right markets.
- I also represent another NGO Harmony where in we essentially engage in helping under privileged

BABITA SHARMA
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- I am not only a home-maker but also an Image consultant, an event curator and an influencer.
- Have been a speaker at many forums.
- WICCI is an initiative that will help propel women to drive in the direction much needed for our society.
- I look forward to working with the council as an integral part and contribute towards the growth of it to the best of my capacity.

GAYATHRI SURESH
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- I am a diabetes educator and clinical podiatrist.
- Co-director for Dr Suresh Diacare & Proprietor – Om Sai Enterprise.
- I am also associated as the founder member for Rotary Eclub of Bangalore Greencity.
- Contributed towards the society during pandemic as covid relief measures and voluntary help.
- I am also a strong believer of women-empowerment and strongly believe that WICCI will open new channels for All.

KIRAT SANDHU UMRE

STATE COUNCIL MEMBER

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- **Defence Connect** : Three generations in Armed Forces and a retired Lt General's daughter.
- Kirat Sandhu is a multi-faceted professional with a work history spanning over 19 years, and a strong background in Learning and Development, Customer Service, Hospitality, Sales Performance Development and Operations.
- Kirat started her career with Genpact as a Voice & Accent Trainer where she spent 2 years training New Hires on Voice and Accent and Customer Service. She moved on to Hutchison Wampoa – 3 Global Services as a Team Leader Trainer where she trained and coached new Trainers and was also a part of the Content Designing team. Post this, she joined InTouch Solutions as a Manager Training and Quality where she ensured that excellent Quality and Customer Service was delivered to clients.
- She flew for an International Airline ensuring that the International standards of Customer Service were maintained. She worked as a Team Leader-Operations for an Australian and New Zealand process in American Express. She is currently working with Chrysalis HRD as an Associate Consultant – Facilitation
- First 30 years of her life were spent enshrined in a Defence Environment as her paternal Grandfather, her maternal grandfather and her own father who retired as a Lt Gen as Deputy Chief of the Indian Army , have served the nation through and through fighting second world war and all the wars till date and brought laurels to the nation. She strongly feels for this council and is proud of her family legacy.

LAXMI KRISHNA STATE COUNCIL MEMBER WICCI – KARNATAKA DEFENCE PERSONNEL COUNCIL

- Celebrity Fashion Designer , Celebrity Stylist in Kannada and Tamil Film Industry ,Columnist in Deccan Chronicle
- State Award Winner for Best Designer from Colors Kannada
- BE Engineer with MBA from London and Fashion from Cambridge University
- Professional Bharatanatyam Dancer , Gold Medalist in Face reading
- Owns a brand label Laxmi Krishna Label , Designed for 14 movies in 2 years in Kannada Industry. Recent release would be Ranganayaki which is only kannada movie selected for international film festival Goa, Gubbi mele bramhastra and many more
- Designed for albums with Diganth
- Been a designer and stylist for major international pageants happening across the globe
- Designed and styled for biggest brands for their print and media shoots
- Designer for National costume for Femina Finalist which won hearts
- Film in making would Amruthamathi and Chowkabara ,Tridevi,chowkabara, ward no 11 shooting in progress
- Live life in style is Laxmi Krishna Label motto.
- Recently, on the occasion of 15th Aug 2020, during pandemic **designed a Costume for ARMED FORCES** which featured all those who have laid down their lives, are serving and have served the nation **as a mark of tribute and respect** for the people in uniform.
- I feel quite committed towards this council emotionally as well.



LAKSHMI JAGMOHAN STATE COUNCIL MEMBER

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- **Defence Connect** : Armed Forces Daughter ~ he was a World War II veteran and an NCC cadet and a State level Shooter
- Lakshmi Jagmohan as she is known, is from Mumbai, who has now made Bangalore her home, coming to this city after her marriage to Jagmohan 30 years ago.
- She has been an athlete all through her school and college years till she completed her Masters in Management Studies (MMS) in Finance from The University of Bombay. Basketball and Badminton being her favorites, she has played up to District Level in Basketball ending her career before playing the Nationals due to a serious injury.
- She was in NCC, which she says has been the best that happened and had the distinction of the only cadet to have got extensions to continue additional years in both, School and College levels. Having won Best Cadet in different All India Camps, being best shooter and a certified Horse Rider are all part of the training she received from NCC and at Bhonsala Military School Winter Training at Nasik, Maharashtra!
- What started as a small idea, has now grown in to a well known and sought after designer boutique, not only in Bangalore, but other cities and countries as well. She has showcased her works in Bangalore and Chennai Fashion Weeks and many other shows around our city. She enjoys Choreography and has choreographed shows in Bangalore and Tiruppur. She had a stint as a Vice-Principal at ALT-Training College for 2 years Last year was a special one for her store as it turned 25!
- She has trained in Carnatic Music and Veena from her mother and Guru, Mrs. Leela Nammalwar. She is a Charter Secretary and twice President of the Innerwheel Club of Bangalore Koramangala, actively participating in community service.
- Venkatalakshmi Jagmohan began training for 10 m Air Pistol Shooting after a break of 32 years and won the Team Silver at the Karnataka State Level Competition and represented the State at the Pre-Nationals at Idukki, Kerala and at Ahmedabad last year.
- My father, was first with The Royal British Navy, having Studied at The London School Engineering specializing in Naval Engineering. He was a **WW II veteran**. He then moved to serve our country in the Indian Navy during the Indian Independence being a part of Goa Liberation, Burma War and Japanese Invasion. He was Chief of Weapon Controls. After taking Voluntary Retirement from Indian Navy, he joined Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) in 1964. He was nominated twice for the President's Service Medal.



MAMTA ROY
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- Mamta Roy is an extremely successful entrepreneur in the city of Bangalore and runs multiple businesses with “ODETTE” being one.
- She also is a social influencer and been awarded by United Nations University for Global Peace for Sustainable development & Growth and received many more such awards.
- She has been instrumental in bringing the women across states together and formed an association of friendliness and sisterhood.
- She believes women must be independent and make a stand for themselves.
- Her strength lies in her humbleness and helping people selflessly.
- She has conducted many events across the city in the field of fashion and sent out strong messages of womanhood.
- She strongly feels for the defence personnel who serve the nation and relates to this council.

MEENAKSHI KARANTH
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- Meenakshi Karanth is a gold medalist in Mass Communication and since then, worked in publication houses both in Bangalore and Mumbai. In her stint of journalism she has interviewed the who is who of politics in Karnataka and actors in Kannada and Bollywood including her favorite Shah Rukh Khan.
- Slowly moving into the events world she worked with Wizcraft India as the artist manager for South. Her enthusiasm and grounding was so good that even after her corporate client, Microsoft absorbed her, they would let her go and run shows and manage artists.
- Just when the digital market industry was building she worked with Sprinklr, a US based agency and handled digital media for clients like Dupont, Lenovo, Nike, Target, Microsoft, Cisco.
- Travelling, multitasking and managing a large team with different tasks like risk management, community management, NLP.
- She brings to the table a wide spectrum of experiences from various media houses.

NAMITA GUPTA
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- Namita Gupta has served a long stint in various top media houses like RITZ Magazine, Femina, Thestyle.world, Mid Day, Deccan Chronicle, Times of India, Explocity, Art of Jewellery Magazine and other publications for 18 years now.
- Her writings involve travel, fashion trends, food reviews, wellness, social issues, celebrity profiles, art, music and entertainment, night life, tourism, health, education, launches and more.
- She also likes to travel and explore various cultures and countries that she chronicles in her writings on Namionthemove @namionthemove on Instagram and Facebook.
- Namita believes that it's important to have some healthy hobbies and passions too. Yoga helps her keep healthy - both mentally and physically.

RASHMI AGNIHOTRI

STATE COUNCIL MEMBER

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- **Defence connect** : Father-in-law retired as a Wing Commander from the Air Force and Paternal uncle being in the India Navy.
- Rashmi is a social influencer and also a homemaker ~ a Post-Graduate in Organic Chemistry and cleared pre-medical test- PMT in first attempt and marine engineering in her first too.
- She brings to the table her rich experience of managing multiple tasks of managing fashion, motherhood and sisterhood.
- She also has done sangeet VISHARAD in vocal music course ~Classical music and the first position holder with Distinction in 8 years of vocal music.
- She has represented her husband along at many official forums and British High Commission social events and seen as an epitome of ideal woman.
- She has featured in many news magazines as a page 3 celebrity.
- She hails from the city of Nawaabs ~ Lucknow.
- She is an avid traveler and brings to the table her experience across the globe.
- She feels connected to WICCI and agrees that this initiative will provide many new opportunities to the women of our society and make this world a much better place.

REKHA GHOSH
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- **Defence connect** : Daughter of a defence personnel
- Rekha Ghosh is a corporate player and currently manages a large portfolio as a Vice President, Corporate Business Head at Massive Restaurants.
- She has been a former Associative Vice President at Lite Bite Foods and also worked with very well known hotels like The Oberai Group.
- She is an Alumni of IHM Pusa.
- Rekha is also a social influencer and has curated many events.
- She has also been awarded many times for exemplary work and brought accolades to Massive Restaurants by winning TIMES FOOD wards year on year and also received the Woman Achiever award by UNNGP.



RENU SURESH
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- **Defence connect** : Nephew ~ currently serving in the Indian Army.
- Renu is the Co-founder of Concord Automations and a loving home maker.
- She is very passionate about keeping a right balance between professional life and family life .. rather a good fusion of the old school values and modern day trends !
- Been an active member in Punjabi Sabha ~ an association to bring people together for works and seva of society.
- She strongly feels committed to WICCI and the defence council excites her to help serve the society and the “Veer Naris”- the war-widows.

RESHMA RAJPAL
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- **Defence connect** ~ Family friend circle entirely of Defence personnel.
- An MBA graduate from Delhi settled in Bangalore .. a home maker .. mother .. fashionista... passionate about fitness and making friends .. food and nutrition being my core strength .. facing life's upheaval and challenges bang on over the past and coming out victorious and motivating others along the way who are battling there own issues ..
- Work closely with my family business and now have started curating fashion events.
- Love to travel and live life to the fullest ..
- WICCI is a great initiative for women and will bring the world closer to each other. I also relate to the council for the momentum it will bring in the society.



RJ SNIGDHA
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- **Defence connect** : Daughter of a defence personnel.
- A strong willed , Vivacious ,Victorious , Spirited Snigdha is a certified Radio Jockey, a Professional Anchor , former model and winner of a few reputed Pageants ,an accredited Corporate soft skills trainer and a trained Fitness and nutrition expert.
- She is a diploma holder from Ananda Shankar's center for performing arts, Kolkata.
- She loves to live life on the edge and is highly adventurous .She is a seasoned Car rallyists and has bagged a few trophies.
- She is an avid biker and a enthusiastic hiker too .
- She loves to write poetries at her leisure time besides cooking is her forte as well ! She believes she may be having her hands in too many pies but she has mastered them all !
- She works extensively for the differently abled sector with special needs and creates awareness campaigns every year for the Autism community.
- She firmly believes - If you think you can ,YOU CAN!

SHITU KHANNA
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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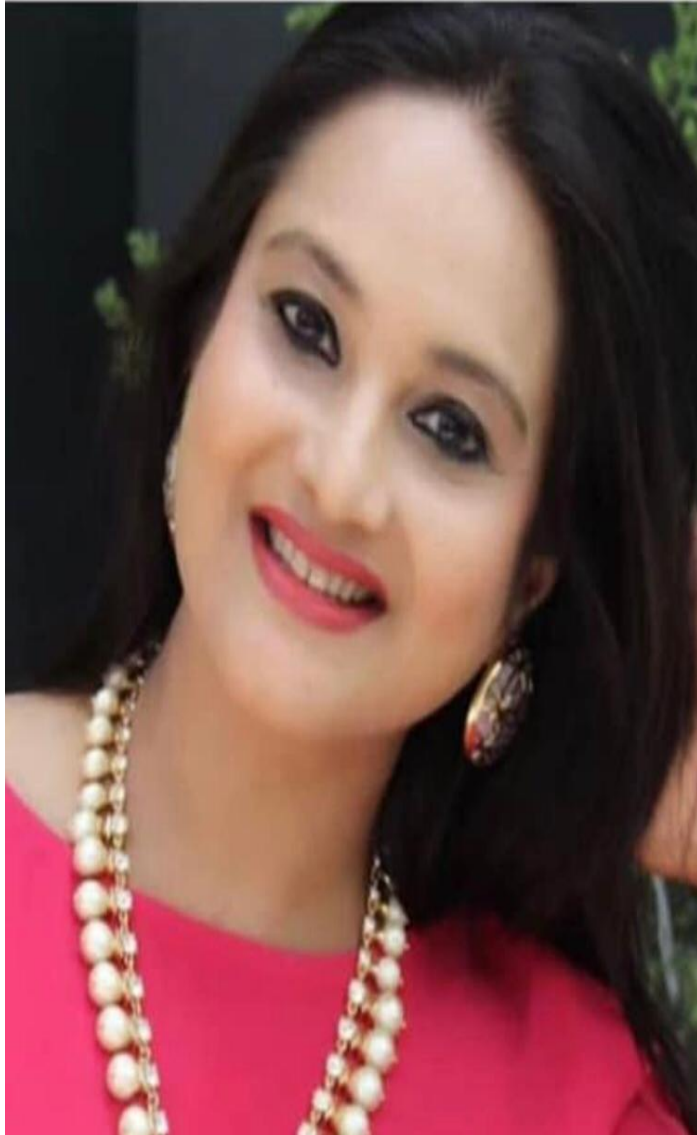
- **Defence connect** : Paternal uncle retired as a Brigadier
- Shitu is a fashion and an interior designer and an artist by passion but a Chemistry honors by education and a home maker.
- She has the capacity and flexibility to take up all the challenges that come her way.
- She is a gold medalist in Chemistry honors but her love for designing gives her a spark to create and explore various things.
- She believes in spreading happiness and connects quickly to kind and humble people. She cherishes to be surrounded by deeply passionate, supportive and an inspiring community of like-minded people.
- She feels excited and honored to be a council member of WICCI and looks forward to bring a change with her contribution.

SHEETAL CHUGH
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- **Designer ...dreamer... go getter ...love to live life to the fullest ...and always count my blessings.**
- **Have created the label Finesse...and love to design and make my clients look good.**
- **A socialite of Bangalore.**
- **A lover of nature and love my peace and tranquility.**
- **Always curious....**
- **She is a social influencer and also curates events. She has made a difference to the society and during pandemic offered many of her clients and people with masks and also helped deliver food at the time of need.**
- **She is extremely elated to be part of WICCI and hopes to bring a positive change to the society through this council**

SIRINI MYSORE
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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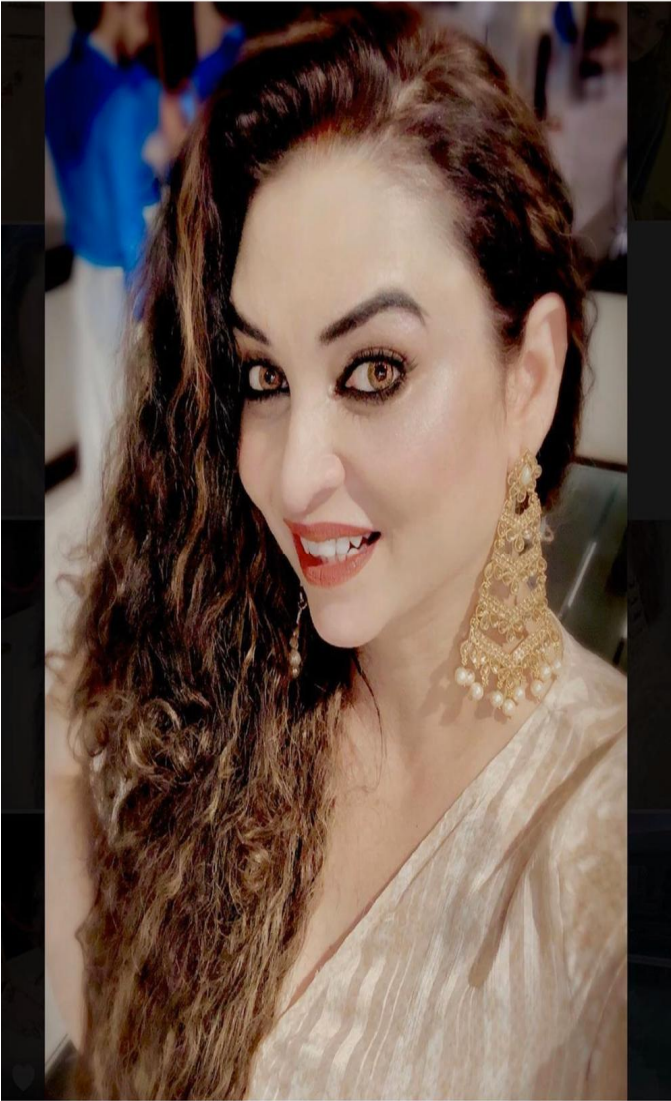


- A product of Mount Carmel and a socialite, Sirini is a avid lover of art and jewellery.
- She is also an event curator and has extensively conducted many events.
- She is a coordinator for the platform “Just Speak” .
- Through her events, she has been able to giveback to the society even during pandemic with the profits going to artisans and society in a big way.
- She is also a member of ALL like all other women of the council and strongly feels that WICCI being one of its kind will help knit the world together and women will be encouraged to contribute more.
- She has immense respect towards forces and promises to contribute effectively towards this council.

SNEH SHEIKHAWAT
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
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- **Defence connect** : Brother-in-law, a defence personnel; Father-in-law – Chief of Naval Staff.
- Worked in the past in the hotel industry, media houses and various magazines in the services sector for a period of twelve years.
- Managed and advised private clients on financial investments. Currently on a break ,only handling own funds and investments .
- Enjoy travelling, reading and being positive!!
- Sneh is a part of ALL chapter and will be an integral part of WICCI defence council with the vast experience she brings from her banking and hospitality background.



VANDANA UPADHYAY
STATE COUNCIL MEMBER
WICCI – KARNATAKA DEFENCE PERSONNEL COUNCIL

- **Defence connect:** Retired DIG of Police's daughter.
- Vandana is an M.Sc. & MBA by education and Director & Founder -BBE IPL (Bangalore Blues Entertainment India Private limited). She Owns 7 Restaurants, pubs, Microbrewery & Skin Clinic.
- To name a few ~ The Black Pearl (2 in Bangalore & 1 in Chennai); The Boozy Griffin (2 In Bangalore); Simon Says Brew Works in Bangalore; Loop (rooftop lounge in Chennai); AHQ (Skin & Hair Clinic in Bangalore) with a Total Turnover of 100 crore Per Annum.
- She has Won 2 International Awards In Geneva & London for The Black Pearl (Pirate themed Restaurant) & Many National Awards.
- She is also a recipient of Lifestyle Award twice; Restaurants India Awards yet again twice; Zomato Gold Award; Just Dial award & Many More ..
- .At Present total Employees working with her are more than 900.
- She strongly believes in her motto ~ **Let's work Together..**

**WICCI – KARNATAKA DEFENCE PERSONNE COUNCIL EXPRESSES
GRATITUDE TO THE GLOBAL CHAIRPERSON , FOUNDER ~
MS. HARBEEN ARORA**



JAI HIND!
MAJOR ADITI MOHAN