

Ladies Study Group Hosts Its Prestigious 2025 Charitable Trust Annual Award Ceremony

Kolkata, 15 December 2025: The Ladies Study Group (LSG) successfully hosted the **2025 LSG Charitable Trust Annual Award Ceremony** in the gracious presence of esteemed **Chief Guests, Ms Sanghamitra Ghosh**, Principal Secretary, Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal, and **Ms Anuradha Lohia**, Chairperson, Manovikas Kendra. Their participation added immense value to the event as they commended LSG's longstanding efforts to champion welfare, empowerment, and social responsibility.

This year, the LSG Charitable Trust Award was conferred upon **Destiny Foundation**, recognised for its outstanding work in combating human trafficking and violence against women and children. The organisation was selected by an esteemed jury panel comprising Ms Rishika Samtani, Ms Bridget Vaswani and Mr Brij Bhushan Agarwal. The award includes a Certificate, a Citation, and a prize amount of ₹5 lakh, marking LSG's continued commitment to uplifting organisations working at the grassroots to protect society's most vulnerable.

*"The LSG Charitable Trust Award stands for courage, compassion and meaningful impact. This year's awardee embodies these values through their relentless work to safeguard women and children from exploitation and abuse. We are deeply honoured to recognise an organisation that confronts one of the most urgent social challenges of our time," said **Ms Richa Agarwal, President, Ladies Study Group***

Following the award presentation, the audience was witnessed power packed talk titled "Against All Odds: Redefining Inequality and Inclusivity." By well-known transgender activist **Shreegauri Sawant**. Her inspiring session highlighted the necessity of building an equitable society that embraces diversity while challenging systemic discrimination. The talk resonated strongly with attendees, further reinforcing the LSG's motto of the year, 'Lead The Change'.

"We were privileged to have our esteemed Chief Guests, Ms Sanghamitra Ghosh and Dr Anuradha Lohia, whose presence reinforced the significance of today's theme. The powerful talk by Shreegauri Sawant further enriched the evening, reminding us that true inclusivity begins with listening to voices that have fought the hardest battles. Her message of resilience and equality will stay with all of us," Ms Agarwal added further.

The LSG Charitable Trust Annual Award is the most prestigious recognition of the Ladies Study Group instituted in 1975. Over the last five decades, it has honoured charitable institutions and non-government organisations whose selfless dedication and impactful initiatives have significantly contributed to the upliftment of underprivileged communities.

About Ladies Study Group (LSG): Way back in 1966, some stalwarts from the Indian Chamber of Commerce realized that in spite of the spread of education among women, their potential aptitudes and merit were hardly given due recognition. Therefore, in order to create a platform that encourages women towards mobilizing their talents and participate in issues relating to the national fabric, they set up the Ladies Study Group. It was inaugurated by the then Governor of West Bengal, Ms Padmaja Naidu. The LSG, today, comprises of an enlightened group of women who are highly conscious of their environment and totally committed to the study and analyses of the socio - economic trends which are prevalent not only in India but throughout the world. It is more like a sisterhood between women bonded by the passion of learning. From a group of 12 women sitting around a table at the Indian Chamber premises, LSG now has 500+ members. The members hail from various segments of society and from diverse fields such as industry, art, finance, technology, fashion, fitness, lifestyle, etc.

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