

>>> **YOUR SUPPORT.
HER STRENGTH.
OUR SHARED JOURNEY.**

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Dear Friend,

Namaste! On October 8, 2025, we're gathering to hold space for stories that remind us why we give, why we stand together, and why we believe change is possible.

For us, what will be remembered as a night of celebration, connection, and giving, is on the very same date, the start of something far greater and bigger than us. It is the day someone chooses to believe in their potential, their dreams are carried forward, and the day their stories have new endings. **Same Date, Two Stories.**

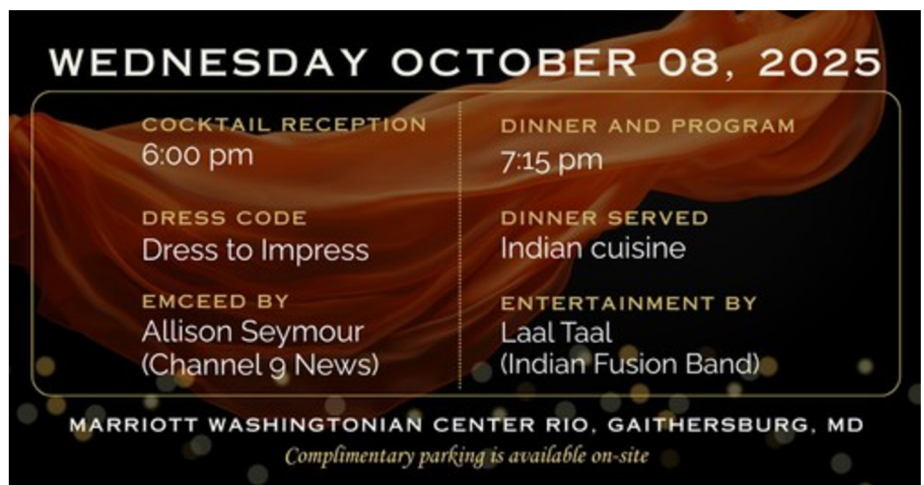
We will hear of women who once stood at the margins of society, now stepping into new roles as entrepreneurs, artisans, and leaders. We will listen to the voices of girls who returned to classrooms when everyone thought the door to education had closed.

But more than that, we aim to affirm a promise: that in 2026 and beyond, more women will have the chance to build livelihoods, more girls will stay in school, and more families will step into futures filled with dignity.

This goes beyond IDRF's work. It's shared, enduring, and our collective.

Best Regards,

Dr. Vinod Prakash
Founder and CEO



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SONAL SHAH

Co-founder, Indicorps

From cofounding **Indicorps** to leading the White House Office of Social Innovation, Sonal has dedicated her career to building institutions that **empower communities and reimagine impact.**

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THE GALA WILL SHINE LIGHT ON THESE JOURNEYS, BUT HERE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES ALREADY UNFOLDING BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY.

EMPOWERING WOMEN, REVIVING CRAFT: A Pathway to Economic Independence

In partnership with **Disease Eradication through Education & Prevention (DEEP)**, IDRF is unlocking new livelihood opportunities for women from the most marginalized communities in Hyderabad, Telangana. Through **bangle-making training**, widows and single mothers are gaining the skills and confidence to build sustainable incomes and a brighter future for their families.

This initiative is more than vocational training; it's a pathway to economic independence. These women are now selling their handcrafted bangles to four shops in the Charminar area, with many exploring entrepreneurship, artisan cooperatives, and local market participation. The vibrant artistry of Hyderabad bangles, known for their intricate designs, is being preserved and revitalized through the hands of these resilient women.

To date, **105 women have completed the training**. IDRF is now extending this opportunity to 140 more women across four upcoming batches—ensuring that tradition thrives, and transformation continues.



EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH LIVELIHOODS: A New Pilot with Samerth Charitable Trust

IDRF has launched a transformative initiative to extend microloans to 115 women living below the poverty line in Ahmedabad and Kutch districts, Gujarat. This project is designed to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities by supporting farming-related efforts, such as land leveling and irrigation and local shops. Microloans also help fund the purchase of cattle and sewing machines, equipping women with tools to build income and independence.

Together, we're investing in women's economic agency and community-driven change—one seed, one shop, one story at a time.



Small Loan, Big Vision: A Case Study in Entrepreneurial Growth

Shaheen, 38, runs a thriving beauty accessories business from her home in Fatehwadi. With a sharp understanding of local demand, she and her husband launched the venture using their savings and determination.

As her customer base expanded, so did her aspirations. To meet growing demand and diversify her offerings, Shaheen approached Samerth Charitable Trust for support. An IDRF-enabled microloan of \$60 marked quite a turning point—enabling her to scale thoughtfully and sustainably. Her disciplined management and clear vision soon earned her a second round of support: \$240 to elevate her enterprise even further.



Shaheen's journey is more than a business success—it's a powerful reminder of what happens when women are trusted with resources and room to grow. She's not just growing a business—she's shaping a future rooted in resilience and purpose.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you—our generous donors and steadfast partners. Your belief in our mission fuels every step forward, every story of resilience, and every ripple of change. Because of you, communities are thriving, dreams are being realized, and hope is being restored.

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