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New Delhi, Sep 22 (PTI) Women should not wait for others' support but they should enable themselves with the technology in their hands, Union minister Smriti Irani said.

The minister of women and child development stressed on the need for women to become more self-aware.

She was speaking at the Public Affairs Forum of India's annual meet here.

The minister said the main problem in India is that “we look at gender equality differently. If we really want to change the condition, we'll have to change our outlook. We'll have to break the barriers of past assumptions. We'll have to develop a progressive outlook”.

“Today, women are taking the front seat at village panchayats. According to World Economic Forum (WEF), our country stands at 48th place in Women Empowerment Index (WEI),” she said.

Calling technology a great enabler, Irani said women should not wait for others' support to enable them but should enable themselves with the technology in their hands.

Giving insights into the schemes of the government for women, Irani said that under the government's new Projana, two crore houses have been allotted to women candidates.

She further said that out of four crore people trained in IT under DISHA Scheme, 58 per cent were women candidates.

Talking about the security of girls and women, Irani said the government has set up one-stop centres in over 700 districts for which there is a need to increase awareness. Around seven crore self-help groups have been enabled with an investment of Rs 480 crore, she said. PTI UZM KVK KVK

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