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Title: Fiercely Independent: How Progressive Parents Shape a Daughter's Future

"We cannot succeed when half of us are held back." - -Malala Yousafzai

In celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child, Avid Learning in partnership with the Consulate General of Canada Mumbai, Good Earth and Eminence Design present an enlightening conversation on how positive parenting can empower girl children with Author of 'Kashmir, the Loss of Innocence', Kiran Narain, Actor, Sanjay Suri and Granddaughter of Maharaja Hari Singh, Princess of Jammu and Kashmir, Jyotsna Singh in conversation with Designer, Entrepreneur and Social Activist, Devika Bhojwani. Set against the backdrop of the beautiful valley of Kashmir they all call home, the discussion will be interspersed by book readings from 'Kashmir, the Loss of Innocence', a story of six sisters who were raised in an orthodox society by a fiercely progressive father. The evening will conclude with the launch of the book.

Where: Good Earth, Raghuvanshi Mills, Lower Parel

When: Wednesday, 28 October, 2015 Time: 6 pm to 8 pm

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About Kiran Narain: Kiran Narain is the author of 'Kashmir- The Loss of Innocence', a story of six sisters set against the backdrop of the beautiful valley of Kashmir. Daughters of Prem Nath Kohli, Manager Private Estates to Maharaja Hari Singh of Kashmir and an obsessive naturalist and photographer, the Kohli sisters were brought up in an orthodox society by a fiercely progressive father. The book follows the life of the sisters, through their days of carefree innocence, economic ups and downs and their love and loss, as seen through the ever-curious eyes of their youngest sister, Ginni.

Sanjay Suri was born on April 6, 1971 in Srinagar, Kashmir, India. He is an actor and producer, known for Jhankaar Beats (2003), Pinjar (2003) and My Brother Nikhil (2005). He has been married to Ambika Suri since November 21, 2001.

Princess Jyotsana Singh of Jammu and Kashmir: Her grandfather, Maharaja Hari Singh was the last ruler of the princely state. The princess likes sculpting and creates abstracts and sculptures in enamel art, an art form Kashmir is celebrated for. She has also brought it upon herself to keep alive the tradition of weaving Pashmina [fine cashmere wool] in Jammu.

Devika Bhojwani: Singer, actress and an organizer of events for good causes - all rolled into one, makes Devika Bhojwani. Devika believes that whatever she does, must in some way, benefit other human beings and provide an increasing value in all our lives. It is this belief that has led her to set up a foundation "The Women's Cancer Initiative" in partnership with The Tata Memorial Hospital, one of India's leading Cancer Hospitals.

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