

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DELIBERATION ON WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY (9 March 2026)

In commemoration of International Women's Day, a special deliberation programme titled "Women in Leadership & Sustainability" was organized by Metro Railway, Kolkata, India, on 9 March 2026. The event was designed to celebrate the achievements of women, promote leadership opportunities, and emphasize the critical role of sustainability in modern development. The primary objectives of the programme were to promote women's leadership in sustainability and energy-related sectors, encourage awareness regarding inclusive growth and environmental responsibility, and showcase initiatives supporting women's empowerment and sustainable development.

A distinguished highlight of the event was the invitation of Ms. Piyali Sengupta, Assistant Professor, IISWBM and Lead Officer, CWEEL as the Chief Guest, recognizing her outstanding contributions in the fields of energy management, sustainability advocacy, and women's leadership development. Ms. Sengupta delivered the keynote lecture on "Women in Leadership – Accelerating Progress Towards Sustainability." Her insightful address emphasized the growing role of women leaders in driving sustainable solutions, clean energy transition, environmental stewardship, and inclusive progress. She effectively demonstrated how women can become catalysts for innovation and long-term sustainable transformation.

During her presentation, she introduced the vision and global initiatives of CWEEL (Council on Women in Energy & Environmental Leadership, USA) and highlighted the ongoing activities of the CWEEL Kolkata Group. Through her inspiring communication, she significantly enhanced the visibility, outreach, and relevance of CWEEL initiatives in Kolkata.

The programme was attended by senior officers of Metro Railway, Kolkata, along with more than 100 women employees. Her motivating speech deeply inspired the participants to actively engage in leadership roles and sustainability initiatives. The invitation of Ms. Piyali Sengupta as Chief Guest and keynote speaker reflects her growing recognition as a dynamic leader and role model in advancing women's empowerment and sustainable development.



Fig 1. Felicitation by the Managing Director, Kolkata Metro Rail



Fig 2. Lamp Lighting ceremony



Fig 3. Glimpse of Women's Day celebration at Kolkata Metro Rail