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## **Statement from Yale University**

**New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.** – Smriti Zubin Irani attended the 7th India-Yale Parliamentary Leadership Program on June 19 – 27, 2013, held on the Yale University campus in New Haven, Connecticut, USA, with additional meetings in New York City.

More than eighty members of India's Parliament from fifteen different political parties drawn from the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha have attended the program since it was established in 2007. Participants have included twenty-seven current or former Union ministers, chief ministers, party spokespersons, and senior party leaders.

At the conclusion of the program, Smriti Irani received a certificate of participation that that acknowledged and recognized her participation in the program.

Smriti Irani's participation and contribution to the 2013 program was distinguished particularly in regard to issues related to social development, gender, and governance.