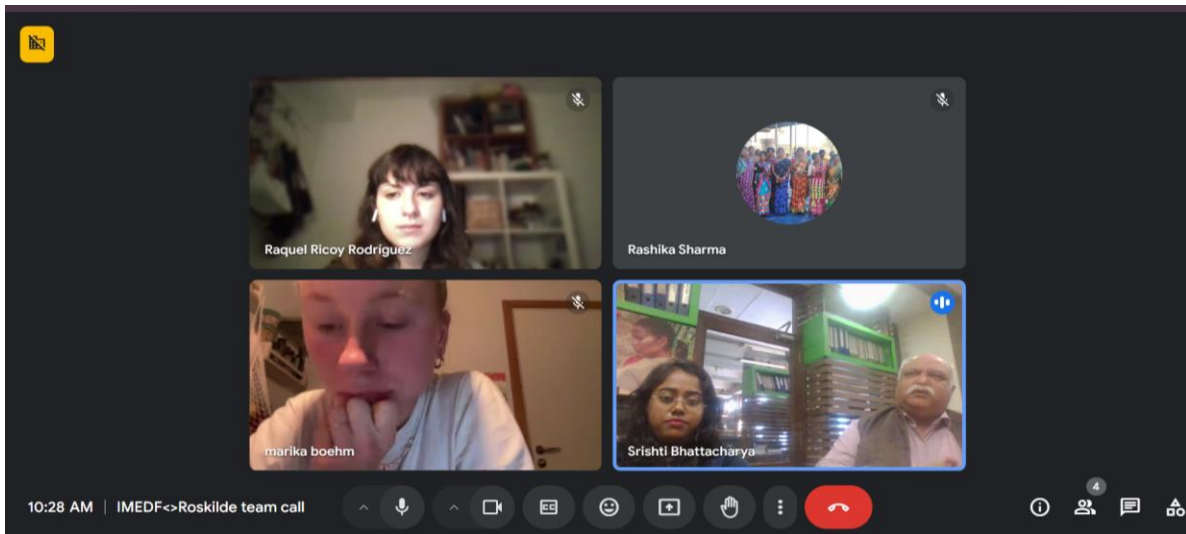


Interaction with Roskilde University students, Denmark on building capacities of women entrepreneurs through micro credit linkage



Interactive session between IMEDF team and Roskilde University students group on micro credit access for rural women

Indian Micro Enterprises Development Foundation (IMEDF) had a constructive interaction with the student research group of Roskilde University, Denmark comprising of Alvaro, Luna, Matias, Raquel and Marika on the role of Development Alternatives Group in contributing to the social, political and economic empowerment of marginalised communities through the active synergy between three main work areas:

- Livelihood Security and Inclusive Entrepreneurship
- Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy
- Climate Resilience and Ecosystem Restoration

An active discussion was conducted on the key thrust area i.e. women empowerment and the associated issues in the Indian context which covered the following:

- Definition of empowerment in the Indian society
- Need for entrepreneurship acumen among women post pandemic and how it addresses jobs scarcity
- To build capacities of not only the women entrepreneurs but also their associated households in terms of accessibility to sustainable livelihoods for income generation
- Creation of an ecosystem that is community owned, and enables women to have a sustainable future as an entrepreneur

After setting the tone of the meeting, detailed discussion took place regarding the Microcredit access and how it promotes financial ownership for women and helps them take a call for their enterprises in an independent manner.

In a nutshell, the discussion channelised deconstructing the idea of patriarchy which chained women's freedom and how inclusive and regenerative entrepreneurship with women at its core empowers them not only in terms of owning the finances but also managing savings, timely repayment and better credit score.