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Christy Varghese gets a fresh perspective on women empowerment after attending Bharat Soka Gakkai’s webinar, Beautiful Stories Of Women Creating a New Age Towards 2030

When women of great courage, optimism and wisdom join together, society will change profoundly. When women of a sensitive nature and compassion rise to the occasion, human society is bound to change on a fundamental level.” The words — spoken by Daisaku Ikeda, president, Soka Gakkai International (SGI) at a webinar entitled Beautiful Stories of Women Creating a New Age Towards 2030 — highlighted the significance of the role of half the planet in ushering in an era of peace. Organised by Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG), the Indian affiliate of the SGI, the webinar drew attention to the value and wisdom that women can bring to our society as future leaders. And what better occasion to recall the insight lent by the panellists, since today is Women’s Equality Day.

The illustrious panellists, representing a broad spectrum of society, were Vinita Bali, former CEO and MD of Britannia Industries, Mirian Vilela, the executive director of Earth Charter International, Safeena Husain, the founder and executive director of Educate Girls and Tillotama Shome, a Filmfare award-winning actor.

While all eyes were on the panellists, the webinar sought to celebrate the struggles and victories of ordinary yet courageous women who rewrote their destiny and that of others. Bali, an iconic business leader with extensive experience in leading companies both in India and overseas, lent her voice to some extremely pertinent thoughts, “Women comprise almost half of the global population. Why do we distinguish on the basis of gender for job opportunities? Why do we need to fight for women’s rights? I think fighting is the wrong term here. In these times is respecting each others’ rights too much to ask for? There can be no better time for a dialogue to foster empathy, compassion, and understanding so that we may live in a world that is fair and equitable for all.”

She brought a global and pragmatic approach to the panel, with respect to strategy, marketing, innovation in operations having worked across several continents. She was among 27 global leaders appointed by the UN to help improve maternal and child health, by scaling up nutrition initiatives.

Picking up from where Bali had concluded, Vilela expressed, “The innate feminine intelligence offers everything the world desperately needs today. Sensitivity, empathy, sense of care and flexibility are essential human elements that need to be cultivated to move away from the myopic view of indifference.” Originally from Brazil, Vilela has been working with the Earth Charter Initiative since early 1996. Prior to her work with the Earth Charter, she worked for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) for two years in preparation of the 1992 UN Earth Summit and a year at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). While there is always room for change, Vilela rued how ‘women have to still ask for empowerment. Why are we not able to make it a reality?’ And that question surely left a mark on those who were listening.

Education is a game-changer, with respect to women empowerment, believes Husain whose NGO, Educate Girls (EG), is focussed on mobilising communities for girls’ education. Under her leadership, since EG’s inception in 2007, the NGO has enrolled over 7,50,000 girls in school and improved the learning outcomes for more than 1.3 million children in India. Previously, Husain had worked extensively with rural and urban underserved communities in South America, Africa and Asia. She was conferred with the 2017 NITI Aayog’s Women Transforming India Award, the 2016 NDTV-L’Oréal Paris Women of Worth Award, and has received the British Asian Trust’s Special Recognition Award from HRH Prince Charles for outstanding contribution in education.

“Over the decades, BSG has strived to create an environment of peace through cultural, educational and community-lead initiatives and I am glad to play my part as an advocate for girls’ education and gender equality. I wouldn’t wish my childhood on my enemy; that is how bad women had it back then. However, where I am today is due to the education that I could access. Girls’ education is the biggest investment that a nation can make today and with consistent support from like-minded supporters like BSG, we hope to gain more traction on the achievement of the fourth Sustainable Development Goal, which would ensure inclusive and equitable quality education to promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, by 2030,” noted Husain.

Pounding up the panel, Shome batted for exploring one’s interests and being yourself, as loudly as possible, “As someone who was always on the move, because my father was an army man, I had to adapt to eight different schools throughout my growing years. All that moving around taught me that I don’t need to be in the spotlight, I can be on the margins and still share my story with all my might.” Shome is an actor who was nominated for Best Supporting Actress at the 63rd Filmfare Awards for her role in A Death In The Gunj. In 2021, she won the Filmfare Award for Best Actress (Critics), for portraying a commendable role in Sir, at the 66th Filmfare Awards.
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महिला सशक्तीकरण पर ‘भारत सोका गाकाई’ द्वारा आयोजित वेबिनार में बनी राय

नई दिल्ली (एएएनसी) 2030 की ओर एक कम नारा युग का निर्माण करने वाली महिलाओं की प्रेरक कहानियां द्वारा इस वेबिनार में शांति के लिए अंग्रेजों के महिलाओं की रूढ़िवाली को सशक्त करने के लिए विकास करने वाले हैं। भारत में सोका गाकई के संस्थापक रागुलाल असर के नेतृत्व में हमारे समय में महिलाओं का स्वागत करते हैं।

इस वेबिनार में समाज के अद्वितीय वातावरण का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाली महिलाओं का स्वागत किया गया है। वेबिनार में साक्षात्कार जीवन के प्रतिष्ठित विनियम वाली, मिरियम विलेला, सफीना हुसैन और रितोमा सोम के लिए हिस्सा लें।

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The webinar’s message struck a strong chord with speakers and audiences alike, as the world is in desperate need of peace, and the suffering of another is deeply connected to one’s own, said Titlata Shome. She added that “interactions are very powerful ecosystems.”

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For more information on BSG, please visit: https://www.bharatsokagakkai.org

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