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Gender Equality for Sustainable Development: #Breakthebias

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Introduction

The Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon once said in his message on International Women's Day 2016, "We have shattered so many glass ceilings, we created a carpet of shards. Now we are sweeping away the assumptions and bias of the past so women can advance across new frontiers." Presently, women are contributing and taking part in every sphere like education, business, politics, science and technology, media, sports, art etc. They are not only working at grass root level but also participating in decision-making. Women are the shining beacons of hope, and have displayed exemplary dedication in their respective fields.

This year the UN theme for International Women's Day on March 8, 2022 is "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" with the campaign theme: #BreakTheBias. This day endeavours to applaud all the successful women for the courage and determination they have shown to reach their destination against all odds, and functioning to make a more sustainable future. Therefore, it is a day to celebrate women's social, economic, cultural and political achievements, raising awareness against bias, and taking action to accelerate gender equality and create a better gender-neutral society. Women empowerment is the creation of a social environment, where women can make independent decisions on their personal development as well as shine as equals in society.

There are remarkable women in Indian history, across ideologies, who have shown extraordinary strength and courage to fight their battles