

SPEAKERS PROFILES
ELSA Talk Series
7.00-8.00 pm, November 4th 2017
Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre
'Tackling Gender Stereotypes at Work'

1. Shazia Ilmi



Shazia Ilmi has had a prolific career as a gender activist, political leader, filmmaker, former television journalist and anchor. She has over 15 years of experience in electronic journalism, of which seven years were in India's prime Hindi news channel *Star News*. Shazia was a spokesperson and media strategist for the India Against Corruption movement led by Anna Hazare in 2011-12. She also led a media campaign for an anti-corruption bill (to institute an ombudsman popularly known as the Jan Lok Pal Bill). She was a founder member of the Aam Aadmi Party, but later on joined the Bharatiya Janta Party in January 2015 and is currently Vice President of Delhi BJP.

Shazia is currently the Brand Ambassador for the Prime Minister's 'Swachh Bharat Mission' as well as for The Raja Ravi Verma Heritage Foundation. She has a Masters degree in Mass Communication Broadcast Journalism from Jamia Millia Islamia and a Diploma in Film Production from New York Film Academy.

2. Anjali Singh



Anjali has spent 10 years with Genpact in different roles across Business, People and Strategy functions. She is currently Senior Vice President & COO Banking and Financial Services. She has led the Financial Advisory and Wealth side of the business for the Wells – Wachovia relationship as an Operating Leader; been the Global People leader (heading Human Resources, Training, and Communication) for Genpact’s largest verticals, spanning close to 20,000 people – Financial Services, Insurance, and Healthcare; and as SVP Strategy, delivered significant business impact leading enterprise wide projects. Anjali has an inherent passion for developing and sponsoring women leaders and promoting gender diversity.

Prior to joining Genpact, she worked for 8 years with American Express in a variety of Operations, Marketing, and Relationship roles. She has also worked with FIS, an outsourcing partner for American Express, and Colt, a Fidelity owned company.

Anjali is a postgraduate from Delhi University and has more than 20 years of work experience, primarily in Financial Services domain.

3. Rama Lakshmi



Rama Lakshmi did her undergraduate studies in English Literature from LSR and passed out in 1988. She did her graduate program in museum studies and African American civil rights movement in the US. She has worked in several American museums, including the Smithsonian Institution. She is the curator of the Remember Bhopal Museum, which is dedicated to the trauma and struggles of survivors of the deadly Union Carbide gas tragedy. A trained oral historian, she is also a founder member of the new Oral History Association of India.

She was the India correspondent for *The Washington Post* for 27 years, and won the American Society of News Editors Award in 2005 for her coverage of the tsunami disaster. She is now the Opinion Editor at *The Print*, a new media startup launched by Shekhar Gupta. She can be reached at Rama.Lakshmi@theprint.in. Follow her on Twitter @RamaNewDelhi.

4. Sanjiv Sarin



Sanjiv Sarin is the MD & CEO of Tata Coffee Limited. Prior to this he was the Regional President, South Asia, Tata Global Beverages.

He has extensive Global experience having worked in leading multinationals, like Cadbury across India, Egypt, UK and Philippines. He was the Country Director, Cadbury Philippines, before returning to India.

He has been a member of the National Tea Board and on the Executive Committee of the United India Planters Association. Sanjiv has a Management Degree from the Asian Institute of Management, Manila, where he graduated with Distinction and a Masters in Economics from Bombay University, graduating with the University Gold Medal.

He recently received the 2017 CEO of the year award for Sustainability.

He is committed to giving back to society. Currently he is the Managing Trustee of the Coorg Foundation and the Rural India Health Project.

He is also an Apex Program Teacher with the Art of Living Foundation and recipient of the Global Chairman's award for Community Service while in Cadbury Egypt. He was the driving force behind the Tata Global Beverages campaign "The Power of 49" encouraging women to exercise their franchise as they have the power to make or break a government.

5. Varun Rana



Graduate of Fashion Design from the National Institute of Fashion Technology (2004), and have worked as a fashion and lifestyle journalist for over a decade now; written for publications like GQ, Harper's Bazaar, Elle, Vogue, New York Times Style, Hindustan Times, Times of India, Reader's Digest, Take on Art, and others. Currently, visiting professor at his alma mater, NIFT, and a freelance writer and editor. Also works with the World Bank on projects in rural areas, and writes regularly for INSEAD on gender parity in the corporate and industrial sectors.