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# Quote For International Women's Day from Dr Malini Saba, Founder & Chairman, Saba Group & Anannke Foundation

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Dr Malini Saba, Founder & Chairman, Saba Group & Anannke Foundation says: "The last 30 years, operating in the male-dominated business there were instances of not being taken seriously, considered 'high-risk' by potential funders, restrained access to; network, education, social expectations & mentors, challenges were endless. When I launched my own commodities start-up, I had to run from pillar to post to raise finances for my business as banks were unwilling to lend to me because of my gender! Thankfully it's not the same anymore.

The time is just right for women entrepreneurs to flourish in India, all that is needed is for the women to be innovative, use their instinct, intellect, and commitment to tap the enormous opportunities unfolding before them. I want to create a culture for women in male-dominated spaces so I focus on hiring women in my companies. I have experienced that women are more assertive, passionate, and persuasive. They have a stronger need to get things done and are good at benchmarking their ideas to set a goal. This International women's day I want to tell each woman out there to stop being sorry for no reason, exude confidence and command the respect that you deserve."

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