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## Celebrating local young leaders at our Oct. 3 Gala! ✨

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**Dear Friends,**

Join us at our **Share the Light Gala** on October 3, from 6.30pm! Besides our honorees and celebrities that you will meet at the Gala, two grass-roots leaders will also be recognized by H.E. Ban Ki-moon, the 8th UN Secretary General. Their work is described below.



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# Share The Light Gala

Tuesday October 3, 2023 - At The New York Athletic Club



**Guest of Honor**  
**H.E. Ban Ki-moon**  
8th UN Secretary General

## Recipients of the Ban Ki-moon Award for Women's Empowerment



**Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw**  
Pioneering Biotech Entrepreneur in Global Health  
Executive Chairperson of Biocon



**Dr. Mitzi Perdue**  
Anti Human Trafficking Advocate  
Best Selling Author

**Gala Chairs**  
Preeti Mattoo & Rick Murray

**Host Committee Chair:** A. Rama Krishna

**Host Committee** (in formation): Linda Filardi, Susan Gutfreund, Dr. Eva Haller, Urvashi Kaul, Alicia Kershaw, David Libertson, Arjun Mehta, Lisa Robins, Yue Sai Kan, Dr. Kylie Schuyler, Dr. Yoshiko Sheard, Kratma Sood, Shining Sung

Further information about our Gala: [Info@asiainitiatives.org](mailto:Info@asiainitiatives.org)

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**H.E. Ban Ki-Moon**, the former Secretary General of the United Nations, challenged world leaders to commit to anti-poverty, environment and gender

justice targets with the Millennium Development Goals (MGDs). He also helped to create UN Women, the New Horizons peacekeeping initiative, and the Responsibility to Protect doctrine.

**Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw** is a healthcare visionary, and a passionate philanthropist. Her impact as the Executive Chairperson of Biocon has made her an international role model to women in STEM. She is committed to equitable access to healthcare through affordable innovation, and positively impacted billions of lives during the pandemic.

**Dr. Mitzi Perdue** is a passionate advocate against human trafficking, and for landmine clearance. She has made three trips to Ukraine to highlight these issues, and is supporting the creation of shelters to protect women in danger of being trafficked. Her environmental column for Scripps Howard has been among the most widely-syndicated in the US.

### **Ban Ki-Moon Young Leaders Award [Online]**



**Savitri Devi** (left) has helped several villages in the Koderma district of Jharkhand become water secure. Her village was experiencing extreme heat and drought when the **Savera Foundation** and Asia Initiatives trained people in watershed management. Savitri excelled during the training, and went on to lead her community to create rainwater channels and other water-collecting structures.

**Manisha Upadhyay** (right) from Azmabad village has been working with our local partner **Mera Gaon Meri Dunia** alongside teachers to increase student retention and success in village schools. She has also helped increase parental

involvement from nil to an impressive 75%. Through the youth groups she has helped create, she challenges existing social norms that keep girls from educational and career aspirations.

We look forward to seeing you at our Gala. Please do not hesitate to contact [carley.s@asiainitiatives.org](mailto:carley.s@asiainitiatives.org) if you have any questions.

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