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NGOs from India participated at the 54th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) informing the world about the country's efforts towards women empowerment and gender equality.

Speaking during the UN's Annual discussion on the 'Integration of a Gender Perspective', a social activist and founder of Akshar Foundation, a women-led NGO based in India, Parmita Sharma said they believe the goals of poverty eradication and gender equality go hand in hand.

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can ensure girls secure gainful livelihoods and the ability to provide for themselves and their families. India's influential role in advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment during G20 Presidency highlighted that India's decision of passing a new law reserving one-third of Parliament seats for women. She added, "We request the Council and other international bodies to do more to increase the participation of girls and young women from developing nations in sessions like this one with scholarships and travel assistance..."



rain girls in self-defence and has camps, where a majority of the As a result of these efforts, there and a decline in child marriages

within the underserved communities. Activist Sharma also said that the girls are now opting to delay marriage and child-rearing until they reach adulthood, marking a significant departure from the practices of previous generations. leveraging G20 platform

Speaking to media, Chief functionary of India Water Foundation, Shweta Tyagi said "All the developments that are happening right now in India in the past decade are women-led. If you look at the different schemes that India has brought out, especially water and sanitation, women are at the basis of all those schemes. In rural areas, women have helped the most in the schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission."

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, as conveyed by spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani, urged parliamentarians worldwide to embrace legislative measures, including the possible implementation of gender quotas, to ensure that women's voices take a central role in their nations' political discussions, achieving full parity with other stakeholders.

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