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Synopsis
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It is usually said that women are better investors more patient, more diligent etc. would you concur with the view?

That is what the data shows. The data shows that women get better results than men but on the other hand it also shows that women are less confident than men so as I always tell people that have this on in front of you wherever you sit your workplace or at home, that confidence does not equal competence. Because I find a lot of women are diffident about managing their own money whereas they should be managing it because there is clearly no independence without financial independence. So that is a sort of cause for me to get people and women to manage their own money.

What is the piece of advice that you would give women? Where is it that they should park their money? What kind of asset or allocation? What country considering there are just so many avenues out there to invest in right now.

The good part for people who have limited time to spend on the investing game is that most of your returns - 80% to 90% - come from asset allocation, not from stock selection. So we all like to talk about what was the last multi-bagger or what is the next multi-bagger at parties but that is for entertainment. The real important issue is to get your asset allocation right. So I am not a votary ever that even if you are young and in a good job that you should put 100% of your money in equity because you will and may need some money, maybe for higher education, maybe for to down payment on a house or an emergency. Therefore have an asset allocation. Of course, it will be more towards equity when you are younger because in equity, the predictability is over the long term not over one or two years.

I always also say that do not expose yourself to SCCARs of a single country, single currency and single asset risk. So if you are only in let us say the Indian stock market that is not good enough because like in the course of my career from the time I started when US dollar was Rs 12 it is now Rs 82-83 so that is an 85% depreciation right there. Hence look at global investing and global investing again does not mean buying a single other country which is like people think that I bought NASDAQ ETF and hence I am globally diversified that is simply not good enough which is why we introduced a globally diversified product which starts as low as $10000, so only around Rs 8 lakh.

I think every Indian investor should have a reasonable part of their portfolio in the global basket - that is the thing.

The other important tip I would like to give is that do not be at either end of the risk spectrum because last year I used to see people who have never even invested in equity going straight from fixed deposits to crypto and option trading so that kind of thing can be disastrous. Therefore do not be at either end of the risk spectrum because if you are in 100% safe assets for 100% of your corpus then you will barely beat inflation.