

Sonal Ambani (Author, Sculptor and Art Connoisseur)

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Sonal Ambani has always felt passionately about the cause of female equality and unfair treatment meted out to women. Her recent installation poignantly depicts sexual harassment and exploitation, women have had to endure. She goes on to reveal how deep she holds the cause in her heart and how society, both men and women must stand together in solidarity to raise a shout of equality and justice.

“Throughout my life I have been an avid supporter of equality among the genders and firmly believe that we are inching closer to gender balance and equality with the strides being taken in the world today. It is our responsibility, both as men and women, to stand up in case of unfair treatment and show naysayers that injustice will not be accepted in our society. I have heard gut wrenching firsthand accounts of gross

inequality of women in the workplace. These stories inspire me to take action and ensure that women are treated equally at the workplace. In my personal life, the Time's up movement has been the inspiration behind one of my newest installation that depicts a king and queen chess piece sculpted in time pieces. The idea behind my latest installation is to depict the progress the society has made to stop these heinous acts. From a fallen queen besides the king, to equal beings, in mind and body, the transformation of the sculpture mirrors the Time's up

movement's ability to cause palpable change in the world around us. My installation begins with a fallen queen, dethroned from her base, lying on the ground. As time progresses, the queen rises up and finds her voice, a voice of equality and justice. The installation comes to an end with the two pieces standing tall together side by side, equal in body and mind. It's my way of saying men and women must come together to change the ill-conceived structures of our society and truly be equal in all realms of life."