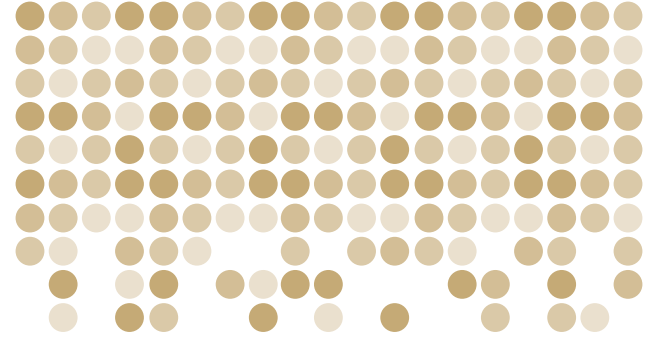




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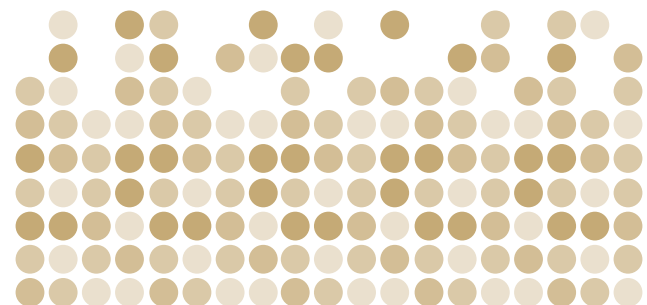
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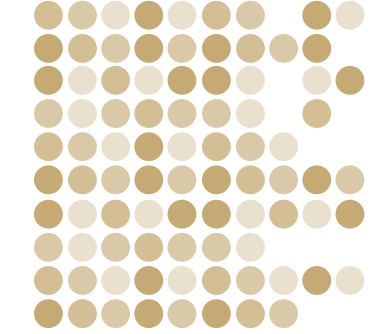
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Dr. Chirantan Ghosh (USA)

Patients First

Background:

Born in Kolkata in the year 1955, in a large family of modest means. He was brought up in an environment primarily influenced by the ideals of his parents. His mother instilled in him a feeling to care for the poor and downtrodden and his father taught him to be firm, steady and dedicated to his ideals under all odds.

His early education was from Hare School, a premier educational institution in Kolkata. It was during his school days, that he inculcated a strong sense of determinism in achieving his mission. This probably triggered because of a failure in his 9th grade final examination, which he could not complete due to his illness. He had to repeat the class and the failure instead of pessimism instilled in him a determinism, which made him the topper in the class in the subsequent examination. The impetus so gained fetched him a berth in the medical school in 1972. Medical courses, even at that time, were expensive and his father did not have the means to bear the expenses.

He topped the class in the subsequent year and this jumpstarted his habit of acing his academics.



Fortunately, at that time he obtained a National Scholarship, which enabled him to take up the journey.

Setting his goals in life:

In his early childhood, he never thought that he could break the social barrier and move forward in pursuing a respectable career. When hard work and perseverance shaped his career and life, he gradually came to realize his future goals. It is during this period he cherished the desire to establish himself as a successful medical practitioner and in course of doing so improved his skills to deliver his best to improve the quality of life of his patients.

In addition to this his pursuit to give back to the Society from which he has gained a lot inducted him to take up quite a number of programmes aimed at the service of the society and mankind both in India and in the United States.

Academic records:

He obtained his MBBS degree in the year 1980. He went to the US to pursue further studies in 1982 and in course of time obtained a MD degree . He obtained Board certification in Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology. Hematology and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He completed an Executive MBA from University of Iowa in

the year in 2019. Later on he was admitted to MS-L (medical law) at North Western University. He has to his credit quite a number of publications in internationally reputed peer reviewed journals.

Milestones in his career that he ultimately succeeded to achieve:

- Founded the **Ghosh Centre for oncology and haematology** in Cedar Rapids USA in a single-handed way to provide care to the patients with a “Patients First” outlook. This centre has gained appreciation of excellence from different organizations as listed below:

Press Ganey, an US organization on quality data, have bestowed on Ghosh Center their

prestigious “Guardian of Excellence award” for highest patient satisfaction score for four consecutive years.

American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) has accredited Ghosh Center multiple times as a Quality Oncology Practice centre with their QOPI certification.

Center for Medicare and Medicaid service (CMS) has recognized Ghosh Center as a high-quality oncology practice centre.

In addition to his academic life, he had a keen interest in sports from his very childhood. He had a great inclination towards Hockey and Soccer. He was selected the Vice-Captain of the Hockey and Soccer team in Hare School and later on led the Hockey and Soccer team in National Medical College, Kolkata as a Captain. He played Hockey in the First Division and also represented the University of Calcutta Hockey team.

Philanthropic work:

In order to stand beside the people in need he has also taken up several programmes both in India and the US. A few of them are listed below:

In India:

- Arranged orphans from Kolkata to be adopted in Cedar Rapids. He helped WAFTNCOI to raise 20 orphans per year by providing shelter, vocational training and receiving high school diplomas.
- Supported Free Cataract Clinic camp in Agar Para, West Bengal.
- Supported service to remote villages for safe water, homeopathic medicine and education through Lok Nath Life Divine Mission.

- Donated a hearse to Lok Nath Life Divine Mission and an Ambulance to Bharat Sevashram Sangha.

- During the initial Lockdown due to Covid-19 and Amphan in West Bengal he provided food for months together to approx. 480 families of socio- economically weaker sections of the population of Agar Para, Ranaghat and Purba Gopalganj in West Bengal. He also extended full financial support to 40 most economically backward families in Purba Gopalganj, a remote village in the Sundarban belt in order to undertake farming, fishing , poultry development in the village exploiting their own resources in order to lead a comfortable livelihood.

In United States:

- The Green Square meal program in Cedar Rapids USA, which provides an evening meal to the residents in need was going for a closure in 2001 when he stepped forward to keep it running, which is continuing with full glory till today.
- Founder of the Anna Purna Ghosh Foundation, which provides financial assistance to cancer and/or blood disease patients. Since 2003, the foundation has provided nearly \$650,000 to patients. Established the Anna Purna Ghosh Endowment in 2010 to ensure that the patient's financial needs continue to be met. Promotion of College level education (AP program) in Cedar Rapids school district. Since its inception in 2007, more students in the school district have taken more AP courses, final AP exams and secured more scores of three and higher. This improvement was found in all the socioeconomic strata. 'Ghosh Advanced Placement Incentive

program' , in order to encourage the participants, provides commemorative t-shirts, certificates, medallions and also some financial assistance to offset the fees for exams for good scores.

- Sponsored participation of youngsters in “St Paul's United Methodist Church's SPRINT program”, a meal and activity program for youngsters from the economically backward class.

- Established endowments at Mercy medical center and St Luke's hospital to provide \$1000 scholarship to an outstanding oncological nurse to attend a conference.

- Sponsored Nursing Scholarship through Four Oaks Cornerstone program for single mother. Four of the five participants have already completed the program and are working in local health care facilities.

- Founder of the Anna Purna Ghosh “Project Finish” scholarship at Kirkwood Community College. It supports single mothers as they complete medicine-affiliated courses. Since inception 18 candidates have finished their training and are employed.

- Established the Anna Purna Ghosh Endowed Botany Scholarship at Mt Mercy University to support students to conduct a field study in unique, rare botanical specimens in Iowa.

Honours & Awards:

From the United States:

1. Lee Hawkins Award for Collegiality/ Humanitarianism (2005)
2. Family Practice Residency Outstanding Medical Preceptor-for the years 1997, 2002 and 2005
3. Person of the year, IAA (2006)





4. Health care Hero Award, corridor Business Journal (2008)
5. Attended a meeting in "White House" to discuss Health Care Issues with Dr Izika Emanuel, chief medical advisor to President Obama (2009)
6. Friend of Education (2009)
7. Finalist-First "Humanitarian Award" of ASCO (2011)
8. Martin Luther King Jr Award (2012)
9. Immigrant Entrepreneurial Spirit Award (2013)
10. Washington High School Honorary Graduate (2014)

From India:

1. Hind Ratan Award, New Delhi (2010)
2. Pravashi Achievers Gold Medal. House of Lords, UK (2010)
3. Nava Ratan Award, New Delhi (2011)
4. Sword of Honor, New Delhi (2015)
5. NRI of the Decade, New Delhi (2017)

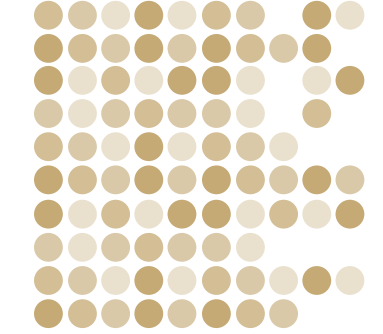
Achieving the milestone:

He has been fortunate enough to achieve a lot in his life, but nothing came easy. He had to work hard, overcome obstacles, which appeared in almost all steps of life, with sheer persuasion and relentless desire not to be a failure. He is still in the process to reach his ultimate goal, which should be the end of human sufferings.

Happy memories:

There are too many to count or describe. He feels joyous when he sees his efforts have changed lives, be it in India or USA.





Lord Rami Ranger CBE (UK)

A Patriot thorough and thorough

Dr. Ranger recently released a biography of his father titled, 'Don't break up India'

Raminder Singh Ranger was born in 1947 in Gujranwala, now in Pakistan. He was a posthumous child; his father having been martyred two months before his birth. His father Shaheed Nanak Singh gave up his life while saving a peaceful procession of 600 students of DAV school Multan from communal riots at the young age of 42. He was a firm believer in Hindu Muslim unity and was against the breaking of his country in the name of religion for which he petitioned leaders and worked at the grassroots. His dream was to see a united India. He used to say, "India's diversity is like the colours of a rainbow, its charm and beauty will diminish if one is removed".

After his passing, Dr. Rami's mother who was only 35 at that time and seven siblings had to flee to India on a refugee train because of the partition. They migrated to Patiala where Dr. Ranger joined Modern School Patiala and then went on to obtain a BA from the Government College Chandigarh. He then went

to the UK in 1971 to study Bar at Law, but he ceased his studies around that time, which has now been compensated for by his two honorary doctorates.

Dr. Ranger recently released a biography of his father titled, 'Don't break up India', which documents his life and values. These ideas of communal harmony and humanity seeped into Dr. Ranger as he grew up and can be seen in his philanthropic efforts. His parents weren't able to give him much financial support but provided him the bedrock of good values and a positive outlook, which contributed to his success in life and in business.

He overcame prejudices in a time where migrants were looked down upon and through his hard work managed to achieve success, he had never quite imagined for himself. He shares his struggles in going from rags to riches in his book, 'From Nothing to Everything'.

Life was hard, to begin with, and his mother would often source hand



her children and sometimes things were so bad that only one brother would be able to sit for his exams. Dr. Rami had big dreams, but he could only start small at that time. He started by working at KFC, which was the only place he could get a job because Britain was not very ethnic friendly. His hard work and visionary ideas helped him in that early start as well, and he was soon put in charge of the whole branch and then later promoted further to district manager. He then started his own venture in a shed. He would go to electrical shops and promise better service at better rates. News of his honest work ethics spread fast and his venture started to grow and acquire a loyal customer base.

Needing a better venue for his business he went out looking for a loan. He had immense faith in the business plan that he had formulated, but still, banks refused to help him secure a loan. That is when his mother's lesson of never giving up came in handy. She had taught him to work hard and persevere because there are people out there who will help; it is just about finding those good people. Dr. Rami found that person in the fourth bank he approached. He finally had his loan approved and his business took off.

He shares his credit with his family and the staff of his companies, who all share his vision and helped him get where he is. He always noted the hard work that migrants in Britain put in extra efforts so they could survive and overcome their challenges and compensate for their drawbacks. These migrants are now a positive force throughout the world generating employment and contributing to the economy. He takes great pride in his

Indian heritage and values and believes that people are inherently good. They just need good leadership to show them the right path. Even after all the hardships that they faced during the partition, his mother bore no ill will towards Muslims or Pakistanis. Her values are visible in her son who prides himself in his efforts towards communal harmony. He believes that you should take responsibility for your country's future and work hard towards doing good. The efforts are in your hand. The results are in the hands of the almighty and all you can do is persevere.

He is currently the chairman of Sun Mark Ltd and Sea Air & Land Forwarding Ltd. These are two of Britain's largest growing companies that provide employment to thousands of Britons with their export work to 130 countries. Both companies have received prestigious awards from Her Majesty the Queen. The Queen's award for export achievement in 1999 and for enterprise in International trade for an unprecedented five consecutive years, setting a new business record.

Dr. Ranger is a fellow of the Prince's trust where he mentors youth and shares his expertise and empathetic values with the young entrepreneurs. The lessons he believes everyone needs are of self-respect, work ethics, commitment, vision, and empathy for others. These five principles are the keys to his success, what got him to where he is. He is also the Prime Minister's ambassador for apprenticeship in the food and drink industry. He is also the co-chairman of the conservative friends of India and the deputy treasurer of the conservative party and many more such positions which showcase the trust that people place in



him due to his humility and philanthropic outlook. Ranger was appointed 'Member of the Order of the British Empire' in the 2005 for services to business and the Asian community and 'Commander of the Order of the British Empire' (CBE) in the 2016 for services to business and community cohesion. He has also won the prestigious 'Director of the Year Award' in 2013. Ranger was appointed the joint chairman of the Conservative Friends of India in 2018, with Zac Goldsmith MP, a group affiliated to the Conservative Party which aims to build stronger links between the Party, the British Indian community and India.

Lord Rami Ranger is also a founding member of the Hindu Forum of Britain, and Chairman of the Pakistan, India & UK Friendship Forum, and the British Sikh Association. He believes in the youth of today and wants to help them in any way possible. To that affect he donated £ 250,000 to the London South Bank University to create the Dr. Rami Ranger CBE Centre for Graduate Entrepreneurship to help launch would be entrepreneurs. He also donated one hundred thousand pounds and worked towards building a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Parliament Square London. He believes that the world owes Gandhi Ji a debt of gratitude for liberating one fifth of the world while only using non-violence, thereby creating a better world where revolution did not always need to be bloody. In all, Dr. Ranger has been recognized by the Queen eight times; six times for business and twice personally for community service.

His visionary business acumen and his down-to-earth disposition along with his philanthropic outlook truly make him a man to look up to and learn from.



With the Prime Minister of UK Boris Johnson



Then he went to Cambridge, completing the mathematics Tripos with first-class, Wrangler, in the year 1965 and receiving a B.A. degree.

Avinash Dixit ‘Padma Vibhushan’ (USA)

An Academic Par Excellence

Avinash Dixit was born in Bombay, now Mumbai, in the year 1944 and lived in the same city for the first 19 years of his life. His father was a professor of Physics with a Ph.D. from Imperial College, London under the Nobel Laureate Sir George Thompson. His mother, a philosophy graduate from Pune was a homemaker. His great grandfather, Shankar Balakrishna Dikshit was a scholar in the history of Indian astronomy. Considering this, Avinash Dixit had a great environment at home that encouraged and facilitated his learning and thinking, especially in the arena of sciences.

He attended the Aryan Education Society’s school, matriculating in the year 1959. Then Avinash attended Jai Hind College for two years, through Intermediate Science under the old system, and then he studied in St. Xavier’s College for two years receiving his B.Sc. degree in the year 1963. He appreciated the fact that despite the names, none of these institutions engaged in any religious or xenophobic indoctrination, and just focused on giving their students a good

and rigorous academic education. The major subject of Avinash Dixit was mathematics, and the minor subject was physics. His notable achievement during this period was that on the final examination for B.Sc., he ended up receiving full marks, 600 out of 600. Then he went to Cambridge, completing the mathematics Tripos with first-class, Wrangler, in the year 1965 and receiving a B.A. degree.

As is often the case, the goals and even the direction of the career of Avinash Dixit evolved in a mixture of conscious thinking and subconscious or accidental influences. He was always interested in mathematics and its applications. The main outlet at that time was theoretical physics. He wanted to explore something, different and discovered economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) admitted him to its postgraduate program in economics. Avinash Dixit was fortunate enough to have such eminent economists as Paul Samuelson, Robert Solow, Peter Diamond, and Karl Shell, who was now at Cornell, among his professors.

George Akerlof, Joseph Stiglitz, and Stanley Fischer were among the students two- or three-years senior to him. All these influences reinforced his love of economics and confirmed his path to a lifelong career as a professor and a researcher in that arena.

As far as his research academics are



concerned, Avinash received his Ph.D. from MIT in the year 1968, with a dissertation on theoretical modeling of optimal investment, employment, and growth in less developed countries.

After obtaining his Ph.D. degree, Avinash served as an assistant professor at the University of California, Berkeley for one whole year, from 1968 to 1969, but was indeed tempted by an attractive offer made by Balliol College, Oxford. He then ended up spending several years there from 1970

to 1974 and had the benefit of having James Mirrlees, who was a 1996 Nobel laureate in Economics, as a senior colleague, and Nicholas Stern who was famous for the Stern Report on Climate Change, among his contemporary colleagues. Then Avinash Dixit ended up as a Professor at the University of Warwick, where his research was mostly on industrial organization and international trade. The most important collaborator of Avinash in this was Victor Norman, then at the Norwegian School of Economics and Business in Bergen, Norway, who visited Warwick for one whole year, and also made several shorter visits to Bergen later on as a Cabinet Minister in Norway.

In the year 1981, Avinash ended up accepting a professorship at Princeton University and taught there for a long time. He retired from active teaching in the year 2010 but continued his research and

writing. The work during this period has covered several topics like international trade, political economy, investment under uncertainty, monetary and fiscal policies, and most recently, topics bordering on law and economics. Most of this consists of building models of the situations using the general framework of a game theory.

This has now become the standard way of thinking in the arena of economics. Therefore, in Princeton Avinash considered himself to be surely at the right place as

much of the foundational work on modern game theory was done here by people like Von Neumann, Morgenstern, Nash, and Kuhn.

Avinash Dixit had indeed achieved some top accolades of the economics profession, most notably as President of the Econometric Society in the year 2001 and of the American Economic Association in the year 2008. He was then elected to the US National

Academy of Sciences in the year 2005 and was then made a Corresponding, i.e. Foreign Fellow of the British Academy. In fact, he was the first person belonging to Indian origin to get a tenured full professorship at Princeton University.

Avinash received the Indian Econometric Society's Mahalanobis International Medal for the year 1985, the inaugural Distinguished Fellow award from the Centre for Economic Studies, Munich in the year 1994, and even bagged the Von Neumann



Award from Budapest University's Laszlo Rajk College in the year 2001. He then received honorary doctorates from the Norwegian Business School in Bergen, the Stockholm School of Economics, Warwick University in the United Kingdom (UK), Lingnan University (Hong Kong), and Jadavpur University (Kolkata).

The President of India awarded Avinash Padma Vibhushan in the year 2016. One does not consciously and specifically seek to 'achieve' any of these honours and awards, but they are satisfying recognitions of one's lifetime of work.

Dikshit didn't have an 'ultimate goal' as such, only to do the best research he could do to improve our understanding

of the workings of the economy, and the best teaching that he could to impart this knowledge to students in his classes, and elsewhere by making his teaching materials available widely.

For researchers, the happiest memories are of times when they come to understand some facts or mechanisms in a better or a new way. Thus, for Dikshit, a particularly happy moment was when he understood how an established firm in an industry could strategically deter the entry of competitors by making investments that lowered their own future marginal costs. This came while he was waiting for a flight at Geneva airport. Another was when he understood how the theory of financial options could be adapted to understand and

calculate the effect of uncertainty on firms' investments in plants and in machinery.

One other happy moment for Avinash Dixit came when he found out that one's work is received well by colleagues and the public. For Avinash, those moments came with the success of his research Monograph, co-authored with Victor Norman, on international trade theory, and of the book popularizing game theory named Thinking Strategically, co-authored with Barry Nalebuff.

The greatest pleasure of Dikshit came from the success of his students and young economists he had succeeded in influencing like Dani Rodrik, Kala Krishna, Vijay Kelkar, and Paul Krugman to name a few.

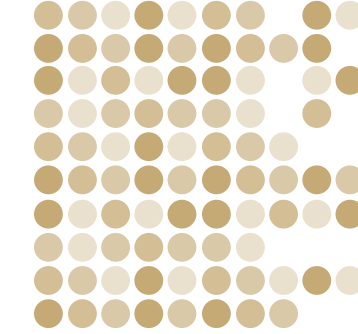
Research is hard work and publication a slow process, but those are not special hurdles as Avinash Dixit cannot pinpoint to any serious obstacles. He has indeed been very fortunate to have inherited the right genes for academic work, grown up in a very conducive and supportive home environment for it, and learned from and with great teachers, mentors, colleagues, and students.

For Avinash Dixit, success is as good as doing good research and teaching, and having it recognized by the people who matter like colleagues, professional and personal friends, and above all, by his students!





Even as a member of Lions Club International, she has always worked to promote charity and inspire people.



Abhnash K Bains (UK)

Woman of grit and firm determination

Behind every successful story is a struggle and behind every successful man is a woman. But who is behind a successful woman?

Mrs. Abhnash K Bains, the Owner and Director of KIA Beauty Salon, BHI Homes & Ishkama Ltd is a self-made woman. She is an eminent personality who is enlightening every realm of society. She has been working towards community needs for a decade now and does not need an introduction. When it comes to transforming the community for the better and contributing to every possible part of society Abhnash has done her share.

Deeply passionate about charity and volunteering for the wellbeing of others, she joined Lions Club International and became District Governor for District 105A in less than 10 years. She was also the first Zone Chairperson in District 105A to be honoured with a medal by the Lions Clubs International for encouraging membership and growth.





DG Abhnash exchanging banners of friendship with Italian Lions.



DG Abhnash with PDG Brinder and wife



Young ambassador Winner - Georgia Flatman

Lions Club International is famous for its humanitarian work with 1.4 million members from 210 countries. Women in the Lions International all over the world are making a difference. It is important they receive recognition for their efforts and provided more support and power to thrive further. Even as a member of Lions Club International, she has always worked to promote charity and inspire people.

She is appreciated by International guests who flew in from The USA, Poland, Italy, India, Sri Lanka, and many other countries for her Convention. In spite of the bad weather Lions from different parts of the United Kingdom also came down to show their support.

She was awarded Melvin Jones Fellow for her dictated humanitarian services by Lions club International foundation President which is their highest award.

Past District Governor Abhnash Bains has proved that we can make the difference we want to see around. Abhnash Bains is well accomplished in the areas of service, growth, leadership, and marketing. Abhnash's chosen charity for the Lions club was "Place2Be", such that no one gets secluded for any mental condition. She wants to let people with depression and anxiety know that they aren't alone and there is no shame.

We are all aware of the Lioness in Mrs. Abhnash K Bains and we have read and appreciated her work on the International front. However, how many of us actually know of her journey?



Mrs. Bains is a philanthropreneur who has generated not just jobs but hope in many young women. She worked for the civil services in both employment service as well as the DWP for over 20 years. What she understood in those years was beyond a common man's intellect. Her perspective of an unemployed girl coming from a foreign land was not just professional but personal. She could envision herself on her own struggling days when she turned a widow at the age of 26 and had 2 daughters under the age of 5 to raise. Most people turn a deaf ear to people's problems but Mrs. Bains empathized with them.

She has served as Vice-Chair - SAHIL Single Parent Group and Vice-Chair of Asian Women's Centre in 1986. Abhnash was involved in highlighting problems facing ethnic minorities in their employment

search. This lead to her establishing the Hounslow Ethnic Language and Literacy Office (HELLO). Counseled/Mentored for EACH (Ethnic Alcoholic Counseling's in Hounslow) ethnic minorities with drug, alcohol problems and encouraged to look at the roots of their problem. She has won The Volunteer Centre UK and Ford Motor Company's award for Community Service Ten Years in June 1996. The Nationwide Voluntary Endeavour Award for Community Service, The Nationwide Voluntary Endeavor Award for Community Service in the year 2003.

Mrs. Abhnash Bains receiving Best Volunteer Award.

She started KIA Beauty Salon to provide employment to girls particularly to those from overseas so that they become fluent in the English language and build confidence.



As Winner for Best Female Entrepreneur by Best Business Awards, 2017 The Judges had said-

"Mrs. Abhnash Bains is a talented philanthropreneur whose main interest is to provide a range of quality beauty and well-being therapies. The idea of setting up a KIA Beauty salon in an ASDA store is brilliant and a great way for stressed-out women to fit in some pampering while out shopping. Well done to Mrs. Bains for coming up with an innovative way for working women and mothers to enjoy and benefit from some relaxing therapies that won't overstretch their purse."

Pic-KIA Beauty Salon has completed over 10 years in style and now has a fantastic New Look.

She is actively involved with various other projects for Hunger, Environment, Mental health, and Well Being as she believes that healthy individuals and environments create a better society and contributes a lot towards Cancer and Diabetes projects through her charities.

She applied for the Aviva Community Fund, to raise funds for a small park where victims of the Grenfell Fire tragedy could come up and open up their sorrows. Her aim was to provide free counseling and therapy to those who have suffered from the trauma.

As a renowned Reiki Master, Hypnotherapist, award-winning motivational speaker, a coach who she sought out the world by storm with her creative and professional approach to living a successful, satisfying professional and personal life. Her aim is to help people



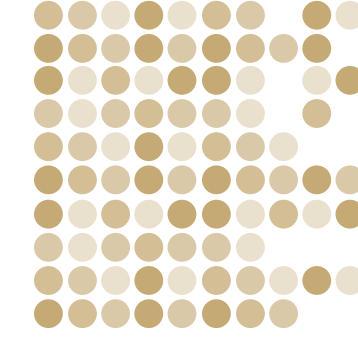
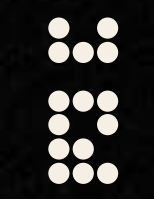
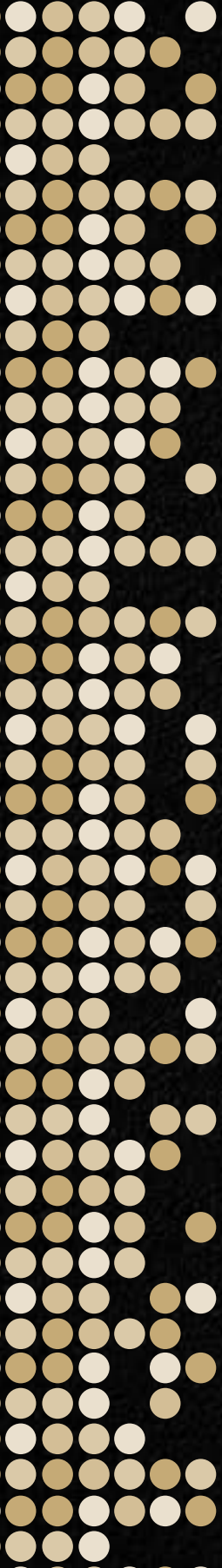
to achieve their personal, professional, and financial goals. No matter who they are or what they have encountered, her perspective and approach offer insights towards success.

She is the epitome of drive, determination, and success. She has been recognised with very prestigious awards such as-

- Iconic Women of Decade, WEF 2020
- Certificate of Recognition- British Citizen Award for exceptional contribution to society and being an inspiration to other British citizens, 2019
- The Exceptional Women of Excellence by Women Economic Forum, 2019
- MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT KEY pin from Lions Club International, 2019.
- District Governor Extension award, 2019
- Melvin Jones Award presented by International President of Lions Club

Drawing from her personal experience and many obstacles, allows her to build connections with others fighting for excellence. It is her work and love towards people that made her recipient of recognition and adulation. Currently, she is hosting her own media shows which cover current topics and give people a chance to express themselves.





Vinod Khosla (USA)

A Rare Entrepreneur

Vinod Khosla is an entrepreneur, investor, and technologist. He is the founder of Khosla Ventures, a firm focused on assisting entrepreneurs to build impactful new energy and technology companies. He is also the co-founder of Sun Microsystems. In 2014, Forbes listed him as one of the richest people in the United States, while in 2020 he was listed at the 353rd rank among the 400.

Vinod's greatest passion is being a mentor to entrepreneurs building technology-based businesses. He is a supporter of many microfinance organizations in India and Africa. He has been also experimenting with innovations in education and global housing.

From a young age, Khosla dreamt of being an entrepreneur. When he came to know about the founding of Intel at the age of 16, he dreamt of starting his own technology company.

Vinod Khosla was born on 28 January 1955, to an Indian Army officer in Delhi. He attended Mount St Mary's School and went on to do B. Tech in

electrical engineering from IIT Delhi. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in New Delhi, he later went to the U.S.A for further academic studies and received a master's degree in biomedical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University. Eventually, his start-up dreams led him to Silicon Valley, where he received a master's degree in business administration from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business in 1980.

Upon graduation, Vinod co-founded Daisy Systems in 1981. It was the first significant computer-aided design system for electrical engineers. The company went on to achieve significant revenue, profits, and an IPO. Then, driven by the frustration of having to design the computer hardware on which the Daisy software needed to be built, Vinod started the standards-based Sun Microsystems in 1982 to build workstations for software developers. As the founding CEO of Sun, he pioneered open systems and

commercial RISC processors. Sun Microsystems was funded by Vinod's long-time friend and board member John Doerr of Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers (KPCB).

In 1986, Vinod joined KPCB as a general partner. While there, he played a crucial role in taking on Intel's monopoly by building and growing Semiconductor Company, Nexgen, which eventually was acquired by Advanced Micro Devices (AMD). Thereafter, Vinod helped incubate the idea and business plan for Juniper Networks to take on Cisco System's dominance of the router market. He also was involved in the formulation of the early advertising-based search strategy for Excite. In addition to his many other contributions at KPCB, he helped transform the moribund telecommunications business and its archaic SONET implementations with Cerent Corporation, which was acquired by Cisco Systems in 1999 for \$7.2 billion.

Vinod is also a charter member of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), a non-

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profit global network of entrepreneurs and professionals that was founded in 1992, and has more than 40 chapters in nine countries today. He is the founding board member of the Indian School of Business (ISB).

In 1986, Khosla joined the venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins as a general partner. At Kleiner, Khosla became a recognized venture capitalist with several successful early-stage investments.

He also invested in an Indian microfinance company, SKS Microfinance, which lends small loans to poor women in rural India. Khosla is also one of the founders of TiE, The Indus Entrepreneurs.

In 2004, he founded Khosla Ventures. The firm is based in Menlo Park, California, and manages approximately \$1 billion of investor capital as well as investments funded by Khosla himself.

In 2006, Khosla's wife Neeru co-founded the CK-12 Foundation, which aims to develop open-source textbooks and lower the cost of education in America and the rest of the world. Khosla and his wife are also donors to the Wikimedia Foundation, for the amount of \$600,000.

Khosla served as the honorary chair of the Donors Choose San Francisco Bay Area, the advisory board. In 2000, Khosla was a recipient of the Golden Plate Award of the American Academy of Achievement. In 2007, Khosla was an award recipient in the Northern California region for the EY Entrepreneur of the Year award. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Blum Centre for Developing Economies at the University of California, Berkeley. The centre focuses on solutions for extreme poverty and disease in the developing world. He is



an advisor for Hacker Rank, a website for competitive coding. Khosla is a member of the Xconomists, an ad hoc team of editorial advisors for the tech news and media company, Xconomy.

Since 2010, Khosla has been engaged in a legal dispute surrounding public access to Martin's Beach, several miles south of Half Moon Bay, California, where he owns adjacent land. He attempted to close the

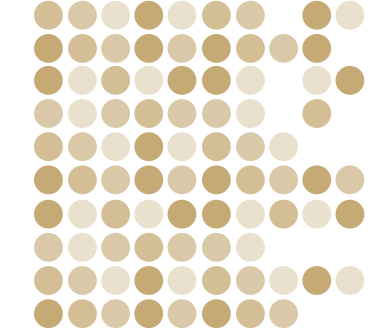
beach by erecting a gate with armed guards at the road entrance and painting over the welcome sign that existed prior to his ownership of the property. He has been engaged in a legal dispute related to his

attempt to close off public access to Martin's Beach. He is still fighting to get the privacy order for his beach.





Mr. Casey also takes his social responsibilities very seriously, supporting and donating regularly to World Vision International, locally and abroad.



Mr. Kesavan (Casey) (Singapore)

Entrepreneurial Spirit Personified

Mr. Kesavan, popularly known as Casey, is a leading entrepreneur and a community leader in Singapore. He is the founder and Group CEO of Diamond Glass, which is a leading turnkey contractor of architectural glass and facades. Diamond Glass owns its own manufacturing plant, façade construction, and maintenance division in Singapore. Diamond Glass boasts clientele like the iconic Esplanade to the Singapore Changi Control Tower and the airport.

He started his journey in business extremely young, at the age of 13, and as of today, he has 29 years of experience. He puts hard work and perseverance above everything else. Mr. Casey's value statement is his dedication to his customers and that he handles the projects in the most professional way, provides quality service at quality prices, with delivery on time and as budgeted, followed by good after-sales service, support, and warranty. A testament to this acumen is that his company manages an impressive list of clients like the Ritz Carlton, Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, Land Transport Authority, handling massive projects like the Mica Building, Parliament House, and many more. He considers the re-sealant works at the two domes of the Esplanade their first major project, which they managed to finish in six months. Through business diversification, Mr. Casey has now established 6 companies, namely, Diamond Glass Enterprise Pt Ltd, Diamond Investment Holdings Pte Ltd, Kleen Care Pte Ltd, Hutchison Safety Glass Pt Ltd, Hutchison Logistics Pt Ltd, and Hutchison Builders Pt Ltd. Their current market value stands at \$70 million and now are aiming for a value of \$120 million. They now plan on expanding to the ASEAN region over the next few years and going public.

Mr. Casey also takes his social responsibilities very seriously, including supporting and donating regularly to World Vision International, locally, and abroad. He also mentors around 150 start-ups pro bono, as part of a ten-stage program called the Red Pill. He dedicates two

to four hours every day to his students, to prepare them for the competitive world they are entering. He teaches them marketing strategies, effective staff recruitment, and how to get investors and funding. His love for teaching comes from the joy he feels when his students do well. He was also a music teacher and the joy he felt when he saw his students play the music he taught them, was more gratifying than when he himself



was playing. He is proficient with the saxophone and percussions, still finding time to continue his passion for the art form. This inherent love for teaching has led to him mentoring and helping many new entrepreneurs and small business owners as part of giving back to his community. He considers imparting knowledge a more charitable act than giving monetary help. The only thing Mr. Casey asks of his students is that they pay it forward by mentoring and helping others when they find success and make their first million.

Mr. Casey credits his success to his initial failures when as a young entrepreneur he let his early success go to his head. His extravagances as a twenty-year-old led to him being deep in debt. But he persevered through that difficult time and became a

business consultant. He cold-called and knocked on storefronts convincing owners by promising them that they would only need to pay if they saw an improvement in business and sales within a month. This helped Mr. Casey come out of that debt in a short two years. He credits this time as being crucial in his life as this is when he learned humility and gave him the wisdom he needed to be a mature business person. That's when he ventured into construction and founded Diamond Glass.

He is deeply invested in the people he works with and his charisma makes him a treat to work with. His faith in humanity makes him invest in people and help out as much as he can. In fact, he has talked about how during the COVID crisis even your competitor can help, which he learned after he reached out

to his competitor when he was facing some issues. They both talked about the problems in their industry and commiserated with each other. He believes that business owners now more than ever should be focused on the welfare of their employees. He made sure that none of his employees lost their jobs during the COVID crisis.

By virtue of his creativity, business acumen, and passion for excellent service, Mr. Casey has received numerous prestigious awards in Singapore. He is the sitting Chairman for various non-profit organizations. He is also a committee member in the Singapore Business Federation and was on the Board of Directors of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (2014 – 2018). He has also been nominated by the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce

& Industry to represent Singapore in the ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Council (AYEC) as its chairman and as its president for ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Association (AYEA) for 2 years (2017 – 2019).

His struggles and their subsequent conquering make him an inspiration to entrepreneurs who want to learn how to make their mark in the world. As Mr. Casey puts it, he does by this saying 'When you visualize you actualize FOCUS, FOCUS, FOCUS is the key to success. Hard work, perseverance, and learning the lessons of failure are the keys to success. So, if you have a burning desire to achieve something, with these qualities and all your mental and physical energy towards it. And success will surely come!



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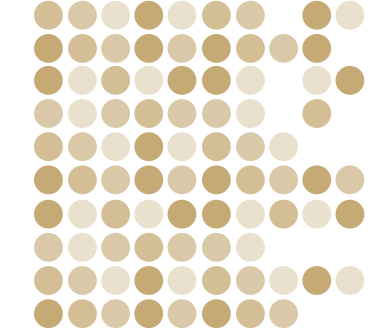
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Amb. Dr. Parin Somani (UK)

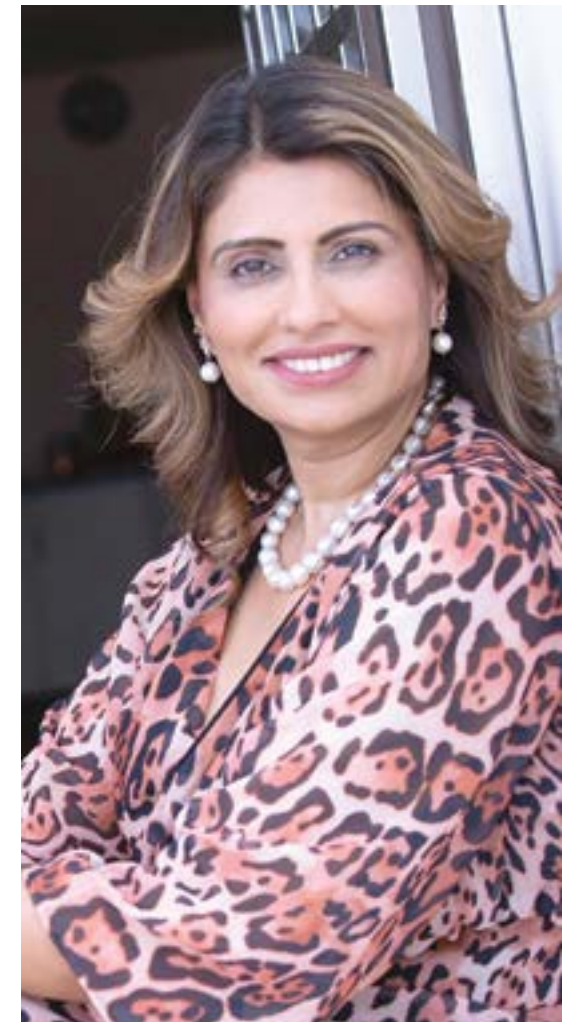
A Dignified Lady of Substance and Excellence

"It is my aim in life to serve mankind until my last breath."

Amb. Dr. Parin Somani is an inspirational international icon, who has been serving humanity through education and motivation boundlessly and in an extremely dignified manner. Her immense hard work and dedication know no bounds, as she is a renowned inspirational lady of substance who strives for excellence in all her endeavours to enlighten the path for everyone around the world. Amb. Dr. Parin Somani is an Independent academic scholar, an International motivational speaker, an Educator, Academic researcher, Writer, and even an Author. With a background in media television and radio presenting in 'All India radio station' and 'Ahmedabad Door Darshan television', she started to inspire the lives of people from a young age and has continued to the present day.

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Doctorate degrees: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education Media; Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education Leadership; Honorary Doctorate (Hons Causa) in Humanities for Service to Mankind; Honorary Doctorate (Hons Causa) in Literature D'Litt; Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) in Global Education. Therefore, Amb. Dr. Parin Somani holds two PhD's and three Honorary PhD's equating to a total of Five Doctorate Degrees. Amb. Dr. Parin Somani was awarded the honorary degrees due to the immense academic work that she has carried out in the field of education, published numerous research papers, and helped to educate, motivate and inspire society in many ways. Her hard work and dedication have contributed towards positive global change, where she has helped to build bridges within societies through education.





The immense work that Amb. Dr. Parin Somani has carried out had resulted in being recognised four times in the World Book of Records: 1) 'Skill Map'- She was a Keynote Speaker and one of 60 international speakers educating society. The event persisted for 24 hours non-stop on 2nd October 2020. 2) Dr Abdul Kalam's 91st Birthday on 15th October 2020 Amb. Dr. Parin Somani was a Keynote Speaker during the event that continued for more than 30 hours comprising 149 global speakers. 3) World's Thickest Book which consisting of 11795 pages and 1447 authors, Amb. Dr. Parin Somani wrote a book chapter and was invited as Guest of Honour on 30th January 2021 to release the book. She was also invited as the Guest of Honour at the Asia Book of record and India Book of Records where she was one of the joint

Editors for the book entitled 'Lockdown Impacts'. It comprises 45 authors including Amb. Dr Parin Somani, who also received the 'Best Editor Award 2021'. Additionally, on the same day, she has been presented the 'Excellence in Academic Award 2021. 4) 'World Book of Records United Kingdom Power Woman Award' 2021 in Bangalore from Lead India Foundation on International Women's Day. 'Recognising 111 Power Women in 111 Minutes' on 8th March 2021.

Amb. Dr. Parin Somani is affiliated with numerous international universities and is a Courtesy Research Associate at Florida International University; Syndicate Member: St Mother Theresa University; Visiting resource scholar for HRDC Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India and HRDC

Saurashtra University, Rajkot, India. She has spoken in excess of 143 online National and International webinars, in the capacity of Chief Guest, Guest of honour, Inaugurator, Keynote Speaker, Valedictorian, Chairperson, Presenter, Interviewee. She has presented at 123 online International Webinars during the COVID-19 pandemic to date in governmental and non-governmental organizations around the world, delivering a multitude of lectures on numerous topics. She has helped to educate more than 100,000 people around the world through her humanitarian work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, her excellence and service to humanity do not stop there. Amb. Dr. Parin Somani is and true Ambassador and is involved in numerous NGO's and contributes to society globally. She is the International President of Shantidoot Parivar Women's Wing; President: Naari Shakti Ko Pranaam (UK) Brijbhoomi Foundation; Vice President Global Education Sector for the MSME Chamber of Commerce and Industries of India; International Ambassador Editor: R&D Creativity; Editorial Chair and Ambassador of Global Peace for England; Ambassador of Project Life India Global; Ambassador of Swarna Bharat Parivaar For Women Empowerment & Child Empowerment; Chairperson of the Local Community Senior's Residential Home, London, England; Women's activities portfolio, London; Rotarian, London; Academic Researcher

and former Director of the International Association for the Study of Ginans.

For her tireless work, Amb. Dr. Parin Somani has been recognised through multi-international awards. The most recent award she received was 'India Iconic Education Award' 2021 by Dreamcatchers on 14th March 2021; The Most 101 Inspiring Woman of India' Award 2021 inspired by the UN Sustainable Development Goals from Swarna Bharat Parivaar on 10th

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March 2021 in Delhi on the occasion of International Women's Day, Out of 11 women Dr Parin Somani was rewarded Rs 51000 as one of the Most Inspiring Woman of India 2021; 'Life Time Achievement Award' 2021 at the Town Hall, Bangalore on 8th March; 'Gold Glitter Pride' Award 2021 from Daiv-Vyap Celestial on 8th March 2021 on International Women's Day; 'Woman Para Award' 2021 for Woman Writer from Puducherry Academic Researchers

Academy on 7th March; 'Enterprising Entrepreneur Award' 2021 from Prime Communication Media on 25th February 2021 on the occasion of International Women's day; 'Outstanding Work in India' Best Performance Award 2021 from the International R&D creativity at the Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Conclave on 21st February 2021; 'World Record Award' for participating as an author and Keynote Speaker in 'The Thickest Book In The World' on 30th January 2021; Best Editor Award 2021 for the 'Asia Book

of Records and India Book of Records'; 30th January 'Excellence in Academic Award' 2021 from ESN Publication; The Seva Ratna Award on 26th January 2021 by Shantidoot Parivar on Republic Day; The Best Skill Coach Award by Prime Communication Media on 21st January 2021; The Woman Prestige Award 2021 from Lions Club Delhi Veg at University of Delhi on 18th January 2021; The Sutra Excellence Award from Inspiring Indian Women and AB News Channel on 17th January 2021; The Swami Vivekananda Social Activist Award on 12th January 2021; The World Book Of Record Speaker Certificate and Award from Lead India for Dr Kalams's 91st Birthday in Bangalore on 2nd January 2021; International Academicians Excellency Award 2020 on 10th December 2020; The International Public Figure Award for Education on 11th November 2020; She has been identified as one of 'The Most Inspiring People On Earth' titled "101 Great Personalities Who Have Inspired The World" in October 2020. Amb. Dr. Parin Somani has received Dr APJ Abdul Kalam National Award 2020 by the Government of India, UNICEF and Swarna Bharat Parivar Trust on 15th October 2020. She has been recognised as the 'Inspiring Bharat Ki Lakshmi' 2020 Coffee Table book. 'Unsung Fighter of COVID-19' in the 'Beauty and the Best' Magazine in the July- August 2020 issue. The International Mother Teresa Award on 26th August 2020. On 2nd August 2020 she received the 'Best Motivational Speaker Award' 2020 by the English Educators Society. On 3rd March 2020 Amb. Dr Parin Somani received the 'She Inspires Award' 2020 at the House of Parliament England. On 25th January 2020 she was awarded the Feelings 'Pride of India' Award 2020

for her contribution to Indian society. On 19th November 2019 Amb. Dr. Parin Somani received a 'Good Citizenship Award' 2019 at the All India NCCs camp for girls and on 17th November 2019 Amb. Dr. Parin Somani received the Apravasi Bharatiya Hindi Sevi Samman Award the 'International Diaspora Award' 2019 from Akhil Bharatiya Shahitya Parishid. She was presented a Shield Award and two other awards in customer service and global networking by State Govt of Goa, Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant at the Vibrant Goa Global Expo and Summit 17th -19th October 2019. Golf tournament at the European Sports Festival held in Nottingham, England and achieved the Bronze Medal in 2019 and Gold Medal in 2017. She received the Shield Award for excelling in the Home Life and Personality Development from Nav Gujarat College in 1990. She was Awarded a Shield for her contribution to community service in 1990 from the local community Ahmedabad. She accepted the National Felicitation Award from the Aga Khan education board in 1988 amongst numerous other awards.

Amb. Dr. Parin Somani is a true inspiration to society and an example of a true leader with a multitude of excellent virtuous qualities, professional and personal upholding ethical values and principles. She aims to build bridges between communities through her skills, all around the world. She has shown her excellence through using her vast experience in handling multiple aspects of organizational administration, leadership, institutional planning, teaching, research, research guidance, event management, academic development, presenting, editorial responsibilities, membership of the committee members despite if it is academic or voluntary governmental in

nature. She has successfully implemented international collaboration on countless occasions through different avatars. I was intrigued to find out how many countries Amb. Dr. Parin Somani has visited and was astounded by the amount of travelling she had undergone. Amb. Dr. Parin Somani has travelled extensively, to more than 79 countries globally, including the developing and developed world. She shares her knowledge and research in International conferences, governmental and non-governmental organisations through; literature, teaching, writing literature, composing and contributing to educational books, journals while composing and sharing poetry, promoting education and literacy, creating reforms, writing and featuring in a variety of newspapers; all in attempt to make a positive global change.



She has been building bridges between the East and West illustrating that there is strength in diversity.

Understanding Amb. Dr. Parin Somani's area of specialisation is like shining a torch to the rays of a slow and steady rising sun. She is a lady of substance who is proficient in many areas. Her arena of specialization includes an Independent Academic Scholar, Academic Researcher, Author, Educator, Motivational Speaker, Poetess, Journalist, and Freelance Writer, Management and Leadership, Media and Communications, Global Peace Ambassador and Editing Chairperson, Human rights and Social Activist. Her excellent communication skills in English, Gujarati and Hindi Languages; English and Canadian Literature, Research Methodology, Technology-Assisted Learning and use of ICT in Learning and

Teaching, Finance, and Banking. So, we can see illustrated that her precision, efficacy, meticulous human resource management, optimal resource utilization, and punctuality characterize her brand of leadership. In fact, her skills are endless, as she has amalgamated her attributes with empathy, compassion and concern for mankind, which contributes to the immense work that she is carrying out around the world.

Reminiscing back to Amb. Dr. Parin Somani's childhood, she was born in Mumbai and raised in Gujrat. She was an eagerly awaited Angel born within her family, hence given the Persian name "Parin", defined as "Pari" or "Angel". From a young age Amb. Dr. Parin Somani had a desire to help people therefore, at the tender age of fifteen, she embarked upon her journey to serve humanity and started working for the community. Breaking boundaries and societal norms Amb. Dr. Parin Somani was given the freedom to work. Yes, she encountered discrimination and prejudices for working as a female, however, she battled through negativity and excelled in her endeavours. Alongside her community work, she worked for various media groups and was a TV presenter for Ahmedabad Door Darshan from the year 1985 to the year 1992, a Radio presenter, All India radio from the year 1985 to the year 1992. Amb. Dr. Parin Somani has previously presented numerous poems in both English and Gujarati, as well as programs on

religious festivals on All India radio station and Ahmedabad Door Darshan television. Her Motivational speaking skills enabled her to participate in global events, while her freelance writing skills and poetess talents enabled her to author 11 books. Apart from contributing to a variety of newspapers in India including Gujarat Samachar, Sandesh, Western Times and many other magazines in which she has written recipe columns

and poems in Gujarati and English, she has also translated and reviewed several books and also a reviewer for textbooks of English and Gujarati languages and book editor. Her passion for writing has continued as she has been actively involved in writing for FARZ news, designing articles varying for different standards and target groups, and also involved in writing articles for Western Times, Jaihind, Swadesh, and Asian Lite UK International newspapers in a variety of languages.

Amb. Dr. Parin Somani has the vision to help mankind through her experience and knowledge, therefore currently she is in the process of writing a book on Culture, Heritage and Traditions in the twenty-nine states of India, the release date is to be confirmed. Amb. Dr. Parin Somani is also currently in the process of authoring a whole food plant-based Indian cookery book in collaboration with her daughters. She currently has 18 upcoming International Conference Presentations and Other Publications. Therefore, it is no surprise

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We all know that the coronavirus (COVID-19) has already become a global pandemic affecting the lives of most of the individuals around the world including Amb. Dr. Parin Somani became a victim of the deadly virus. Whilst the key workers have operated in the frontline, there are also unsung heroes and fighters of COVID-19 that certainly require full deserving recognition. One such unsung hero is our very own dignified lady of substance and excellence Amb. Dr. Parin Somani.

Amb. Dr. Parin Somani presented her research paper at a pre-arranged International conference, in early March 2020, held in Valencia. On the same day she received the 'She Inspires' award 2020 at the Houses of Parliament, London. A few days later Amb. Dr. Parin Somani started to experience COVID-19 symptoms and unfortunately tested positive for the virus. This was not the first time our brave Amb. Dr. Parin Somani had endured life-threatening health issues. Previously, she had suddenly lost her vision and been the victim of life-threatening cancer on two separate occasions where she battled for her life. Although her eye-sight was regained over time and her cancer was under remission, her survival skills were tested yet again with COVID-19. She battled hard for her survival with her endowed fighting spirit and sheer will power. Amb. Dr. Parin Somani's extreme motivation for good health was initiated through her sole purpose in life which is to

serve mankind until her last breath. Upon returning to better health, instantaneously, Amb. Dr. Parin Somani immersed herself in new initiatives to help people within these unprecedented circumstances by providing hope in the future, inspiration to face adversity, the motivation to acquire knowledge, understand and value ourselves and others during these unprecedented circumstances. She used her negative experience of COVID-19 in a positive way, utilising innovative methods taking to virtual platforms to help raise awareness internationally. She used her first-hand experience and knowledge to educate communities within universities and NGOs reaching out to people globally.

Amb. Dr. Parin Somani has delivered more than 125 sessions on a vast subject area including loneliness, mindfulness, mental health, wellbeing, and understanding a variety of human attributes to name a few. In addition to these Parin Somani has also authored articles to a variety of international aiming to connect with global communities to provide support through literature in these unprecedented circumstances. Moreover, Amb. Dr. Parin Somani is also involved in supporting the local community within the UK and Europe via the coronavirus support team helpline. The immense work is undertaken by Amb. Dr. Parin Somani during the global pandemic has inspired mankind during this global crisis.

Amb. Dr. Parin Somani ignites a light within a period of darkness globally. She will be ever-present in the annals of the history of the deadly COVID-19 virus. In fact, Amb. Dr. Parin Somani has been announced as one of the unsung fighters of the COVID-19 war

with the immense work she has carried out for humanity. There is no praise high enough for the work Amb. Dr. Parin Somani is carrying out and the hardship that she has endured in life particularly surviving life-threatening illnesses more than once. Therefore, it would only be right in this concluding stage to inform the world of one of her strength and resilience to help mankind. She has pearls of wisdom that are also presented herewith:

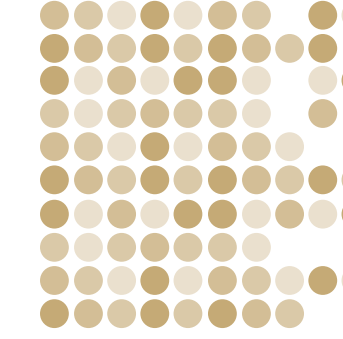
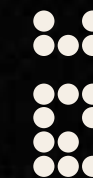
On Women empowerment:

"In this ever-changing diverse world, females have the power to create a positive change in every capacity. Believe in yourself with a positive outlook on life. It is through this belief and positivity that we can stand up to every single one of life's challenges and we come out more resilient than ever before."

On Peace and harmony:

"Having travelled around the world, I believe it is important to live in peace and harmony. In order to achieve this, we must possess peace and harmony within ourselves. As we all know within life, we always encounter trials and tribulations, we must be adaptable to change. Simultaneously, we must live by our ethical values and principles. If individuals have hurt us, do not hold grudges. We should seek to understand and build bridges amongst ourselves and other communities, but we should not stigmatize individuals within the same community for the actions of other people. Seek to be the change in the world that you wish to see and remember that there is strength in diversity. I believe that by working together we CAN make a positive global change."





Sai Chakravarthy “Psychuck” Manapragada (USA)

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Psychuck is an accomplished music composer, a celebrated pianist, a singer, a technology entrepreneur, cultural warrior, and a social philanthropist with contributions ranging from regional, national, and international influence for over the past two decades (25 years) in both the USA and India.

PHILOSOPHY OF MUSIC

He firmly believes that music is a part & parcel of the human psyche. According to him, “...music is so deep-rooted in one’s soul that it can influence one’s philosophy and outlook in life. Even tone-deaf persons can relate to music in their own unique way... and that is the true testament to the power in music.” It is this firm and deep-rooted philosophy of his that drives him to relentlessly pursue his passion for music.

MUSICAL PEDIGREE

Psychuck sang his first song when he was just three years old on All India Radio’s (AIR) Balanandam (Kid’s Talent Showcase) program. Born into a family of musicians, he

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was anointed with music as a natural consequence. By the time he was twelve, Psychuck had already accompanied his father's musical tours and became a surrogate band member. Psychuck was recognized as the youngest music director (12 years), singer, and lyricist in 1982 when he provided music for a TV Special on National Integration. He performed at the Rashtrapati Bhavan (President of India's Palace) and received the prestigious National Integration Award and is the pioneer of Indian Folk Rock - traditional Indian music the fusion with modern music.

ARTISTIC INFLUENCES

Inspired by his father Janapadabrahma, JanapadaRatna Late Shri. Manapragada Narasimha Murthy, (TANA inception member 1977) - a renowned international folk singer, Psychuck has served on many music review boards and authored many articles on folk music and the evolution of Indian music in the postmodern era. Psychuck has since given music to many dance dramas, stage musicals, feature films, TV soaps, and cultural showcases at both national and international levels and has numerous original compositions to his credit.

AWARDS & TITLES

In addition to the National Integration Award, Psychuck received Best Music Director – Youth Category for his work in the Tele-School Documentary on Doordarshan called “Prakruti” (Nature) at age 17. Psychuck has several awards for his skills in singing, playing keyboards, and composing at both the State level and the National level in India. SiliconAndhra has awarded Shri. Sai “Psychuck” Manapragada, the coveted international award for outstanding musical achievements award “Sangeeta



Bharathi” (Music Maestro of Indian Music) award. In addition, Psychuck has received the “Outstanding Musician Award” ceremonially from Honorable Mayor Tony Spitaleri of Sunnyvale, CA, and the “Sangeeta Samrat” (King of Music) award ceremonially from Honorable Mayor Olin Mahoney of Cupertino, CA. Psychuck currently holds three Guinness World Records: one for singing “Vandemataram” in 265 languages (individual); one for singing 277 languages (group); and the third Guinness World Record as the fastest Piano player in the world.

Psychuck was awarded Pravaasa Bharathi, Pravaasa Mitra, and also honored with Times Now & ICICI Bank's NRI OF The Year 2018 award. Psychuck has been awarded many COMMENDATIONS & Recognition from the US Congress and many Bay Area Cities and Counties for his community service and musical prowess; and a US national honor of OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER, by the Dept. of Labor, (United States Citizenship & Immigration Services - USCIS), the USA for his numerous contributions to the research in digital signal processing & wireless communications technology.

PORTFOLIO & PERFORMANCES

Psychuck has over 100 original compositions to his credit. His music takes the essence from Classical Carnatic, Classical Hindustani,

and Folklore genres. He further expands into Asian, Latin, and Middle-Eastern genres and embraces the contemporary Rock and Pop genres of the West with a hint of Western Classical overtures in most of his works. He was part of many bands including, Strings in India and Riske - a live jazz showcase – in Chicago, to name a few. Psychuck was the cultural coordinator for Indian Youth Festivals in Baton Rouge, LA, and Chicago, IL. Psychuck has provided music and soundtracks to various projects including Stage, TV, Film, and Ballads. Psychuck is also

considered the pioneer of the Modernization of Ghazal Music. Psychuck released Psymphony's flagship album “Pace: The Frontier of Light” (The Raftaar). Psychuck has released many artistic albums like “Folk Dances of India”, “Folklore Life of Andhra Pradesh”, etc. internationally in over 35 countries through popular online retailers including iTunes, Rhapsody, Napster, Amazon, and eMusic. He served as a judge in many cultural forums/competitions

and is the author of “Musical Chords: A Mathematical Approach”.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

Psychuck served as the Commissioner of the City of Hayward, CA. Psychuck is also the Chairman for FARMI (Folk Arts Research and Music Institute) – a not-for-profit organization formed in memory of his father and committed to preserving the folklore arts and music of India. FARMI, in association with Amateur and



Professional Singers Organization (APSO) India, conducts yearly folk festivals in honor of JanapadaBrahma late Shri. Manapragada Narasimha Murthy to honor accomplished artists and encourage new and budding talent in the folk genre. In addition, a Life Time Achievement Award and a stipend from the Pension for Retiring Artists and Gifted Artists Development Alimony established by FARMi is provided to aspiring and accomplished artists to encourage the sustenance of the now endangered folklore arts and music of India. He continues to contribute and play key roles in many cultural organizations and non-profit organizations, both in India and in the United States.

PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Psychuck is an entrepreneur and a technology executive in wireless XiFi Networks with Offices in India and the US. Sai Chakrawarthy “Psychuck” Manapragada is the Chief Architect of WiFi Access Network Interface (WANI) and worked closely with Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and Department of Telecom (DoT) for the past three (3) years and was instrumental in demonstrating a working Public WiFi Pilot trial by actively working with various industry stakeholders in the WiFi ecosystem through Broadband India Forum (BIF). His proposed WANI architecture has been extensively trialed and now approved by the Department of Telecom (DoT) as of December 9th, 2020 where the government of India has officially dubbed it as PM-WANI which is based on his initial proposed WANI architecture. PM-WANI architecture is meant to bring seamless WiFi and is



to become a de facto standard for WiFi network providers as UPI has become the standard for financial institutions.

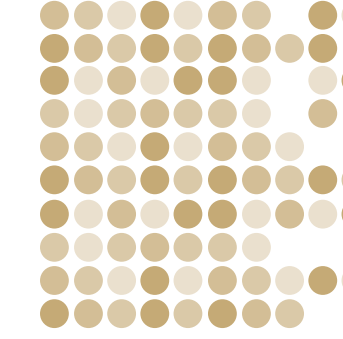
Mr. Manapragada holds over 150+ US, International, and European patents and

has published numerous IEEE journals and articles and has been conferred with the esteemed “OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER” Award by the Department of Labor, USA. Mr. Manapragada has won many technology awards including

Outstanding Achievements Awards, Best Technical Paper, Best International Journal Paper, Best Thesis Dissertation, and won commendations from the State of California, Santa Clara County (CA, USA), Milipitas City Mayor (CA, USA), San Jose City

Council (CA, USA) for his exemplary work in community service and achievements. Mr. Manapragada served as the Commissioner for the City of Hayward, California, the USA from 2013 to 2017.





V. Sundramoorthy (Singapore)

A Man of Goals

Varadaraju Sundram Moorthy or V. Sundramoorthy as he is popularly known as is a former Singapore international footballer who played in the 1980s and 1990s and is widely touted as one of the country's most skilful and talented footballers ever.

He is currently the head coach of the Singapore national football team. He coached the LionsXII, a Singapore-based team playing in the Malaysia Super League, and held a dual appointment as the head coach of the Under-23 team from 2011 to 2013 when he announced his plans to sign with the Malaysian Premier League team, Negeri Sembilan. After coaching Negeri Sembilan for half a season in 2014, he returned to Singapore to take the helm at Tampines Rovers and held this position for almost 2 years before agreeing to take charge of Singapore.

Varadaraju Sundramoorthy was born on 6 October 1965, in Singapore. When he was just 18 years of age the young Sundramoorthy broke into the Singapore Malaysia Cup team and in the following season he went

on to become the top scorer in the tournament. Thereon he came to be noticed by a lot of football teams as a young and promising football player.

In 1988, V. Sundramoorthy became the second player from Singapore to play in Europe when he signed for Swiss Club FC Basel. He barely played five games, in which he scored three goals. He then joined Kedah FA for the Malaysia Cup tournament as he returned in 1989 before moving to play for Kedah FA in Malaysia. Sundramoorthy also represented Singapore in several S.E.A games tournament and helped Singapore reached the Finals in the 1989 Games when his last-minute through ball led to Fandi Ahmad's winner against Indonesia.

During his playing days in Alor Setar playing his trade for Kedah FA, Sundramoorthy helped Kedah to defeat Singapore 3-1 in the final of the 1990 Malaysia Cup, scoring Kedah's opening goal.

Sundramoorthy made several appearances for the Singapore



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national football team, including participating in the 1990 Asian Games football tournament. He had scored a hat trick against Pakistan. Sundram also scored 2 goals in a friendly match against Nagoya Grampus Eight which had Gary Lineker in the team, when Singapore won 4–3.

Sundramoorthy became one of the most feared strikers in ASEAN during the '80s and early '90s. He was well known for his dribbling and finishing skills and was one of the most influential players during Singapore's run-up to the 1993 Malaysia Cup Final appearance.

One of Sundramoorthy's most famous goals was a bicycle kick scored against Brunei in a 1993 FAM Division II League tie at the National Stadium. He also scored a spectacular backheel during his days with Jurong FC. In a match against Pahang at the National Stadium in the same year, Sundram audaciously faked a backheel that fooled the Pahang defenders before crossing for Fandi Ahmad to score the winner late in the game.

Since 2012 Sundramoorthy has been the head coach of the LionsXII, who played in the Malaysian Super League. In his first season in charge, he led the LionsXII to 2nd place in the Malaysia Super League and the semi-finals of the Malaysia Cup.

On 21 January 2013, it was announced that Sundramoorthy would be appointed caretaker coach of the Singapore national football team while the Football Association of Singapore searched for a replacement for former coach Raddy Avramovic. His first game in charge was against Jordan on 6 February 2013 at Singapore's Jalan Besar Stadium.



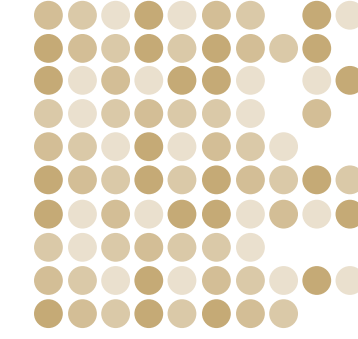
On 15 May 2013, German coach Bernd Stange was announced as the new manager of the Singapore national football team, while Sundramoorthy was appointed as the head coach of the Singapore national under-23 football team for the 2013 SEA Games with present Courts Young Lions coach, Aide Iskandar, was named as his assistant.

On 7 October 2013, Sundram announced that he would not be renewing his contract with the Football Association of Singapore to coach the Lions XII Malaysian Super League Outfit. He took over as head coach at Malaysian Premier League side Negeri Sembilan on a two-year contract from 1 November 2013. After finishing sixth in the 2014 Malaysia Premier League and failing to qualify for the Malaysia Cup, Sundramoorthy was relieved of his duties by Negeri Sembilan.

In December 2014, Sundramoorthy was confirmed as the new head coach of Tampines Rovers. This is the first time after 5 years that Sundram held the head coach post in the S.League.

He was unveiled as the head coach of the Singapore national football team in May 2016, on a one-year contract. He extended his contract as the Lions head coach for two more years in March 2017. However, one year later, he stepped down from his role by mutual consent on 9 April 2018. In October 2018, he officially signed a contract with Laos.

Sundramoorthy was nicknamed 'The Dazzler' at the height of his prowess and 'King Cobra' when he was the player-coach of Jurong FC. Sundram also has a biography titled 'The Dazzler.'



Ram Gidoomal (UK)

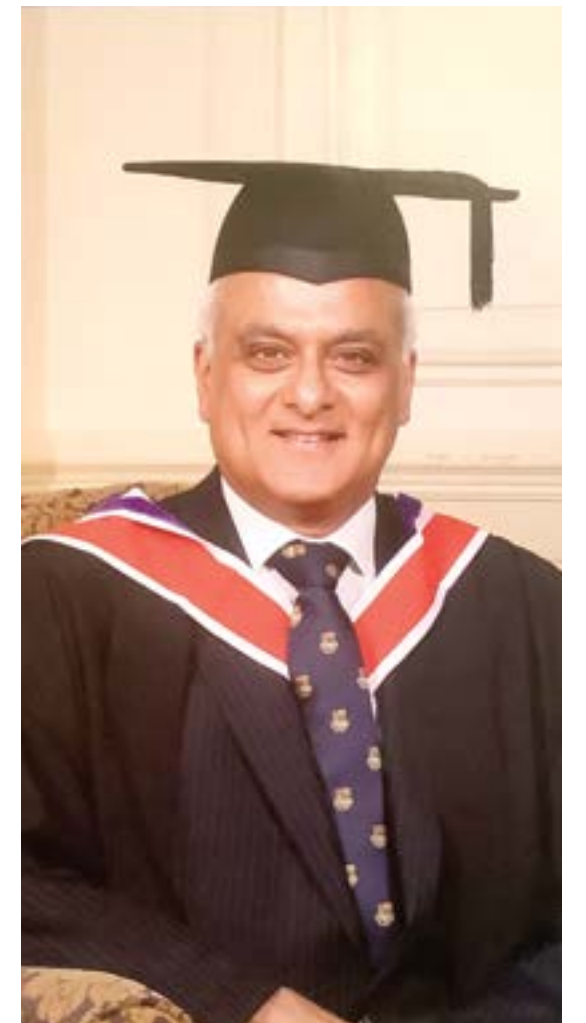
Businessman with a Heart of Gold

Ram Gidoomal, a Sindhi born in Kenya after his family fled the partition, was born in a family steeped in a business sense. He lost his father at the young age of 6 weeks but was brought up by his uncle, who never let him feel that void. The man Ram called 'Daddy' took care of his mother and siblings as well as his own wife and kids. They were a family of 15 who lived together under one roof. In Kenya, their family realized that a lot of railway workers were Indian and that meant there was a market for silk. They imported Japanese silk and sold them to the workers who wanted silk saris for their wives. This astute business sense, made his family find work no matter what their circumstances were.

Just as they had settled into life in Kenya, they were again uprooted because of politics. They then moved to a small neighborhood in England where they had to start from scratch all over again. But, their business acumen never let them down. They bought a small

corner shop there and such was the talent of this newly migrated Sindhi family, that in a mere two years they had 6 shops. They had started with just four rooms for the 15 members strong family, but soon they all had their own rooms. The strong belief that hard work reaps rewards, made them run the shop all day and all night, working hard to create a better life for themselves. Along with that sense of business, Mr. Gidoomal was also brought up with a belief in justice and charity. When their neighbors struggled to buy milk, his family would help out as much as they could. This clearly shaped his strong sense of morality.

Ram was the only member of his family who was hell-bent on getting a good education. He decided that the closest university to the shop, which was Imperial College, was the place to go because the bus ride was one shilling and that was all he could afford. He had done well in his O and A levels and managed to get himself a scholarship. He completed



Another laurel in his cap was when he ran for the office of Mayor in London in 2000 as an independent candidate.



Meeting Prince Charles at a Reception in St James Palace

his bachelor's in Physics and then went on to get into the master's and doctorate courses in management science. But, before his thesis on operations research could be handed in, he started getting a lot of pressure from his family to get married. Mr. Gidoomal was getting a lot of proposals from India and the dowry being offered was too large to resist. But, Mr. Gidoomal was sure that he was not for sale. He told his family that he would get married to a person he thought would fit well in his life, someone he could envision spending his life with. Soon he was introduced to a fellow student by his sister and being convinced, he talked to his professors and opted out of

his doctorate because his in-laws wanted a working son-in-law, not a student. All the honorary doctorates he has from the top colleges of the world, including his alumni Imperial College who awarded him a Fellowship of Imperial College, indicate how his decisions did not let him down.

He landed a job in a bank even though the atmosphere around him was not favorable to immigrants. Once he started working though, he realized that his race was going to become a big hindrance in his promotions. He had been with them long enough but did not see much scope for growth. He then joined his wife's uncle who

was running the successful INLAKS GROUP (The founders of the highly esteemed INLAKS Foundation). He began his career with them in Geneva Switzerland, in 1978. In seven years the company grew from a turnover of a few million dollars to over \$200m turnover and from a few employees to 7000 employees worldwide. He then became the UK Group chief executive and Group Vice-Chairman for them and shifted base to London, where his career really thrived. In 1987 he found himself acquiring seafood factories in Scotland. When he realized that there was a seafood shortage, he decided to look towards India to supply that shortfall. He came looking for prawns and visited many fishing ports in India looking for seafood suppliers.

When he was in Bombay, living in the gorgeous Taj Hotel, his civic sense made him ask his local suppliers what they were doing for the community there. They then took him to Dharavi to show him how the locals lived. This visit to one of the biggest slums in Asia exposed him to abject poverty for the first time. He was appalled to see a 5-year-old boy, the same age as his youngest son back home, living in a water pipe because the slumlords wouldn't even let him stay in the cardboard boxes there. He saw that the boy worked in the garbage dump near there, salvaging what he could, with his sex-trafficked mother living in ghastly conditions. He went back on his first-class flight, but couldn't stomach the caviar and champagne he was served. Once the lights went down he broke down, unable to process what he had just witnessed. When he reached home, he told his wife what he had seen and they talked about how he didn't need yachts and planes but did need to help change what he had seen, for his

soul. The strong belief in equality and justice planted in him as a boy woke him up and changed millions of lives.

Mr. Gidoomal asked for a day off every week to spend on his charitable endeavors and co-founded a charity called Christmas Cracker. He got the youth involved and during the season of giving, they would open up pop-up restaurants on the high street for a month, serving simple food like dal chawal and beans on toast, with all proceeds going to charity. The kids were given the opportunity to learn a basic business skill and taught how to look for 'TO LET' signs on the High Street and then tell the owner that they could write this off as charity in their taxes. About a hundred youth groups were mobilized across the UK and in a matter of 7 years raised an impressive \$10m. By involving young people Mr. Gidoomal not only helped raise those funds but also made about 50000 young people aware of the suffering in the rest of the world and showed them how they could make a difference. When they decided to pop the biggest Christmas Cracker in the world and get a mention in the Guinness book of world records, he helped them get sponsorship from his company, putting the logo front and centre as all the news stations tuned in. He gave all the credit for this win to the youth he had encouraged, considering no laurels as big as the satisfaction of influencing the future generation.

He got involved with other charitable pursuits when he heard about a young man who had eloped against his family's wishes and then self-immolated when he got caught. This story reminded him of the injustices he had seen in his community.



Ram meeting the Queen

He had noticed how girls in his community had rarely been allowed to pursue careers or live the life of their choosing. This inspired him to make a difference in his community and work towards empowerment. He wrote a book called Sari n Chips to highlight the injustices he had observed.

Then he decided to write about all the South Asian business people who he saw as trailblazers in Britain, who the British business community had not yet appreciated. He wrote UK Maharajas, to showcase how the South Asian business community was contributing almost as much as Ireland in the economy, almost five billion pounds in 1991. When people wanted to understand more about how to do business with this community, he wrote the cheekily titled, The British And How To Deal With Them, because the ethnic minorities not being recognized were also British now, not foreign.

Another laurel in his cap was when he ran for the office of Mayor in London in 2000

as an independent candidate. He ran on the manifesto of social justice, compassion, empowerment, respect for life, stewardship of resources, and reconciliation. He wanted to reconcile the different communities and their differences and ran his election campaign for the "Homeless Carless and Jobless". On that agenda, he came 4th out of 15 candidates gaining nearly 100,000 votes with only 100 days of campaigning with just his desire to make a difference. When the winning candidate named the "Homeless Jobless and Carless" as his agenda, it was a win whether he won the election or not, by changing the agenda of the election to reflect his dreams for his community. This experience is captured in his book, How Would Jesus Vote, because he wanted to talk about the moralities of politics.

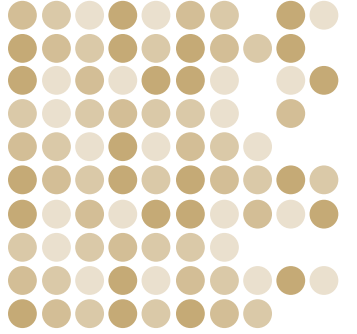
He believes in making a difference with fair trade and fair wages, challenging MNCs and their profiteering. They helped start Shop For Change which made fair trade Diwali and Christmas hampers for the



socially conscious. He realized that all his bonuses and income given away would not help as much as spending his time on giving back full time. He gave up his career eventually to make changing the world his full-time job, after consulting with his wife and deciding to make a difference together. He is also working with farmers in Gujarat and China to grow organic cotton, to make better economic and environmental choices for their farms, with all money made going back into the program. In 2011 he was appointed Chairman of Traidcraft and the Lausanne Movement International Board. In addition, Ram's other roles have included Chair of the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education for England and Wales; He was also a Board member of the International Justice Mission (USA), he is a Life Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and was a visiting Professor of Entrepreneurship at Middlesex University. Ram is also a freeman of the City of London, was a liveryman of

the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, and a Companion of the Chartered Management Institute.

His Daddy's saying that "Never let what you can't do stop you from what you can do" taught him the real definition of success. The ability to obey his calling without the fear of losing income or power is what he considers real success. To Mr. Gidoomal, writing his books, celebrating his 70th birthday with his family despite the pandemic, learning to read and write Hindi during the Pandemic, sharing ghazals and Shayari with his school friends and his grandkids paying his storytelling a tribute by putting up a show, are all successes worth noting. He credits his experience with his faith as the push behind his charitable interests. In college he had decided to emulate Jesus Christ as his role model, considering caring for the vulnerable as his most important calling. This closeness with the Lord definitely helped him reach the happiness and success we all recognize him for today.



Shabir Momin (Singapore)

On the Right Track

Shabir Momin started working at a very early age and became the youngest CTO at the age of 21 he was awarded, with Rex Karmaveer Global Fellow and Karmaveer Chakra Award (Gold) 2019. He won Business World Young Entrepreneur Award in the recent past along with entrepreneur of the year 2013 by TiE. He is honoured with the '100 Smartest Digital Marketing Leaders Citation' by World Digital Marketing Congress. Brahma Kumari's and their media wing Godlywood studio awarded to him for his achievement and excellence in media at the International Conference cum Cultural Festival. Shabir Momin has had a successful track record in varied technology and business positions at a CXO level for few years before he became an entrepreneur. He has sold few ventures in the past and his current ventures that he has founded and co-founded are ZengaTV, one of the leading OTT services, OneDigital Entertainment, a Digital content company, OneAxxess.com, a unique self-serve, multiplatform distribution and monetization video

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ecosystem with over few thousands of content owners, creators, and brand advertisers on board, InnovCrowd Pte Ltd which owns two Crowdfunding platforms - Desired Wings and Catapooolt focusing on reward-based and equity crowd funding respectively, Rastey, a Cab Service, WoVoyage, women-only travel company, PSiamgone.com, an after death service, Holosuit, an AR/VR, tech startup, Clinical Nutrition, Food, and supplement brand, etc. He has further investments in renewable power and few other industries. He is a successful entrepreneur and professional with an excellent track record in technology innovation especially in the digital and convergence technology.

Giving the briefest glance of his background in lieu with his growing up years Shabbir Momin averred, “As a boy, I was born and brought up in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. I did my studies at St. Joseph High School. My dad was a senior administrative officer with the government and my grandfather was a freedom fighter. I learned a lot about honesty, to stand by good principles and do the right thing from them, which I used at a later stage of my life. Besides as a kid, I was very naughty and would volunteer to stand up for others and this helped me build fearlessness and a risk-taking appetite. I was blessed by a set of best friends who would stand by each other no matter what. I was not great at studies as I could never convince myself that why am I even studying so many things I might never ever use and how is it going to help me in my life. What I liked was computers and I was really good at it. I finished high-end computer programming and knowledge at a very young age and started doing projects for others at school. When I finished



school, I took up a job of programming and database, while still pursuing my studies (not so seriously). From there on, I was picked from one company to another and kept on moving and doing exciting projects and learning new things. I had only one hunger to learn and understand what works how and why? I switched from computers to telecom to hybrid tech, and then was responsible for developing and setting up large data centres and then managing tech strategy for large organizations, which led me to understand the business to build tech for it. I worked for some great companies, some big and some small, but it was the small ones that taught me what to do and the big ones who taught me what not to do? In my previous organization, I served as CTO and CEO. At a very early age, I switched to become an entrepreneur. I just kept learning and learning and adapted out of box solutions on an everyday basis.”

Talking about when he aspired to achieve his goals and what were they, Shabbir Momin rightly made the clarification that, “There isn’t usually a day or a moment, it can be for some specific project, but not for life. Every day is a fight to live and survive, achieve, and just move on a few more steps ahead of what you are doing that time. The life goal has always been to be able to do good and create an impact that helps change things in a positive manner, but you can never do this all by yourself, so you do your part as there are many others who are also doing the same, all these good and energy coming together automatically form something great and creates the change. I still feel while I am growing and contributing whatever I can, I am still in the prep-up stage to gather more resources and strength to achieve more, and then



hopefully I will soon be able to contribute better. I have been lucky in many ways, supporting the family when I was growing up, great friends, supporting wife and kids, and an amazing team that is like a family to me. With all these almost 90% of the strength is already in place, so we are doing many things in many ways. I am an avid supporter of the start-up ecosystem, and I believe this is the place where innovative and real problem solving happens, supporting that genuinely helps support the biggest catalyst of change for good."

Giving a glance into his academic qualifications Shabbir Momin said, "I didn't pursue higher academics due to lack of interest in this area, but I am definitely a scholar from practical learning and hands-on experience. This is what leads me to always find a new the solution to a problem as I am not tuned the same way as others who read the same books to do the same job, always think?"

On giving an informative description about the milestones in his the career that he ultimately succeeded in achieving in his life, Shabbir Momin went on a narrative spree, "I think there is a long journey waiting, while I am in the beginning of my mid-phase. I have realized that one first needs to get the respect of the world before one can start making an impact, as people listen and believe you more after one is established. I want to make an impact in the energy, education, and basic skills space, in the long run, solutions which are unbiased to revenue, country, region and are for global benefits, especially earth."



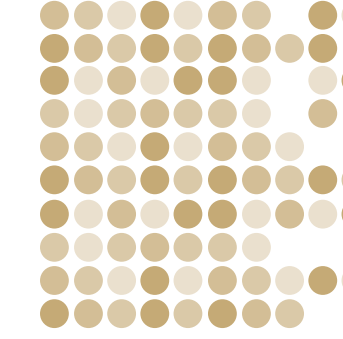
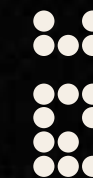
On the topic of how hard or easy it was to achieve his ultimate goals in his life, Shabbir Momin coolly replied, "I think the already achieved the ultimate goal is to transition from being known as a very naughty boy to being a respectable technologist was the first big achievement, the ultimate achievement is yet to come, a day when I feel I have contributed enough at a global scale."

Shabbir Momin then goes on to describe some happy memories associated while achieving his goals, "There are many, many pleasant and happy memories in my journey of life so far like my first job where someone believed in me and took the risk of giving a job to a 15-year-old, being awarded the entrepreneur of the year, to cracking the code to build tech solutions and the inner satisfaction of building something which lot of them might not understand today but will definitely see the benefits tomorrow. Playing games with the team to unwind before we go back to cracking the solution and the smile the team gets when we crack it."

On explaining about whether he faced any hurdles in his journey to success Shabbir Momin said, "Every day there are hurdles of different kinds, it's part of life, it can and will never be a cakewalk. Navigating through these problems and taking everyone with you through it is success."

As a parting shot Shabbir Momin recounted on what success means to him, "Satisfaction and happiness of launching something new and useful, which can be adapted in scale is success for me. Something that makes an impact and changes the traditional way things work is success for me."





Vijay Goel (UK)

A Visionary Lawyer

Vijay Goel is a Corporate Lawyer and Senior partner for the London office of the firm Singhanian & Co. Vijay's areas of practice include corporate law relevant to technology transfers, joint ventures, foreign collaborations, and licensing. He is also the founder of the Indo-European Business Forum established in 2007. The members of which include members of the House of Lords, Members of Parliament and Members of European Parliaments, and top business leaders from India and the UK including Messrs G.P. Hinduja, K.K. Modi, Mohit Burman, Jeh Wadia, Nikhil Gandhi, and Raj Loomba.

He spent his childhood formative years growing up in a village called Tikunia which is in Uttar Pradesh. His father was a businessman and therefore as a child, he started developing an interest in the business sector. As he was growing up he came to the understanding that business is the one thing that can possibly help him achieve the goals he was setting for himself. He knew the business was in his blood and he used

G. P. Hinduja who
Vijay considers a
great visionary,
caring, leader, and
philanthropist.



that experience and understanding to start accomplishing his plans. He also used his business acumen in a broader spectrum, his natural talents shining through.

He completed his schooling from his village and followed that up with a Bachelor's in commerce. He then went on to finish his law degree and then finally ended up pursuing MBA from Jaipur Institute of management. During his long and arduous academic career, he managed to figure out his goals and aims which seemed to always bend towards the business side.

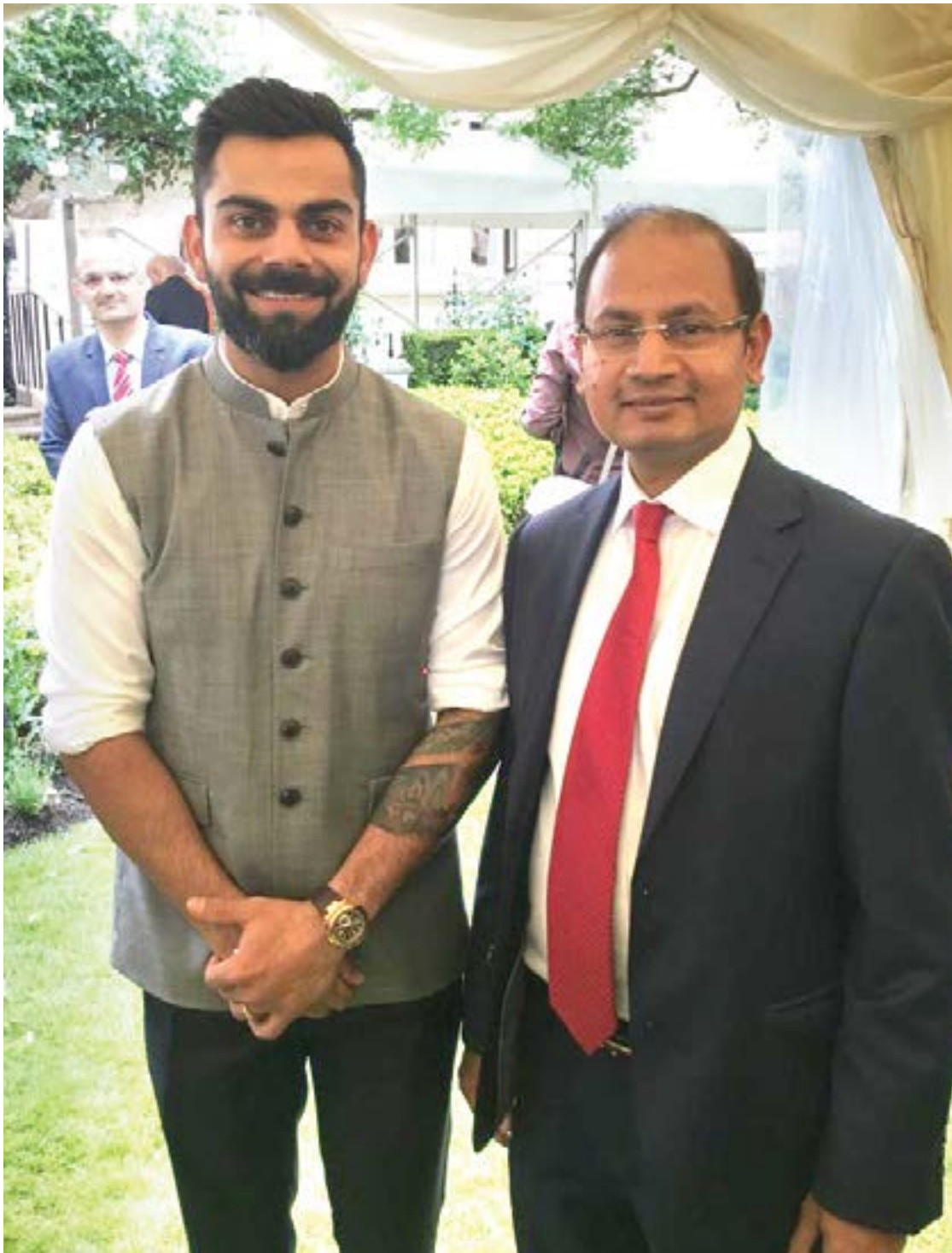
He considers the start of his journey to be when he graduated and got felicitated in Delhi in 1998. Following that, he was awarded the opportunity of working with D. C. Singhania as he joined Singhania & Co the very same year. He noticed the intelligence and authority under arbitration that D. C. Singhania possessed and learned a lot from him, altering his perspective on business. While working with D. C. Singhania, in 2000 he received the privilege and opportunity to handle the Singhania & Co; London office. This was the big step that he considers a turning point in his life. He still considers it a lucky privilege that he found a means to spread the knowledge he had gained in his long academic career.

While in London, he came across many interesting and innovative people. But his eyes were caught my one impressive personality. G. P. Hinduja who Vijay considers a great visionary, caring, leader, and philanthropist, who he had the utmost privilege to meet and get to know in 2005. His last London dream was to meet Her Majesty the Queen like any other Londoner. Meeting her left a huge impact on his life

and he considers these interactions the big milestones in his life.

Speaking about the achievements of his life and what he wanted to achieve is hard for Vijay as he feels he just grabbed opportunities that stood in his path and tried to make the most of them with all the resources he had available, so he could utilize these opportunities in the best way possible. He still feels he is yet to find his ultimate life goal and continues to work towards understanding his long-term goals while also trying to do justice to his existing and upcoming projects. The success of his current projects always makes him feel one step closer to actualizing his core dream goals.

Vijay is cognizant of the responsibility bestowed on him and that he must surpass many hurdles in order to do justice to everyone that depends on him. But, being determined is all that is needed to make things work out. Believing in yourself and having faith in what you do can make anything work out. He considers it his fortune that he was able to get this opportunity and used it in the best way possible because he understands that in the end, it is the work you do that determines what kind of person you are. He understands that the path of success is always marred by hurdles galore which must be faced by everyone before they can be called successful in their endeavors. He just never let his determination fade in any way because he knew that hurdles, bad times, and failure are just a part of the journey that leads to success. Without these scarring your journey you cannot possibly gain the experience necessary to strive towards any goal or ambition in your life.



Vijay considers the happy memories he made in his long and arduous journey to be his milestones and achievements, the memories of which he will cherish forever. He believes that the moment you yourself are satisfied with your work and the amount of energy you give to your ambitions, no matter the result is a success. Just by giving your 100% to your goals, you have already achieved success.

Vijay has a lot of feathers in his cap. His many current and previous positions include:

The Economic Advisor to the Government of Malta.

Chairman of the London Chamber of Commerce Asian Business Association.

Chairman of ASSOCHAM UK, one of the largest Chamber of Commerce in India.

Vice-Chairman of Africa International Business Forum.

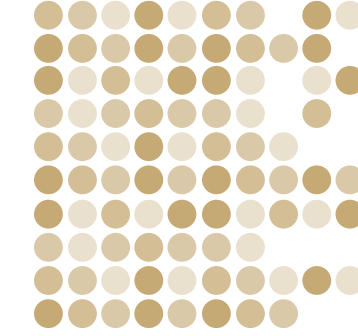
Member of the UKTI Global Entrepreneur India Advisory Group.

Committee Member of Gandhi Statue in front of British Parliament.

Ambassador of Barnardo's, UK's largest and oldest national Children's charity. Barnardo's is a 150-year-old Charity works to transform the lives of vulnerable children and young people. The President of Barnardo's is HRH the Duchess of Cornwall.

Special Advisor to the Commonwealth Business Council (CBC) for investments. CBC has top connections in more than 53 countries.





Dr. Zulekha Daud (UAE)

The Proud Indian

Dr. Zulekha Daud, not many know about this Samarita who made India proud globally. Dr Zulekha was the first female Indian doctor in the Trucial States. Dr. Zulekha Daud is the Founder and Chairperson of Zulekha Healthcare Group, including Zulekha Hospital UAE; Alexis Multispeciality Hospital, India and Zulekha Colleges, India. She set up Zulekha Hospitals in 1992 in UAE and in 2016 in India

Mama Zulekha as she is affectionately known was born in Nagpur, Maharashtra in India. A renowned physician turned entrepreneur based in UAE, Zulekha has received many awards and rewards for her work globally. She received India's topmost honors for overseas Indians- The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award in 2019 at the hands of Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ramnath Kovind on January 23, 2019, at a ceremony held in Varanasi, India. The award is conferred on individuals who have made significant contributions to philanthropic and charitable work and for prominence in one's field which has enhanced India's prestige in the country of residence.

She was presented with a letter of thanks and appreciation of her five decades of valuable contribution to the Healthcare Sector in the UAE from H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. She was also included in the list of 100 Indian Leaders in the UAE by Forbes Middle East for her contributions to the field of healthcare. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai awarded her the Dubai Quality Award too.

Zulekha Daud was born into a family of construction workers. But her family gave importance to education. A family of five Zulekha has three brothers who were insistent on her completing her studies in the medical field. The hard work her parents did pay off when she graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree from the Government Medical College in Nagpur, India. She specialized in gynecology.



In 2016 Dr Daud established a 200-bed multispecialty hospital in her hometown, Nagpur.



Zulekha moved to UAE in 1964. She first worked at the American Kuwait Mission Hospital, while her husband Dr. Iqbal Daud was an ophthalmologist in Ras Al Khaimah. When Zulekha started working before the federation was formed in 1971, facilities in the UAE lacked basic amenities like electricity and supplies and the equipment that Zulekha had to use was rudimentary. No one knew Kuwait on the map, she worked tirelessly by treating patients from everything to snake bites, chickenpox, smallpox outbreaks, and viral infections. She was the first woman in the Kuwait hospital in Dubai. No one wanted to work here. There were no proper roads and they traveled over-sand. That didn't let her down. She learned the Arabic language which helped her in treating her patients. The doctor has done an unmatched feat of delivering around 15,000 babies in the UAE itself.

She set up her first hospital Zulekha Hospital in Sharjah in 1992 with a facility of 30 beds and slowly expanded to build another hospital in Dubai along with three medical centres and a chain of pharmacies. Today, the Zulekha Group is one of the largest private healthcare networks in the Emirates. Zulekha Group treats about 550,000 people annually between these two hospitals and three medical centres.

In 2016 Dr. Daud established a 200-bed multispecialty hospital in her hometown, Nagpur, known as Alexis Multispecialty Hospital. The hospital is an offering and initiative of Dr. Daud to help serve the entire Central India community by providing the highest quality of medical care across various disciplines. The Hospital has a



team of renowned specialists and medical personnel supported by the latest cutting-edge technology offering all-around care and comfort.

In 2004, Daud set up Zed – a vocational and training center and a charitable trust in Nagpur. [Her other efforts in India include the 'Clean Drinking Water' cause engineered in and around Nagpur. She has also begun adopting non-functional educational institutes around the area.

In 2010, Daud put together a financing deal of \$24 million with the IFC, a member of the World Bank Group to offer hospital care in India and the UAE. According to the plan presented, \$21 million would be put toward a strong hospital in Nagpur, India and \$3 million would go toward an energy-efficiency project in the Zulekha group's Sharjah facility. Her other efforts in India include the 'Clean Drinking Water' cause engineered in and around Nagpur. She has also begun adopting non-functional educational institutes around the area. Alongside healthcare services, Dr. Zulekha Daud leads numerous community initiatives across her facilities in India and the UAE that promote the early detection and prevention of life-threatening diseases such as breast cancer, colorectal cancer, cervical cancer, and cardiovascular diseases. During the initiative period, thousands of individuals are invited to take free health checks pertaining to these diseases at the group's hospitals.

Now at 80 years old, the doctor still manages to keep fit with her walks, swimming, and gardening and never misses her day at the hospital.



He is an internationally recognized leader in the field of nucleic acids.

Sir Shankar Balasubramanian (UK)

A Man of Innovation

Shankar Balasubramanian has been known for his great contribution to medicines and services to science. He was conferred with the Royal Medal in 2018 and was knighted in the 2017 New Years Honours for services to science and Medicine.

Shankar Balasubramanian the Herchel Smith Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Cambridge. He was also the senior group leader at the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. He is an internationally recognized leader in the field of nucleic acids who is distinguished for his pioneering contributions to chemistry and their application to the biological and medical sciences. He made a stunning invention of the leading next-generation sequencing methodology, Solexa sequencing, which has made routine, accurate, low-cost sequencing of human genomes a reality and has revolutionized biology.

Shankar Balasubramanian has made seminal contributions to

the identification, elucidation, and manipulation of non-coding genetic elements, particularly four-stranded structures called G-quadruplexes. His work on the intervention of nucleic acid function using small molecules has revealed a number of molecular mechanisms that can be exploited, for instance, to modulate the biology of cancer.

Shankar Balasubramanian has won many awards, for his contribution towards science which recognizes his achievements and their wider impact in advancing biology and medicine. In 1998 he was conferred with the Glaxo Wellcome Award for Innovative Organic Chemistry. In 2002 Corday-Morgan Medal and Prize of the Royal Society of Chemistry The Mullard Award of the Royal Society (2009), the BBSRC Innovator of the Year (2010). He has been elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences (FMedSci) in 2011, Elected a Fellow of the Royal Society 2012, Elected a member of the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) in 2012. In 2014, he won the Biochemical

Society Heatley Medal and Prize. Royal Society (2012) and membership of EMBO (2012). In 2013 he won the Tetrahedron Prize and in 2014 the Biochemical Society Heatley Medal and Prize. In 2015 he won the Chemical Research Society of India Medal.

Shankar Balasubramanian was born on 30 September 1966 in Madras (now Chennai) India. Balasubramanian then moved to the UK with his parents in 1967. He grew up in a rural area just outside Runcorn in Cheshire and attended Daresbury Primary School, then Appleton Hall High School (which has since amalgamated to form Bridgewater High School). He then went on to study the Natural Sciences Tripos at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, where he did his undergraduate degree from 1985–88 and continued with a PhD for research on the reaction mechanism of the enzyme chorismate synthase supervised by Chris Abell (1988-1991).

Following his PhD, Balasubramanian travelled to the USA as a SERC/ NATO Research Fellow and worked

in the group of Stephen J. Benkovic at Pennsylvania State University (1991-1993). He started his independent academic career in 1994 at the University of Cambridge and has remained there ever since, first as College Lecturer, then University Lecturer (1998), University Reader in Chemical Biology (2003) and Professor of Chemical Biology

(2007). He was most recently appointed Herchel Smith Professor of Medicinal Chemistry in 2008. He currently directs research laboratories in the Department of Chemistry and also the Cancer Research UK (CRUK) Cambridge Institute at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. His former doctoral students include Julian Huppert.

More recently Balasubramanian has been inventing and applying new chemical methods to study epigenetic changes to DNA bases including single-base resolution sequencing of 5-formylcytosine, 5-hydroxymethylcytosine and 5-methylcytosine.

Shankar was a keen football fan and he often watched other kids at play in Liverpool and developed an interest in the game. The Liverpool football team is his favourite team. This interest led him on the field and he started playing football until the age of 17 or 18. He wanted to be a professional footballer. Unfortunately, he tore some ligaments



when he was a student at the University and that ended his interest in football.

Shankar was not sure that he wanted to do PhD as he was unsure that he would do well enough in his exams. He decided to

set up a chain of wine bars with a friend in America. Instead, he ended up pursuing a PhD and this was a key turning point in his life. Now he has started collecting wine as a hobby. Bordeaux wines are his favourites. When he travels anywhere, he makes it a

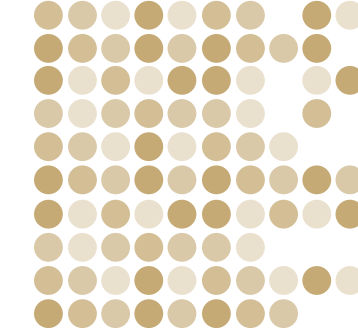
point to visit vineyards along with his wife. He meets families that make wine and hear stories about their journey of winemaking.

As a student, he was a DJ for a while in the mid to late '80s and he staged hip-hop

music at different nightclubs. He was also a sprinter and now he is now an endurance runner. When he turned 50 he did a 100km ultra-marathon. Shankar finds running meditative. Sometimes he runs along with a friend and enjoys it.



She is also officially recognized by the Indian and French Ministries of Culture, the Embassy of India, Paris, and UNESCO.



Dr. Malini Ranganathan (France)

Dancing her way into French and Indian Hearts

Dr. Malini Ranganathan is a renowned Kathak exponent who has performed extensively throughout India, the USA, Canada, Europe, particularly in France where she is settled since 1983. She is also officially recognized by the Indian and French Ministries of Culture, the Embassy of India, Paris, and the UNESCO. She appears in the International Dance council's Who's Who Directory and in the NARTAKI, World dancers' data-base, as an accomplished and qualified Kathak dancer-choreographer based in France. She initially trained in Hindustani Sitar, Carnatic music, and Nattuvangam under her mother Smt. Leela Gopalan and then went on to study Textile Design from Sir J.J. School of Arts, Mumbai, Sports, and Yoga. Dr. Malini specialized in Kathak dance with rigorous training under Padmashree Guru Roshan Kumari of the Jaipur Gharana as well as under Guru Damayanthi Joshi of the Lucknow Gharana. She also learnt and performed Odissi under the training of Guru Mahadev Raut.

Dr. Malini is extremely well qualified, both artistically and academically, one aspect enhancing the other. Apart from her artistic accomplishments, Dr. Malini Ranganathan holds both M. Phil and a Ph. D in Humanities & Didactics of Educational Sciences, from the European University, France, highlighting the impact and the transposition of cross cultural context & teaching contents. She is a Researcher-Professor teaching International Business Management for MBA students in Nantes. She has done her entire work in French, a language she learnt after relocating to France. She is a versatile linguist with multiple degrees and her incredible bilingual skills have been proven through the scientific publications and paper presentations both in French and English, in International journals and conferences.

She is also the founder, artistic director and professor at BINDI, a nonprofit Indo-French center of the Indian Arts. She has created a new





teaching protocol for Kathak dance which combines traditional teaching contents with new methods of transmission tailored especially for French students. Therefore, thanks to her quality of teaching and performance, she is well known for her expertise in organization and participation in all the artistic and cultural events linked to India. These include the promotion of Indian artistes in France for creating an exchange between the two countries.

This has led to our culture being widespread in France and creating a better understanding of the Indian arts in the French people. Her vision and mission

towards getting international recognition for traditional Indian dance are represented by her passion for performing and teaching thousands of French citizens. To that effect, she has curated and convened a number of programs in France and performed in several prestigious festivals. Prior to her contribution to BINDI, Dr Malini had shown her exceptional ability as a teacher at the National Conservatory of Dance, Lyon, The State House of culture, Nantes and at University of Rennes.

Dr Malini Ranganathan is the 1st lady from France to be conferred the prestigious and highest distinction to a NRI, the

Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award by the Honorable President of India, H.E. Shri Ram Nath Kovind in 2019, for her extraordinary contribution in Academics and Arts. On this occasion, she was also invited to India by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and late Smt Sushma Swaraj, to participate in the Kumbha Mela in Prayagraj and Republic Day Parade in the Nation's capital. She has been honored by the Government of France as well, with the Medal of Excellence in 2019, for her exceptional cultural service and contribution towards promoting India in France for the past 38 years. She also received the

Certificate of Recognition from CID-UNESCO in Paris and in Miami. In 2020, she won the "Global Achievers Award 2020 in recognition of outstanding Professional Achievement & Contribution in Nation Building, New Delhi, the 'South Indian Women Achievers Award 2020' in Chennai, the "Global Change makers Award 2021" as a tribute to world's Greatest Change makers in Mumbai, "Face of year" by the International Women's Parliament and the "Woman of the year 2021" by the French state government.

Dr Malini has successfully organized the impressive Namaste France in October 2016 in Nantes, which was both conceived and



curated by her. She efficiently used her skills as a dancer-choreographer and artistic director to create this festival in Nantes. She has been at the forefront of strengthening Franco-Indian relationships in all their myriad forms in several spheres, particularly the Social, Pedagogical, Cultural, Artistic, Academic and Philosophical. These were always done keeping in mind the twin objectives of authenticity of Indian traditions and modern French preferences. She enjoys showcasing her love of the Indian way of life, food, dressing, and hospitality to the local students and residents and ensures the voluntary and enthusiastic participation of French citizens in many India-centric activities. She is actively involved in the dissemination of Yoga for enhanced awareness of health and general physical well-being. She believes in the health and joy-giving benefits that yoga, meditation, and chanting especially during these difficult days in the pandemic. She has had great success in conducting International Yoga Day in support of the Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Another feather in her cap is the creation of a special modules for MBA students at ISG and Audencia Business School, entitled "New Indian Horizons: a Cross – Cultural Approach" and "Doing Business in India", which focuses on building better understandings between the two countries' cultures and markets. The interest she has

generated in Nantes has resulted in India becoming a must-see tourist destination for the residents. In recognition of her service, Dr. Malini was invited as a panel speaker at the 16th PBD convention in 2021 by the Ministry of External Affairs to discuss the Post Covid Scenario and building closer ties between India and France in both Artistic and Academic fields.

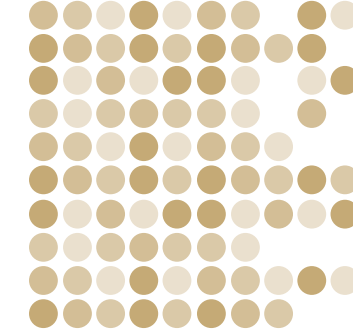
Dr. Malini Ranganathan has proved time and again that, as an Indian at heart, she has the right credentials to be a true global citizen. She recalls her mother who taught her to assimilate with different cultures, when she changed countries but also made sure that she remained attached to and conscious of her Indian roots. Her seamless integration into the local French lifestyle, along with her Indian values makes her a unique role model for both Indian and French women. She has hence created a very good image of the Indian Diaspora too.

There is a lot to be learned from her about overcoming challenges in another country, having a totally different culture and language, through mere hard work and enthusiasm. And above all, we admire the way she has intelligently transmitted her passion and pride for her own cultural heritage and impressively impacted on an entire country, bringing a positive change of their perception about India.





Dr. Anil K. Mehta
has trained
more than 1500
Europeans
as Ayurvedic
practitioners.



Dr. Anil K. Mehta (Holland)

A Perfect & Par Excellence Persona

Dr. Anil K. Mehta, born on 17th June 1954, is an Indian Dutch Ayurvedic doctor, teacher, public speaker, and writer on Ayurveda & spirituality. Dr. Mehta started his career as an Ayurvedic doctor in New Delhi in the year 1977 after acquiring his graduation degree in Ayurveda from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, India. Dr. Mehta started his international career in the field of medical practice and teaching in Ayurveda in the year 1980 when he migrated to Holland. In the beginning, he started his Clinic in Zoetermeer.

Dr. Mehta then shifted his Clinic in the year 1989 and residence to The Hague, with new inspiration to start a School on Ayurveda. In fact, Dr. Anil K. Mehta started spreading awareness about Ayurveda amongst the Europeans by inviting them to free introductory classes on the application of Ayurveda in daily life.

Dr. Anil K. Mehta was born in Jalandhar, India. He belongs to a family of Ayurvedic doctors. His grandfather Pandit Sain Ditta Mal

Vaid was a renowned Vaid of his times in pre-partition India. His grandfather was given the title of "Mehta" by English rulers of India at that time, for his services as an Ayurvedic doctor and social worker. His father was not able to continue the family tradition of nourishing Ayurveda due to turbulent times of partition in India and he joined the Police force, but of course, Dr. Anil K. Mehta continued the family tradition. Dr. Anil K. Mehta is married to Sneha Lata Mehta and they have 4 children. Dr. Mehta's sisters live in India and Holland.

Dr. Anil K. Mehta did his schooling from D.A.V. Schools and College in Jalandhar and graduated in Ayurveda from Mast Nath Ayurvedic College of Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak India. Besides practicing Ayurveda, Dr. Mehta studied the Acupuncture system of healing in Holland for three years from the year 1981 to the year 1984 from the Nederlandse Artsen Acupuncture Vereniging (NAAV) & (NAAS) and practiced acupuncture for a few years with great success in Europe. Since his





Secretary Health Mrs. Shailja Chandra of Centre Government.

In the year 2001, Dr. Anil K. Mehta had got a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed with India's very first Ayurvedic College DAV Ayurvedic College in Jalandhar to work together in Research program and In the year 2002 Dr. Anil K. Mehta established International Cooperated Ayurvedic University (ICAU) for the formal education of Ayurveda in other countries of Europe along with Holland. Under the banner of ICAU, he started his second Ayurveda teaching institute in Antwerp, Belgium.

To expand activities in Europe Dr. Anil K. Mehta started his third Ayurveda teaching institute in London, England under the name of the European school of professional studies (ESPS) and a treatment center Ayurveda UK Ltd. in Hounslow, England.

To give the practical training of Ayurveda along with the firsthand experience of spirituality to his European students Dr. Anil K. Mehta started "Parakash Deep Institute of Research in Ayurvedic Sciences" (PDI) in the Land of Gods at Raiwala, Haridwar. PDI is one of its types of Ayurvedic Institute in India which provides dedicated services to Europeans in Ayurvedic practical training and treatments.

Magazines for Dr. Anil K. Mehta proved to be the best tool to reach the general masses in the West with the message of Ayurveda Dr. Anil K. Mehta's publication on the subject. In fact, Dr. Anil K. Mehta started the first-ever bimonthly magazine on Ayurveda in the Dutch language by the name of Ayurveda Actueel in the year 2002, and in the year 2010, Dr. Anil K. Mehta

started the magazine on Ayurveda by the name of Prakash Deep Ayurveda Today to reach the wider group of English speaking people globally.

Dr. Anil K. Mehta is the author of more than 15 research papers along with many books on Ayurveda and Spirituality published in Dutch and English languages.

In recognition of Dr. Anil K. Mehta's work as an Ayurvedic doctor and efforts in the field of spreading the message of Ayurveda, Dr. Anil K. Mehta has been honored with different titles; the most important are the following: Vishwa Ayurveda Shiromani in the year 2005 by the renowned and the very first Ayurvedic College namely Dayanand Ayurvedic College, Jalandhar, NRI Achiever Award in the year 2010 from NRIFC at the 2nd Annual Punjabi NRI the conference was given by Mr. Jassi Khangura the only NRI, MLA of Punjab at Ludhiana, GOPIO Community Service Award in the year 2013 given by His Excellency H.R. Bhardwaj, Governor of Karnataka and Kerala, India.

As a committed community worker, Dr. Anil K. Mehta had started two NGOs in India namely the Wellness Foundation for Children (WFC); which gives poor children, who have lost their parents or who are no longer able to live with them, permanent home and a stable environment. Every child will be brought up by a father and a mother. They will take care of the child and will be a substitute for the child's natural parents. In that way, family bonds should be created, so that the child can experience an atmosphere of safety and love. The children are given an education. WFC will guide them until they are financially independent. Special attention is given to the less talented and the even feeble-

minded children. Through vocational training, they will be taught a job in a way to earn their own money. Healthcare is also given to children. WFC also pays attention to the poor families nearby and tries to raise their standard of living on a long term basis. The social centers, kindergartens, medical centers, training centers, and schools will not only be used by WFC children and youth but are also there for the general public.

To provide completely free treatment to as much as needy patients as possible irrespective of caste creed and religion from any part of the world. The Anand Prakash trust is providing free Ayurvedic medicines to more than 500 patients every month in Raiwala, Dist. Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

To spread the essence of Indian culture among Europeans. To attach Indian Diaspora with its roots Dr. Anil K. Mehta

had started holding star nights of Indian Film stars and singers in Holland in the year 1989. Dr. Anil K. Mehta organized six cultural shows with stars like Hema Malini, Singer Kumar Shanu, and Bhajan Samraat Anup Jalota. Dr. Mehta is so much passionate and involved with Indian culture that he entered the Indian Film Industry as a Film Producer in the year 1996. Whence Dr. Anil K. Mehta had produced four Hindi feature films namely Jahan Tum Le Chalo in the year 1999, Belagaam in the year 2002, and Anjaane - The unknown in the year 2005, and Madhav - Every Child Needs A Mentor is Dr. Anil K. Mehta's latest project. This movie marks Dr. Anil Kumar Mehta's directorial and acting debut! Madhav has released recently on OTT platform internationally.

In fact, Dr. Anil K. Mehta has also produced documentary films namely Stitching OHM (Omroep Hindoe Media). In the year 1996 OHM produced a half-hour documentary film on Ayurveda where Dr. Mehta's work has been portrayed, India Calling a Documentary in the year 2005.

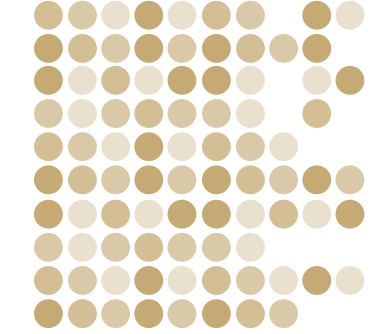
Dr. Anil K. Mehta had also produced 115 episodes in the small screen arena namely Kyun Apne Hue Paraye for Delhi Doordarshan/DD Metro channel in the year 2007. Dr. Anil K. Mehta also co-produced a dance musical (which is also his theatre debut as an actor) called "Divine Radha" in the year 2015 (Showcased in Rijskijk (The Netherlands, Nehru center (Bombay) and Kamani auditorium (New Delhi) in the year 2016.

In the process of making these films and teleserial he has worked with dignified

film personalities Including Gulzar, Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhonsle, Vishal Bhardwaj, Kavita Krishnamurti, Hari Haran, Rekha Bhardwaj, Kumar Shanu, Sanjay Kapoor, Manisha Koirala, Helen, Anup Jalota, late Jagjit Singh, Himesh Reshammiya, Suraj Saneem, Jimmy Shergill, Asrani, Sonali Kulkarni, Nirmal Pandey, and Desh Deepak.

Summing up the long, arduous, checkered, and illustrious journey of Dr. Anil Kumar Mehta it's time to pinpoint a few of his extra special traits, and at this age and stage would not be out of place. So Dr. Anil K. Mehta is very Fluent in languages: Written & Spoken like English, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, and above all Dutch a foreign language. While taking into account some of Dr. Anil K. Mehta's personal interests, they are but natural Reading, Teaching, Social Activities, Charities, Film Making and above all Travelling.





Shrivaths Balguri (Singapore)

A Par Excellence Genius Prodigy

Shrivaths Balguri is rightly known as a par excellence genius prodigy who started learning, exploring, constantly improving, and albeit putting into practice his hidden technical wizardry since he was that high. Having already crossed 13 summers of his life, and being born and brought up in Singapore, he has already got himself featured in the Singapore Book of Records. Not only this, but the youngest gentleman Shrivaths Balguri also helps out his young friends in all the areas in order to help them to learn, explore, constantly improve, and put into practice their own hidden talent.

Giving an in-depth as a brief glance of his background in lieu of his growing up years, the ever-growing up young man nay an almost teen guy says, "I am born and bought up in Singapore with strong roots of Indian culture. My mom is an IT professional and my dad is in the Geo-Technical arena. I have a 4-year-old beautiful sister. I just completed primary school and moved to secondary school. As I recall my days of growing up, many

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wonderful memories pop up. My areas of interests have been different from my peers. While my friends enjoyed watching cartoons, I used to glue myself to Discovery Channel or the National Geographic Channel. My parents always encourage me in everything I want to try and explore. I still love to explore varied fields to see and analyse what interests and excites me. After all, life is all about exploring, learning, and improving oneself. I love reading books, especially encyclopedias, and the ones that provide motivation and inspiration. One day, I want to be an author myself, maybe something like informational or inspirational comics. Growing up, I also realized my love for Public Speaking. I love to own the stage and present to the audiences my so-called views. However, I noticed that some of my friends fear public speaking. So, I decided to help them out. I conducted a Public Speaking Workshop to help

my friends overcome their fear. I use my strength of public speaking skills to provide informational and motivational talks. As and when possible, I use my school holidays to give talks in schools in Rural India. I was also invited to talk at an Environmental rally in Bodhan District, India. I also developed an interest in the areas of coding and Robotics. I am a decent cook too. I have learned some Indian cooking from my mom. I also help with household chores like doing dishes, laundry, and so on."

Without taking even a momentary pause, Shrivaths Balguri went on to give a brief insight into his academic qualifications, "I am a science and math's lover. I like things related to them like numbers, problems, et al. I also like to do things that I find awesome. Like solving the Rubik's cube, learning new skills. Overall, I am good with numbers and logical problems, so if there is anything that you need help with related to

these, you can count on me to help you out. I also opted for the Chinese language as my Mother Tongue subject at school and trust me it is fun and exciting and at the same time even too 'scary' for someone like me with a non-Chinese background."

Speaking further on about how hard or easy was it to achieve the goals he recounts, "Well, achieving your goals is never easy. If you achieve a goal and you thought it was easy, then it is never a goal in the first place. The thing is, goals

are created such that it is hard, but not impossible. That's why there are people who love to achieve goals. Mainly because of that feeling of accomplishment after completing something they once deemed impossible or out of their reach. I realized this when I was aiming to learn over 700 digits of Pi. When I first started learning, I focused on the first 100 digits in the fastest time. With some effort and lots of practice, I reached to reciting the 100 digits in 16 seconds. Mr. Wong from the Singapore Book of Records (SBOR) challenged me to learn 600 digits. Initially, I was unsure if I could do it. However, what is a challenge if it does not scare you enough. I took up the challenge and learned more than 700 digits of Pi. What I learned during this is that we must believe in ourselves and put in the right efforts and we can achieve our "scary" goals. So to those who want to achieve something as easy or as quickly as possible, here is

my advice: there isn't an easy or faster way to achieve your goal, all you need is determination and the perseverance to press on even if the odds are against you."

Explaining in detail when he realized the goals that he really wanted to achieve and what were they he went on to add, "When I was about 2 years old, I used to play those puzzle-solving games, like "Find the missing piece" or "Where does it go?". I also learned about country flags and would be able to

tell the countries name when I see that specific flag. It was at that time when my mother saw my talent. So, she started to teach me all the country's capitals, currencies, and languages. While learning these I found out more about myself. I challenged my brain to see how far it can go. From memorizing countries to memorizing songs, to memorizing the way to solving the Rubik's cube, and more! But as I was pushing myself to the limits, I watched this channel called, "Officially Amazing!" where it showed

people who attempted to break records. I thought to myself, "Hey! Maybe I can also break a record." I applied for the Singapore Book of Records (SBOR) to receive the national record for reciting 100 digits of π in the fastest time possible. However, the Singapore Book of Records (SBOR) sent me a message challenging me to recite some more digits of π . Of course, I am the guy who loves challenges, so I agreed. After that

day I spent the days learning new digits of π and memorizing them in different ways."

Once again giving a brief account of what were the milestones in his career that ultimately succeeded in achieving in his life, he proudly said, "Well, I am a Certified Memory Practitioner. I am also a Certified Game Developer. I am Green Belt in Taekwondo. I also run my own YouTube channel which is where I post videos of me creating new milestones and share my learning journey. Some of the most memorable ones include me hosting a television show on Star Plus, being interviewed on Mediacorp Vasantham TV, which is a well-known TV channel in

Singapore. I was also invited as a Special Guest on Radio Masti 24x7 on the occasion of Children's Day. My all-time favourite is receiving two national records in Singapore - the first is the youngest to recall more than 700 digits of π and the other is the fastest mirror image writing. I can also solve Rubik's Cube blindfolded."

Describing some of the happiest memories associated while achieving his goals, he says "Well! I have a lot of happy memories. Every time I accomplish a goal it is a happy memory. And even happier memories are the ones that challenged me to work on my goals."



Highlights of the Achievements:

Certified Memory Practitioner

Certified Game Developer

Green Belt in Taekwondo

Two Singapore National Records (Singapore Book of Records): Youngest to recall more than 700 digits of Pi and Fastest Mirror Writing

Selected as a Finalist for 'Super Stars Singapore' by Zee TV APAC based on his performance to solve Rubik's cube blindfolded. Finals will be held on the third week of April

Invited on Talk Show 'Vadi Ready Vedi' by Mediacorp Vasantham TV featuring inspiring personalities

Invited as a Special Guest on Singapore's Children's Day by RadioMasti 24x7

Won prize at Spotlight in Mixed talent Category

Talked about 'Saving the Environment' at Bodhan District in South India at a rally conducted to raise environmental awareness and was later felicitated

Gave a motivational talk at a school in South India

Conducted free Workshop in Singapore to help kids of his age group with Public Speaking

Hosted 'Star Young Achiever Awards 2019' by Star TV Network

Hosted the show on Star TV which was aired on Star Plus and Star Vijay in Singapore

Won a prize for his speech on 'Effects of Social Media' by the Indian Cultural Association, Singapore

Won accolades for His Monologue Performance at Sankranti Celebrations organized by Manam Telugu (TAS)

Performed as Emcee for events in school and the community

Won a medal at Inter-School National Scrabble Championship 2019

Reached 'Intermediate' level in robotics

An all-rounder in cricket, a book worm, and received a 'Book Muncher' certificate

Spends free time learning to cook and loves photography too

Shares his learning and fun journey to Inspire and teach others through fun videos on his YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/BalguriH/videos>



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Arundhati Banerjee (Australia)

A Danseuse Par Excellence

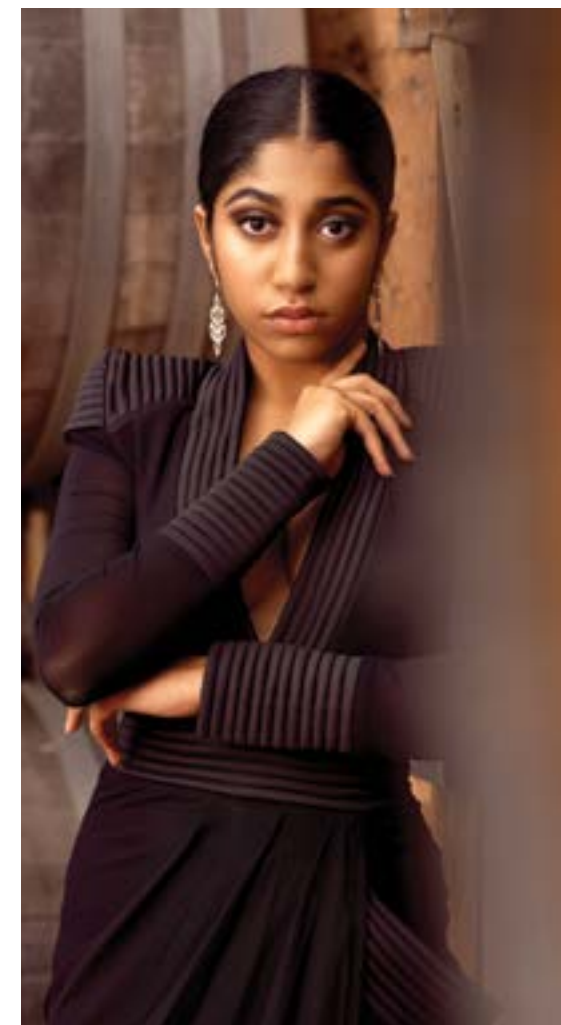
Arundhati Banerjee, an Indian origin and resident of South Australia is a former student of Padmashree Shobana Chandrakumar Pillai and currently a student of Guru Nirupama Rajendra. She was born in Chennai and has spent her initial 11 years in Chennai while in India. Arundhati Banerjee is trained in Bharatanatyam, while currently learning Kathak, Odissi, Karnas, and the ancient text of dramaturgy Natyashastra. She is also associated with the prestigious 'Australian Dance Theatre' known for contemporary thematic presentations and has already completed her Certificate Level II and III National Certificates in Dance from Australia and is currently pursuing Certificate IV.

Arundhati runs a performing arts academy by the name 'AIDA-Bharatanatyaved' in Adelaide, Australia, wherein she has performed and collaborated with locals and international artists. She is also a member of

the International Dance Council partnered with UNESCO for the second consecutive year. Her contribution in the field of art, especially showcasing the ancient Indian classical art Bharatanatyam has won her laurels, appreciation, and awards such as Multicultural Award from NSW parliament. She has been invited to Hollywood to showcase the ancient Indian classical forms and has won several dance competitions nationally and internationally.

Arundhati won the title of pure artistry from established judges of the entertainment industry from Los Angeles, California, Sydney, and Canada. Banerjee is the first Indian-origin teenager to receive the 'Inspiring South Australian Woman of the Year-Emerging Leader' at the young age of 17. She is the first South Australian and an Indian origin to win the title of 'Miss Teen Diamond Australia 2019'.

She has won awards such as the Humanitarian Award for



her work with differently-abled young and child artists, those affected with cancer, homelessness, fight against hunger, dyslexia. She has modeled with a purpose raising funds for those affected with domestic violence, has been a brand ambassador for NoRuYelo to support slow fashion in line with the changing climate conditions. She has been featured and been a cover girl by leading magazines in India, Australia, and the United States.

In a candid interaction with us, she came across as a very intelligent lady answering promptly all the queries put to her while talking about and giving us a brief glance of her background in lieu of her growing up years she said, “My initial upbringing has been in India where I recollect spending time going with my grandparents. The initial developmental years of my life have been listening to stories about the velour and values that India upholds which was one of diversity and inclusion. My association with performing arts was initiated at an incredibly young age of 5, when I joined Kalarpana-Institute of Bharatanatyam, under the guidance of Padma Shri Guru Shobana Chandrakumar. There has been no looking back since then and so I continued to pursue my training in Indian classical and western dance forms in Australia.”

Before completing a question about when did she realize the goals that she wanted to achieve in her life and what were they, pat came her reply, “The artist

in me was identified by my parents and I was introduced to performing arts at an incredibly young age. Art in the form of dance, the theatre has always been my passion. I have been training in Indian and western dance forms for over a decade. I believe the constant pursuit of learning is the path towards individual growth and professional excellence. Currently, I am being trained in the ancient text of dramaturgy Natyashastra, Karnas-the temple dance by an artist of global repute Guru Nirupama Rajendra. I am also training in Kathak and Odissi. Apart

from these forms, I have been trained in ballet, contemporary, and hip-hop. I am associated with the renowned Australian Dance Theatre and in the past with the Australian Girls’ Choir. I believe it is significant to build every competency to becoming an artist and hence sharpening the skills, building the faculties is a constant journey. In the

future, I look forward to completing my graduation in Creative Arts with one of the Go8 University of Australia and associate myself with theatre and acting school. The final goal is to set foot in the performing arts industry and contribute to the society, as I believe it is a powerful medium, especially with the advent of technology and globalization.”

And then Arundhati Banerjee went on to give us a brief insight into her academic qualifications by averring, “I have recently completed my Year Twelve in an Australian High School and my results are awaited. I



have completed my Certificate III in dance, a Nationally Recognized qualification in Australia in Dance. Additionally, I have completed a course in Abhinaya Darpana and Introduction in Natyashastra from India which are the ancient texts in dance and dramaturgy. As well I am a SACE assessed drama artist, SACE being the government body and evaluator for the faculty of drama for High School students. I have applied and look forward

to completing a Bachelor of Creative Arts with one of the Go8 University of Australia and contribute to the entertainment industry which has a significant impact on our society.

On detailing her milestones in her career that she has ultimately succeeded in achieving in her life Arundhati Banerjee narrated, “I consider my journey has just begun and there is a long way ahead. I

feel truly humbled to have been recognized and encouraged for my work in the area of performing arts, humanitarian services, and fashion. I have been bestowed with the most prestigious Australian State Award-Inspiring South Australian Women- Emerging Leader, International Woman Excellence Award-UK, Young Achievers Awards-South Australia, National Woman Excellence Awards – India 2020, Multicultural Recognition Award-International Film & Entertainment Festival Australia, Milestone Global Award-Singapore, International Women Achievers Award and Young Star Awards-India, Abhimanyu Award-VHP Australia, Best Humanitarian of the Year-MDIA. As well, I have won several titles that include Pure Artistry and Most Stylish to name a few. I have also been a cover model and featured in leading magazines in Australia, India, and United States. I have also been covered by print media like the prestigious Advertiser for my contribution to Performing Arts. It takes an immense sense of gratitude to be recognized and encouraged for the work done so far, however, the journey ahead is long with several milestones yet to be achieved. I believe in the tag line “Art with a Heart” which I was conferred by one of the magazines’, which does make me believe through performing arts I would want to make an impact be it environment, inclusion, health, and any other issues we are faced as humanity. It would be my endeavor to collaborate with like-minded artists across borders in making this a reality and achievable goal.

On describing how hard or easy was it to achieve her ultimate goals in her life Arundhati Banerjee explained, “I believe goals are not easy but are definitely

achievable. It requires discipline, planning, determination, support, and passion. The drive to keep going when going gets tough is the only mantra, which I have witnessed when I had to raise funds for a non-governmental, organization through a show named Dancing Sutra in the most sought out festival in the Southern hemisphere by the named ‘Dancing Sutra’. However, it was a great learning experience, which has made me stronger and a better human being.

On describing some of the happy memories associated while achieving her goals Arundhati Banerjee spoke out, “One of the happiest memories so far has been when I raised funds for a not-for-profit organization namely motions 21, through different mediums like shows, social media, sponsors, and others. To raise a fund for a young artist with Down syndrome was my privilege and I found it gratifying and fulfilling.”

On explaining her stance on whether he faced any hurdles in her journey to success Arundhati Banerjee replied with a generous dose of the intelligentsia, “The road to success has not been easy but has been memorable and truly experiential. Dance just like any sport is accompanied by injuries at times. I was faced with this situation for several months, which meant not being in action, however, I utilized the time effectively, working on my skills without requiring movement, that included strengthening theory, observing and studying artist, avoiding, managing, and dealing with dance-related injuries. And when I had launched, my first show at the age of 16 years, “Dancing Sutra” this required acquiring several skills from budgeting, production, marketing, stage management,

costumes, choreography, lighting, public relations, it felt impossible but I am pleased that I faced those hurdles, as it has given me the experience to face challenges with a smile and make it possible to reach the final goal with zeal and grit.

Finally, as a parting shot, Arundhati Banerjee managed to deliver her pearls of

wisdom-oriented insight on what success really means for her, “Success for me always means being stable, irrespective of the challenges, failures, and achievements. I am confident that this mantra will help me remain grounded, be realistic, and yet passionate always while staying focused. Period!”





Khooshvin Balgobin (PhD.H) (Australia)

"My mission is to inspire everyone to achieve high flying records within the Aviation Industry" - Khooshvin Balgobin (PhD.H)

Khooshvin Balgobin (PhD.H) is a student, a pilot, an author, and a mentor endowed with the vision to inspire and assist the less fortunate ones to find their feats within the Aviation industry. Born in Singapore, Khooshvin is an Indian-Singaporean residing in Perth Western Australia, and became one of the top three youngest pilots in Australia when he flew solo at the age of fifteen, also making him one of the youngest pilots in the world and officially the youngest one in Asia. He was officially named in the Asia Book of Records and the World Kings Book of Records 2020 as Asia's Youngest Solo Pilot, even Asia's Youngest Licensed Pilot at the young age of sixteen years and twenty-nine days old. In the month of April 2019, the World Book of Records UK honoured him with this record.

Following on from these achievements, in the month of September 2019, Khooshvin had the

privilege to be honoured with both the Indian Shining Star Awards (ISSA) and even the Indian Excellence Awards (IEA). He has also been honoured as the 'Youth Icon of the Year Aviation 2019' by the well-renowned Global Excellence Awards (GEA). In late 2019s, Khooshvin became one among the thirty-five Asians to have won the Asian Inspiration Award, Asia's premier prize and the highest honour for youths issued by the International Youth Committee, and witnessed by His Excellency Mr. Peter Mutharika, President of Malawi, Mr. Tshering Tobgay, Hon'ble Former Prime Minister of Bhutan, Ms. Jacinda Adern, Hon'ble PM of New Zealand, Mr. KP Oli, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Abiy Ahmed Ali, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. Further to this, the World Records University in the UK conferred on him Honorary Doctorate Degree (PhD.H) in record-



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making under the title ‘Asia’s Youngest Licensed Pilot’. Thus, he became the ‘Youngest Honorary Doctorate holder in the field of Aviation.

Khooshvin is currently studying and flying to finish off his ‘A’ levels as well as attaining his, Commercial Pilot License, Multi-Engine Rating, and IFR Rating. Further to this, he is writing his first book in the field of Aviation and has the vision to set an impeccable mentorship and teaching platform to assist the less fortunate with their feat within the industry. Moreover, Khooshvin is looking to start off either in a cadetship or as a second officer/junior first officer in an airline and is open to future opportunities. Present herewith is a tête-à-tête with the dynamic young man, Khooshvin.

Detailing a brief glance of his background in lieu of his growing up years, Khooshvin avers, “I was born in Singapore in the year 2002, and I was raised by my parents and grandparents for nine years in a popular town known as Chinatown, where we lived in public housing throughout this duration. Coming from a middle-class family with absolutely no aviation and science background, it was quite unique for me to develop a love for planes at the age of three. My parents would regularly take me on the weekends to the Changi International Airport for plane spotting. We would mainly spend our time at the viewing gallery watching different

types of planes taking off and landing. Thus, from the age of three, I already had an ambitious dream to become a pilot.

But what might have been a typical daydream fantasy of a child, was taken one step ahead into reality, when my parents gifted me my first ever flight simulator and control peripherals at the age of five. I got so captivated by the flight sim and would daily experiment around the highly sophisticated cockpits of the different types of Airbus and Boeing air crafts, resulting in me building over 2000 flight hours on these aircraft by the age of ten. In the year 2008, at the age of six, my parents took me to my first ever air show in Singapore. There were numerous general aviation and commercial planes on display, and I had the chance to sit for the first time ever in a Mooney 20J and Boeing 737 cockpit. This experience fuelled an ever-growing dream to fly these planes in the future.

However, life wasn’t always as smooth for my family, who were looking to generate a higher income in order to help support my aviation dreams. This led us to move to Perth, Western Australia for better opportunities. Thanks to the aviation law of Western Australia, in 2017 I was incredibly privileged at the age of teenage of fourteen to take my first real cockpit flight in a Cessna 152 Aerobat alongside an instructor. This was the first of the four flights I had undertaken in that year.”

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On explaining the realization of his goals that he wanted to achieve in life and what were they, Khooshvin goes ahead in a clarifying mode, “My main goal from the toddler age of three was always to become a pilot. As stated previously, there were numerous steps involved leading up to this goal. However, upon starting flight training at the ripe young of fourteen, I had set a new goal, this time to become one of Australia’s Youngest Solo and Licensed Pilots and if possible, to make

it into the book of records. This led to me successfully conducting my first solo flight at the youngest possible legal age of fifteen and becoming a licensed pilot at the youngest possible legal age of sixteen. This achievement resulted in me becoming amongst the very few youngest licensed pilots in Western Australia. Additionally, after a long period of nine months of intense research and facts checking, I was conferred with a record by the Asia Book of Records and World Book of Records UK for

becoming Asia’s Youngest Licensed Pilot, as well as being tasked to write a thesis for a doctorate in record-making/breaking by the World Records University. Hence, my love affairs with the aviation arena grew from that point onwards and I recently wrote my first book on Physics and the Human Factors of flight. As of this writing, I’m currently positive to break once again into the book of records and this time as the youngest aviation author in Asia and likely all over the world. I am also a mentor of

aviation with a current LinkedIn connection of over 7000 followers. Furthermore, at the time of this writing, I am presently working on a free mentorship program named AviatorApprentice.com and is aimed at mentoring aviation enthusiasts, wannabe pilots, students of aviation, and even recreational licensed pilot to immerse themselves into the world of aviation, earth’s atmosphere and human factors.”





Later, Khooshvin goes ahead to give a brief insight into his academic qualifications, “I have completed A-Levels at Trinity College in Western Australia (Topped the Aviation classes of 2019 and 2020). I was also conferred with Honorary Doctorate (Ph.D.) in record-making/breaking. I have also completed the Recreational Pilot License Course from Royal Aero Club WA issued by Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Australia. I was also then issued with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Level six English Language Proficiency (highest level of English proficiency in the aviation industry). Later on I was also issued with a Controlled Aerodrome, Non-Controlled Aerodrome (CTAF), Radio Telephony and Glass Cockpit Endorsements, besides MOOC Certificates, HAVARDX of Harvard University - “Backyard Meteorology: The Science of Weather”, EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - “Enhancing Stem Education with Drones”, STANFORD ONLINE of Stanford University - “Understanding Einstein: The Special Theory of Relativity”, Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) USA Certificates, Aviation Weather Data, Performance, and Limitations, VFR Navigation Planning, Avoiding Gear and Gear Collapse Mishaps, Adapting Threat and Error Management to General Aviation and much, much more...!

Giving a detailed word by word description of the milestones in his career that he ultimately succeeded in achieving in his life Khooshvin elaborates, “The milestones that I ultimately succeeded in achieving are: Becoming Asia’s Youngest Solo and Licensed Pilot, Becoming amongst the youngest mentors in the aviation arena, Becoming the Youngest Honorary

Doctorate holder in Aviation, Set out to become the Youngest Aviation Author at the age of eighteen, India’s Shining Star Awards 2019 by Youth Development Board, India Excellence Awards 2019, Global Excellence Awards 2019 – Youth Icon of the Year (Aviation), Asian Inspiration Awards 2019/2020 by International Youth Committee, Australia 7News Young Achiever Awards 2020 (Certificate of Achievement), Australia Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2020 (Certificate of Achievement), Featured in BRANDS Magazine 2020 Edition, Featured in Fly High Magazine 2020 Edition (one of the few prestigious Aviation Magazines in the world).”

Recounting on how hard or easy was it to achieve his ultimate goals in his life, Khooshvin relapses into a rewinding mode, “To be legally allowed to fly solo at the age of fifteen, and getting licensed at my early age of sixteen requires the utmost level of discipline and will power at getting things done no matter the level of opportunities and challenges that came my way. Furthermore, making it into the book of records takes the disciplinary game and focus to another level. I followed a very strict timetable which I would update daily. The timetable consisted of both high school and flight school activities. There certainly was not much recreational time for me whilst making this record. It was either I was flying or studying for upcoming flight or high school assignments and exams. There were days where I would practice flying after a tiring day of high school activities in order to accomplish these records. Through unwavering discipline and focus, I was able to grasp technical and at times complex information such as aviation laws, flight

and emergency procedures, advanced maneuverings techniques, load factor, and vector calculations among many others. I was able to capture information with significant ease and expand my scientific knowledge of aircraft and advanced aerodynamics. Once again discipline and focus were the key factors in my time management, and I was able to gain first-time passes across all my flight tests and exams that eventually got me into the record books.”

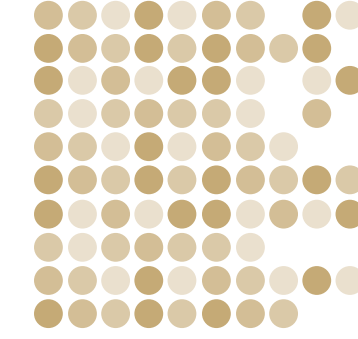
Describing some of the happy memories associated while achieving his goals Khooshvin narrates, “At the age of fourteen I was given a true taste of what to, at times, expect as a pilot. My instructor and I had just taken off and we were flying over the runway at a low altitude of some 300 feet above ground level when suddenly the engine failed due to a malfunction within the magnetos. I still remember how the plane vibrated like a washing machine when airborne followed by a loud bang from the engine upon touched down. At that point in time, being still a novice and inexperienced wannabe pilot, I did not know what to think as I became engulfed in fear and anxiety. It was my fourth trial flight and I was already experiencing an emergency in the air. However, thanks to the runway design and orientation at Jandakot airport, we were able to avoid a crash landing into the neighbourhood fields and managed to safely conduct a 270 degrees turn and glided the aircraft towards a then inactive runway for an emergency approach. At that point in time, this experience could be said to have certainly been one of the biggest highlights of my life as a young wannabe aviator. Looking back at this incident, I could only be happy and

thankful to have walked away injury-free. However, this occurrence did not deter me to kick start my journey as a pilot leading to me flying solo at the age of fifteen and becoming Asia’s Youngest Licensed Pilot at the age of sixteen.”

Recounting the hurdles he faced in his journey to success Khooshvin says, “As I was making this record, time was one of the key essences to my success. However, the weather conditions and unexpected delays in my medical test reports were some of my hurdles. As June is known to be a winter and windy season, oftentimes I would reach the airport and my flights would disappointingly get rescheduled or postponed to later dates either due to unforeseen high tailwind, crosswind, low visibility, low cloud levels, or other unfavourable weather conditions. There were also other factors such as ground theory classes which also got postponed and I was told it would take at least a month of intense training and exams in order for me to catch up with my record-making deadline. At this point, I really felt that my chance of making it into the book of records was not possible.”

And in a grand finale curtain down a revelation about what success really means for him, Khooshvin gives his parting shot appropriate reply, “Success is not so much about displaying the characteristics of individuality and self-centeredness. It is the process of creating history in order to inspire the younger future generations of individuals to live up and hopefully surpass your achievements. That way the world can consistently revolve into deeper success resulting in why success for me is purely about teamwork and values rather than self-pleasure.”





Neola Jennica Castelino (UAE)

A Multifaceted Albeit a Talented Persona

Neola's other achievements include winning the prestigious Sheikh Hamdan award, Sharjah Excellence Award, and the International Diana Award.

Neola Jennica Castelino is a student of year 11, studying in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). She is a proud Indian residing in Dubai. She has won the prestigious Sheikh Hamdan award and Sharjah Excellence award for her distinguished academic performance and The International Diana Award for her environmental campaigns. Neola is a young Environmentalist and a top recycler of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Neola is also an ambassador of a number of environmental Organizations. Neola feels wonderful to share that she has received numerous awards in the green field due to her continuous active participation in various environmental activities. To this date, she has recycled 15,000 kg of newspapers, 4000 kg of aluminium cans, and 8000 plastic bottles. Neola is also an ambassador of 'Hair for Hope India', and even proud to share that she has donated her hair thrice to Friends of Cancer Patients United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the year 2015, 2017, and 2019. Neola has also

successfully completed a course in Mental Arithmetic and has won 6 champion trophies, one regional champion trophy, and a gold medal in an international mental arithmetic competition. To spread awareness about prominent community issues, Neola has written about 64 articles as a community reporter which have been published in Gulf News, while four of her works have been selected as the winning articles in a month.

Neola believes in being persistent and dedicated to a given task until she has successfully completed it. She did her schooling in 'Our Own English High School, Main Campus, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Neola's date of Birth is 13th September 2004. Neola is an original of Indian Nationality. Neola's future objective is to do her higher studies in Information Technology. Neola's other achievements include winning the prestigious Sheikh Hamdan award, Sharjah Excellence Award, and the International Diana Award. Also, Neola has bagged 6 champion trophies in Mental Arithmetic and



even bagged the Alpha Econian Award that too for five times. Neola has secured the third position in Sharjah in KENKEN International Puzzle Competition.

Moreover, Neola was a Vice-Captain of her school sports team and also a Member of the ECO-CORE Committee, besides being the Vice – president of Environment of Student Organization, a Community reporter to GULF NEWS, Brand Ambassador of Protect Your Mom Organization, a Recycling Ambassador of Bee'ah, Green Ambassador of Green Gratitude, Ambassador of Drop It Youth, Youth Ambassador of Azraq.

Neola is talented in mental arithmetic, public speaking, performing arts, painting, quizzing, playing chess, writing, and leadership skills. Neola's overall personal strengths are she is good at oratory skills as she doesn't have any stage fear. She is a committed individual, diligent, and well-organized, and has the ability to acquire and grasp quickly.

In our Interactive session, Neola almost treated all the queries asked as a rapid-fire round. So while giving us a brief glance at her background in the life of her growing up years Neola quickly replied without batting an eyelid, "I was born and bought up in UAE, in fact, I am a proud resident of UAE. This country has given me a lot of opportunities to develop and to work on my hobbies and talents. It has even provided me a lot of platforms to excel in the extracurricular fields. I am very grateful to this country and its rulers for nurturing young talents by providing them steppingstones and recognizing them on significant platforms."

When questioned about when she realize the goals that she wanted to achieve in her life and what were they, Neola's quickest repartee was, "As a student in my younger grades, I was recognized as a bright student and was encouraged to take part in various competitions. With the constant support and guidelines of my parents, I had made it to the national awards of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). My goals were mainly on how I can improve myself better with every passing day, in fact learning new skills, acquiring to master them, and aspiring to be a better person was also one of my goals."

Thereafter, Neola hurriedly gave us a brief insight into her academic qualifications by stating, "I am currently studying in year 11. I have passed all my previous years with above 90% grades, and each year I had been rewarded with the 'Certificate of Recommendation'. I have even won 2 awards from the Ministry of Dubai namely Sheikh Hamdan Award and Sharjah Excellence Award for Academic Excellence. I am currently studying computer science and planning to pursue a career in information technology and Data Science."

Then Neola went on to state about the milestones in her career that she ultimately succeeded in achieving in her life, "Being involved in many extracurricular activities, it was very important to hold a healthy balance between my academics and competitions. Some of my interests such as mathematics did turn into my ability when I graduated in a Mental Arithmetic Course and was a champion 5 times in their International Competitions. Besides, Dance is my talent. However, it is something that I would refer to as my most favourite hobby. From dancing at the age of 4, till date



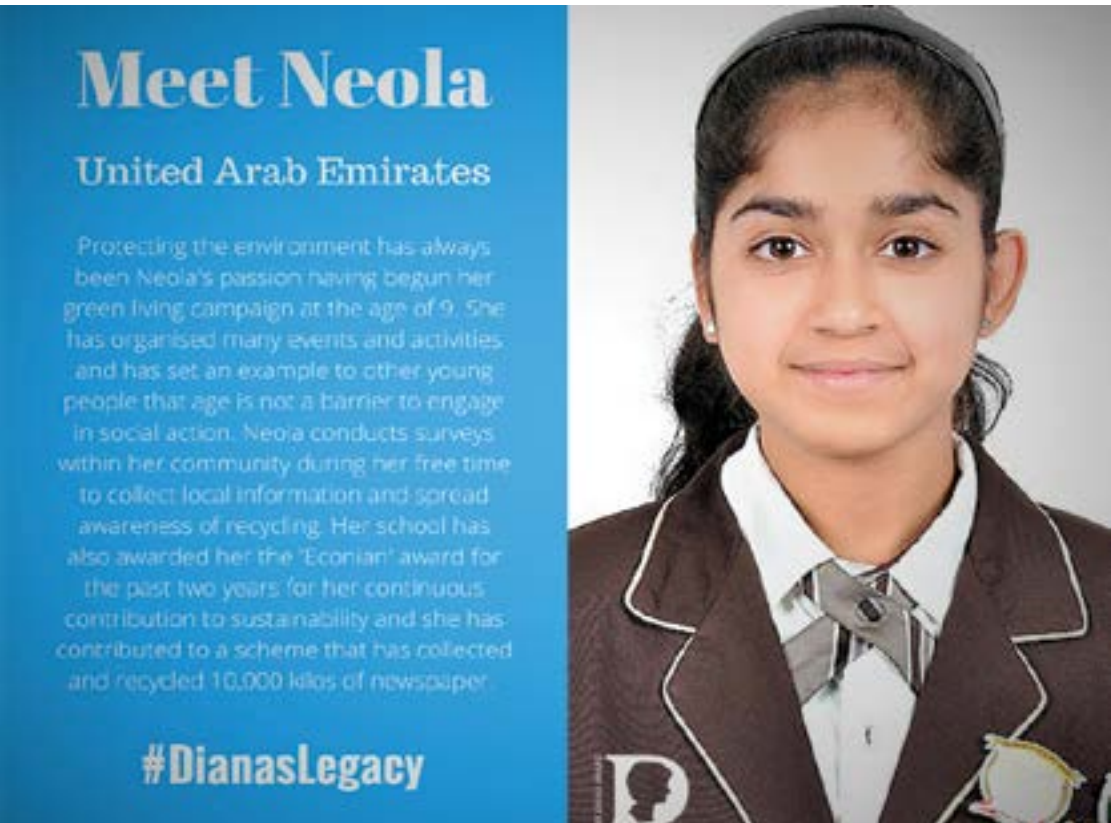
which has provided I with many stages to perform at and even received prizes for the same. Public Speaking and impromptu speaking were another fun hobby of mine, which again recognized me with trophies and certificates. For my passion for the environment, I did face a number of obstacles at the beginning. Picking up aluminium cans and collecting newspapers was not an easy task. At the start of my initiative when I started collecting cans, many people used to stare at me and pass comments. At that moment, I did feel a little embarrassed but as time passed on, I started to ignore all of that and continued with my work. From 3-4 cans on the first day, today I have recycled more than 4000 kgs of cans and it makes me feel proud.

Collecting so many recyclables also gave me a quick idea of making creative, usable items out of these. So, I did spend my free time making the 'Best' out of the 'Waste'. For this, I was recognized by recycling companies and municipalities in Dubai. I am currently working on my goal to spread awareness among people to reduce plastic consumption and towards keeping our beaches clean which ultimately leads to protecting our marine life."

And then Neola went on to describe some happy memories associated while achieving the goals she says, "There were definitely many happy memories along this journey. First, when I received the Prestigious Sheikh Hamden Award from

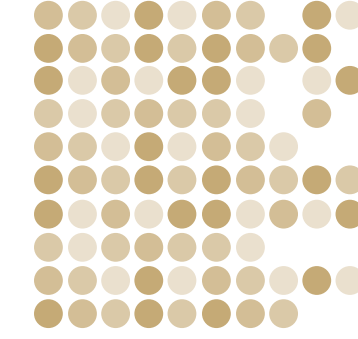
the royal family, from His Highness Sheikh Hamden himself, it was a moment that paid off all the hard work put in and in the following year receiving the Sharjah Excellence Award from the Crown Prince of Sharjah. In the same year when I received the International Diana Award for my environmental campaigns, it was yet another proud moment. I was grateful that I could celebrate these moments with my family, who have always supported me through thick and thin and constantly encouraged me to give off my best always. Apart from these prestigious awards, I do feel the same amount of happiness when it comes to all the other competitions and achievements as well. These moments are something I will cherish always."

Lastly, the meaning of success stated by Neola is really noteworthy for one and all, "For me, success is defined as doing my work well. My parents have been the backbone of this success, from encouraging to instilling the habit of hard work. I want to be recognized as someone who always does her best to achieve her goals. It also means different for me in different situations, for example, for competitions, winning and giving my best is considered a success for me and when playing a game, or cycling in the park, completing a set goal is considered a success for me. All in all, it is all about how much work I put in. That is it, period!"





“Celebrate every single moment of your life, so as to evolve as self, Community, and terrain”



Srividhya Sukumar (UAE)

An Educationist with a Difference

Srividhya Sukumar is not only a young Educationalist since 1989 but has also been an inspirational motivator and facilitator with qualities of unique leadership style, based on initiative and innovation. She has achieved different goals in life and has an intriguing experience in formulating and executing radical changes that contribute to the School Development Plan. Srividhya has made curriculum designs that amend the framework and structure of school policies. In fact, she has other futuristic plans in line with the futuristic plans, and currently, they are being used as sustainable global educational goals set by UNESCO and UAE NATIONAL AGENDA 2020.

Srividhya has always aimed at strategies that develop a holistic education and evolves the physical, emotional, and spiritual growth like success criteria, evaluating the research and exploration, logical thinking and reasoning, critical thinking and analysis skills of her students.

She is currently involved in ADEC –Abu Dhabi Education Council on Century Skills education programme that revolves around STEM. Her focus is on creativity and innovation that includes revamping strong in-house continuous professional development required for the Teaching and Learning Domain. Having an earnest interest in the education sector, she believes in building sustainable leadership and governance and a professional learning community with all stakeholders.

A DSIB member of KHDA she is busy contributing to the revamping Curriculum Planning and Transaction, Reviewing and Building the continuous and comprehensive evaluation, based on Review and Report, the Plan, Process and Progress system that refurbishes storyboards and quality control portals.

Srividya was born in a small educationist Brahmin Iyer Family in Chennai Her grandfather Srinivasa



Tyer was a teacher and he established English medium schools in the City of Madras (now called Chennai), with the aim of imparting quality English Medium education to the common man. Srividya was imbibed with these very qualities right from her birth.

Like her grandfather, Srividhya always wanted to serve the common man hence she made sure that their schools were dedicated to the Tamil Nadu Government Board of Education. Fortunately for Srividhya, their schools are still functioning as Government Schools where the student

turnaround is 500-600 each. While they not only imparted the knowledge of English but they made sure that the Brahmin culture was imbibed in the schools and children were educated with deep Indian values. Srividya also worked on the lines of serving the community through Education.

A PG graduate in the Faculty of Arts with education, Srividhya Sukumar has been conferred with the Doctorate Degree in "Educational Management" by World Human Resource Council. She also completed several other management courses required by the state of art and

trade. Recently, the World Education Leaders Forum acknowledged her service and experience in the field of Education with the "Exceptional Leadership Award, for the year 2021".

She has now set up her own website where she has generated programmes like, "Education Evolution" – The Right

to Education", "Innovator's Mindset – Metacognition abilities", "Know thy Neighbor- The golden rule". Her programmes have now gained recognition in the Ministry of Education. She plans to generate promising client satisfaction which results in long-term stakeholder relations and collaborations where her clients will

be ensured with a trusted business and happy working environment with durable credibility and integrity.

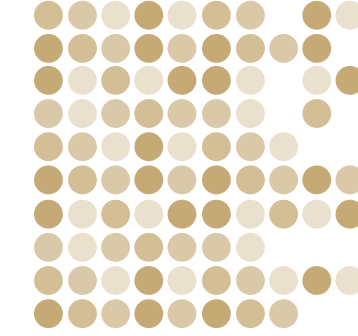
Today Srividhya is happy to say that she is a proud educationist. She stands tall with pride when she sees her students studying in different universities, some have even achieved high positions in life.

Her motive in life is to take a big leap in the field of education. Her philosophy in life she says "Celebrate every single moment of your life, so as to evolve as self, community, and terrain"





They started with a 100 square feet area and now they have moved to an independent bungalow.



Gowri Ramesh (UAE)

A Fighter All The Way

Gowri Ramesh, a beautiful woman with a golden heart, has never bowed down in the face of adversity; instead, she has re-emerged like a phoenix to become a Social Impact Entrepreneur, Disability Specialist, and Educator transforming the lives of people with disabilities.

Gowri Ramesh has always found a way to use her inherent compassion to dedicate her life to others and at the same time, she summons her inner passion to chase her own dreams. She has spent her life working hard to uplift the lives of children with disabilities, and second, by practicing the same normalcy she preaches while suffering from cancer herself.

Gowri Ramesh born in a traditional south Indian family in Mumbai was the youngest among five siblings. Her philanthropist father taught her many valuable lessons and to be kind to everyone and never give up. He taught her to find happiness in other people's smiles. Following the footsteps of her father – a philanthropist and Freemason – she also started out early

on at 17, volunteering as a teacher to young school children, at first to earn some extra pocket money. But her father gave her some advice that shaped the rest of her life. "He told me I must use my life to touch another's. And I must render my services for free, and work only for goodwill. It will pay off," says Gowri.

Gowri has worked in many fields. An economics graduate, she became a German-language translator for large MNCs back in the 80s but moonlighted as a Carnatic singer performing at college festivals and various other events. However, fate had other plans for her. Gowri moved to Dubai after marriage. She has blessed with two adorable kids and life was smooth when her elder son got burnt but didn't bat an eyelid in pain. That was when she chose to get a second opinion. The doctor told her he was autistic. A diagnostic centre insisted that 'the child is anencephalic - a child without a head.

Gowri decided to empower her son with the requisite knowledge, skills,



and abilities. She studied autism and children with special needs and got a degree in special education. Today, his son has successfully graduated from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, and has also earned a Diploma in Carnatic Music along with

many other skill sets.

Her passion to help children with special needs and those with disabilities made her team up with another mother Reshmy Nikith, whose child had endured a similar ordeal. They both established Little

Hearts Learning Centre, an NGO working for child education that advocates the principle that students with disabilities are as fundamentally capable as their nondisabled peers. They started with a 100 square feet area and now they have moved

to an independent bungalow. With a 5:2 student-teacher ratio, the school endeavours to handhold the children at a tender age and give them intensive attention, so they don't get left behind. The school's curriculum includes sports, arts, music as well as



academics, to help the child find his strong suit early on, even if he doesn't have a grasp on academics.

Gowri wanted to move back to Dubai for the long haul. But fate had one last test to inflict upon her. Just when she was about to make the move, she collapsed at the airport. She woke up to the knowledge that she had colon cancer. It was the next big challenge in her life. Gowri started undergoing treatment. For a span of two years—six

months of which she was bedridden—she went about her life the same way. Today, it has been two years since she has been declared cancer-free. Her efforts and spirit were even recognized by the Hiranandani Group of Companies on Women's Day 2013 as a woman achiever, and by the Rotary's Innerwheel Club on Guru Purnima 2013, as "The Best Teacher". Right now, as she stands completely satisfied with her social endeavors, Gowri is at the cusp of



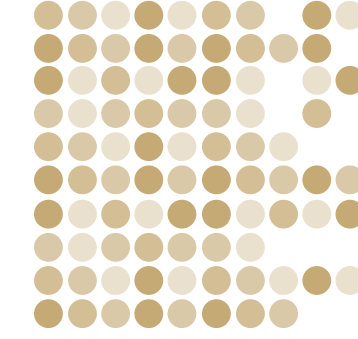
the second most significant chapter of her life: entrepreneurship and making a career in fashion.

Driven by the desire to help people and to empower them with knowledge & various skill sets, she has founded Xcellenza LLC., a new generation training company that aims to offer result-oriented, high-quality training programs to individuals/ corporates based on their needs/ requirements.

As the President of the Iron Lady Dubai Chapter, she has built an army of 29 ladies and spearheaded women empowerment by supporting their career growth/ entrepreneurship opportunities. She is also associated with various other social organizations like TATA Trust, Healing Dove Foundation, and Choithram Foundation, Dubai & has received several awards and recognition globally for her services & contributions to society.



She started in UAE in 2011, the campaign held events from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and has 3 documented cases of children saving their moms.



Premi Mathew (UAE)

A Fighter All The Way

Premi Mathew, founder of the Hair for Hope India and Protect Your Mom (PYM) campaign took her a long time to find her footing as she runs both initiatives single-handedly. For Premi the initial days of getting people to donate to her campaigns were not easy. She was without funds but she did not give up hope. She managed to create noise and put the spotlight on cancer and its effects pre-and post-diagnosis.

Premi Mathew definitely takes the sole credit for the planning, organizing, coordination, PR for the events, manages the Facebook page, and deals with all the correspondence as she manages it all single-handedly.

Initially, it was a task getting people to donate hair for wigs for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy but Premi did not let these roadblocks stop her. She started requesting people on Facebook to raise awareness. But Facebook too started charging for promotional posts. However, she got a huge response from people for hair donations.

Premi who was born in Kerala started her career with Kitco. She holds an MBA degree and has taught marketing to students in India and Dubai for 15 years. She moved to Dubai some 20 years ago and it was her professional knowledge that gave her the bright idea of starting her campaign Protect Your Mom (PYM).

It was Premi's own experience with cancer that prompted her to start the 'Protect Your Mom (PYM)' campaign in 2001. She reached out to children through this campaign to create awareness about breast cancer.

For Premi, it was inspiring to see women fight societal norms to support the cause and the children face social scorn for long hair in their small towns.

She started in UAE in 2011, the campaign held events from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and has 3 documented cases of children saving their moms. Today, PYM has won several national and international awards including the Health Awards UAE, and Premi was even invited by the President of India in 2016. In 2013



she officially launched Hair for Hope India in India after inspiring a lot of Indians in UAE to donate hair. Hair for Hope India is the first national campaign to create awareness about hair donation in a country steeped in tradition, where the length of hair is a measure of a woman's beauty!. Awareness was zero and all cultural values were against it. Today hair for Hope India is the most respected brand in the category and has held events in over 17 states in India.

Boys from over 10 schools in Dubai have also donated hair as it is a unique way of helping cancer patients. The hair donated is converted into wigs and given free of cost to cancer patients to give them strength to fight the disease. A lot of Indian women lose their confidence when they lose their hair and find it tough to face society with dignity. Today thousands of wigs have been donated as NGOs around the country joined the movement.

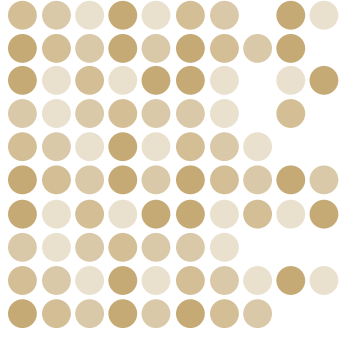
What is beautiful is that both the campaigns are run by students as young as 8 who organize events at their own schools at zero cost.

Her other initiative which has not gained much popularity is "adopt a chemo patient". Students contribute Rs 100 and directly pay a small bill of a patient. They understand the value of money and experience the joy of saving a life, an unforgettable experience. The fact that she is an MBA

and ex-Marketing Faculty has given her the experience in dealing with students even as she avenges cancer in her own special way.

Today Premi Mathew is one of the top 100 women achievers in India and was invited by the President of India, 2016. She also won the Vanitha Ratna Award by Indyywood in 2018 and won the Health Award UAE in 2016.





Anup Jalota “Padma Shri”

A Legend is Born

Anup Jalota, a household name for Bhajans and Ghazals, was born in Nainital on 29th July 1953 into a family where there was music flowing all the time. His father, Shri Purshottam Das Jalota was a renowned classical singer who was honoured as “Rajya Gayak of Uttar Pradesh” and was also awarded the Padma Shri fourth-highest civilian award of India.

One can be an engineer or a doctor with education but becoming a Lata Mangeshkar requires inherent talent. So was the case with Anup Jalota. As is well known, diamonds are created naturally but it needs to be polished to get that sparkling shine. Similarly, he was a diamond but he needed to be polished and this was done by his first and foremost Guru, his own father, Purshottam Das Jalota, who hails from Sham Chowrasi Gharana of Punjab.

He was brought up in Lucknow and in his initial 20 years, he learned classical music from his father and at Bhatkhande Music College. His first stage concert was at the early age of 7. When kids are just learning

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While performing at the age of 7 in Lucknow

to speak, he was performing with full confidence. He had absolutely no stage fear or performance anxiety.

He did his graduation from Lucknow University while learning music and performing on stage. Participating in his school and college programmes made him a seasoned performer.

His first recording was at the age of 17. He has completed 50 years of recording (golden jubilee).

When he moved to the City of Dreams Mumbai in 1973, he decided to start afresh and started his musical journey by joining a chorus singing group in All India Radio (AIR). His salary was a mere ₹320 but he learned some basics of western music and lots of other things related to music during that time. Most people would term those days as “struggling period” however he claims it was a “learning period” for him.

He has done playback singing for films like Ek Duj Ke Liye, Saugandh, Nastik, Professor Ki Padosan, Shirdi Ke Sai Baba, Qatl, and many more. He has sung in 10 Indian languages.

He’s given music direction for a few films in Hindi, Gujarati, and Bengali. He’s also acted in some movies like Pyaar Ka Saawan, Chintamani Surdas, and a couple of Bengali movies.

He has given many hit Ghazals like Chand Angdaiyan Le Raha Hai, Lazzate Gham Badha Deejiye, Badnaam Mere Pyaar Ka, Tumhare Sheher Ka Mausam and so many more which are being enjoyed by his fans all over the world till today.

He’s had the privilege to have worked with legendary singers and musicians like Lata

Mangeshkar, Mohd. Rafi, Kishore Kumar, Ghulam Ali, Mehdi Hassan, Pt. Jasraj, Ustad Zakir Hussain and many more.

One of his bhajan album “Bhajan Sandhya” which had bhajans like Aisi Laagi Lagan, Jag Mein Sundar Hain Do Naam, Rang De Chunariya, Main Nahin Makhana Khayo, became such a super success and reached almost every household in India that he started being called “The Bhajan Samrat”. Rightly so, there’s not been any other singer who could make a name like him in the Bhajan genre. He has wowed audiences and devotees with his divine singing around the world.

Having toured extensively, there is little of the world that has yet to see Anup Jalota in person. Having performed over 5000 live concerts throughout the world, he enjoys a global fan following with fans of all age groups across four generations as he’s been performing for 60 years now.

He has set a world record by receiving more than 100 Gold, Platinum, and Multi-Platinum discs. He has recorded more than 200 albums so far.

Known for his versatility, the smiling and ever-obliging Anup Jalota renders Bhajans, Ghazals, Geet, and Film Songs with equal grace and finesse. His mellifluous and powerful voice has an incredible range. A voice that soothes the soul and the nimble fingers with which he plays the harmonium

with so much perfection, makes this icon leave audiences spellbound in admiration with his renditions.

He got his due when he was awarded the 4th highest civilian award given by the Government of India, Padma Shri on 26th January 2012 in the field of Art – Indian Classical – Vocals.

He was felicitated by the British Parliament’s “House Of Commons” and also received Annual Globe Award on 15th July 2010.

He feels that the only regret he has in life is that he got success 5 years earlier than he would have preferred. This is so as he was seriously training in classical music under the able guidance of his father, Purshottam Das Jalota. That got stalled because of the fame he got due to the super success of his first Bhajan album “Bhajan Sandhya” which made him very busy with shows all over the world.

He’s a multitasking artist who dabbles in many fields apart from singing and he does it all with a lot of passion, dedication and puts his heart into whatever he takes up. He’s very passionate about acting and he’s done a lot of plays during his college days which led him to act in quite a few movies. Recently, he played a small but very powerful and prominent role of a political leader in a web series called “Paatal Lok” which got him a lot of accolades and appreciation. He’s just



finished shooting for a movie titled “Woh Meri Student Hai” where he plays himself.

He’s also a very good orator who has a great sense of humour and presence of mind which makes him a very good anchor as well. He’s anchored many shows on TV, Radio and on stage as well. Cinevista had produced a TV show called “Dharm Aur Hum” which was about various religions and poets of India. He had anchored as well as sung in that show with equal ease. It had 60 episodes and was aired on Star Plus for 2 years consecutively.

He’s also presented few shows on All India Radio (AIR) and Big FM where he introduced new talent in singing.

His dedication and passion towards music are such that he has helped many upcoming singers by giving them training under his able guidance. He runs a Gurukul from his residence where he teaches singers who are serious about music and want to dedicate their life to music and he doesn’t charge a penny for that. It’s selfless service to the music world. He not only teaches them but also provides them with an opportunity like making them sing on stage with him and introducing them to the music world by singing with them and featuring in music videos with them. Many singers have made it big in the music industry, thanks to his guidance and support.

There’s an NGO run by him called the Jalota Welfare Foundation that donates some funds to needy people and Trusts, who are in need of funds. The foundation also helps people who request financial aid for their medical treatment or education.

The same foundation hosts “Glory Awards” every year to felicitate artists in the creative



field, mainly music and dance. There are 4 awards given in memory of Pt. Purshottam Das Jalota, who worked in the field of classical music; Pt. Hari Om Sharan, who worked in the field of devotional singing; Late Medha Jalota (W/o Shri. Anup Jalota), who was a classical dancer and Shri. Ravindra Jain, who worked in the field of playback singing.

Anup, as the name suggests “incomparable”, “unique” is unequalled in whatever role he takes up/plays. He is indeed a “legend” who has dedicated his life to the field of music with complete passion and devotion with his contribution being immense. He’s one of the busiest artists one can come across and it’s been so for 60 years now. Despite all the actions in his life, one will never ever see him lose his cool or get angry. He’s one

of the most patient, positive and composed people one can come across. Despite all the ups and downs in his life, he’s always found smiling and has a funny bone in him which one can experience in his stage shows too.

So to sum up, there’s a lot to learn from this LEGEND. To name a few of the aspects of his persona which one can learn from him apart from his music are dedication,

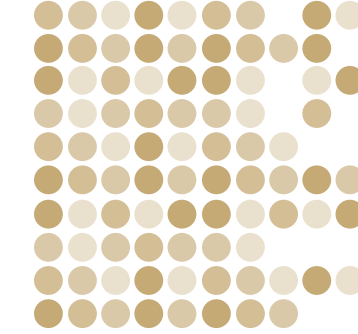
devotion, passion, discipline, punctuality, sincerity, patience, love for one’s work, being humble/down to earth, enthusiasm, being energetic, excitement about any work one takes up and so on.....There’s no end to this list.....

We only wish him good health and happiness always so that he keeps entertaining his audiences worldwide till his last breath!!





Indian national record in the process. She won the silver medal in the final clocking 50.79 s



Hima Das

Nation's Nimble Pride

Hima Das is an Indian sprinter from Assam who holds the current Indian National record in 400 meters, clocked at 50.79 s at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta Indonesia. She was also the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal in a track event in the IAAF World U20 Championships. She was born on 9th January 2000 in Khandhulimari village into the Kaibbartta community of Assam to a family of farmers. She was brought up in a joint family where 17 people live together and are the youngest of five siblings. She wanted to pursue a career in professional football after doing extremely well while playing with the boys in her school. After her physical education teacher in a school recognized her natural talents, she was advised to get into track events which ended up putting her right in her niche. Since she was used to running bare feet, for her first nationals her father gifted her a pair of running shoes with spikes. She wrote Adidas on those shoes with a marker. Today,

Adidas is making shoes in her name as a testament to what talent and hard work can achieve.

After performing extremely well in the under 18 championships and national camps, she was fast-tracked to the national team for the Commonwealth Games in 2018. That year she won the gold in the 400 metres at the IAAF World U20 Championships, clocking an impressive 51.46 seconds. She earned her nickname the "Dhing Express" after this remarkable feat. She also qualified for the 400 metres in the Asian Games that year, setting a new Indian national record in the process. She won the silver medal in the final clocking 50.79 s, bettering her own record. She was so sure of bagging a medal in this meet that she had a gamocha, a ceremonial Assamese cloth ready to introduce to the world, which she proudly did when she won the medal. Since her parents were half asleep by the time she could call them, they were intimated of her success by the advent of news media



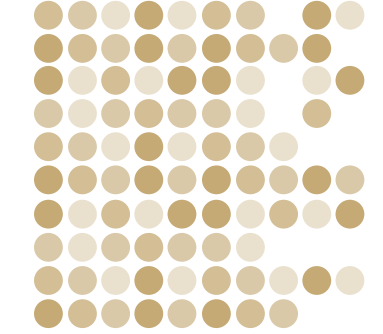
vans that suddenly overtook their village the next day. She won the silver medal in the 4 x 400 m mixed relay which was held for the first time in the Asian Games. She also won the 200m gold in the Czech Republic at the Kladno meet. She continued this streak in 2019 by winning the 200m gold in Poznan Grand Prix in Poland with a time of 23.665 seconds. She achieved her fifth gold medal in the 400-metre race in Nove Mesto, Czech Republic.

She has a strong moral code which made her take up the responsibility of closing a liquor shop in her neighborhood when she was in 10th standard. Her neighbors were brewing alcohol illegally and Ms. Hina who considers herself a proud socialist and averse to all things illegal managed to confiscate and burn a large amount of illegal alcohol, taking a stand for the law

even at that young age. Back home, her fan club planted more than 3000 neem trees in Dhing to combat air pollution. In her infinite humbleness, she names meeting Sachin Tendulkar as the best moment of her life, remarking about the tears she felt in her eyes when she was in his presence for the first time. She was honoured with the Arjuna Award in 2018, conferred to her

by the President of India. She was also appointed the Deputy Superintendent of police in Assam in February 2021 which she is filled with pride about, motivating her to do more for her home state. She is currently working hard post a back injury and is focused completely on training for the Tokyo Olympics scheduled to be held this year.





Chandulal Keshavlal Patel (C. K. Patel)

A down to Earth Social Reformer

A noted Patidar from Gujarat, C. K. Patel has been involved with a number of Patidar social and religious organizations in Gujarat. He is also known as a Hotelier with whom Prime Minister Narendra Modi had traveled to the United States for the first time, way back in the year 1993.

So, renowned Non-Resident Indian hotelier C. K. Patel having crossed sixty-five summers of his life has recently been elected unopposed as the president of noted Gujarati Diaspora group, Vishva Gujarati Samaj. In fact, he was elected on 8th February immediately after the term of Krishnakant Vakharia, his predecessor, had come to an end.

Moreover, he is the former president of the US-based National Federation of Indian - American Associations. He is also associated with top Patidar organizations like Umiya Dham of Unjha, Khodaldham of Kagvad near Rajkot, Umiya Dham of Sidsar in Jamnagar district, Sardardham

and Vishv Umiya Foundation of Ahmadabad, et al. He played a significant role in mediating peace talks between the Gujarat Government and agitating Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti (PAAS), during the Patidar reservation stir in the state in the year 2015.

That apart, he was politically, associated with Bharatiya Janta Party

(BJP) and was one of the contenders for the party ticket on Ahmadabad (East) Lok Sabha constituency in the year 2019 Parliament elections. However, the party had already given the ticket to the then-sitting MLA Hasmukh Patel from the same constituency.

Capsuling the background of C. K. Patel's life one can say that he has



Mr. C. K. Patel with Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi

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now no doubt excelled nay surpassed himself in all his achievements till this date and is now rightly known as “The Pride of Gujarat” which is omnipresent in his blood. In fact, he is very emotional and full of sentiments in his heart for his parents (for their pure and selfless love for him as their respected blood flows in all the veins of his body), for his village, for his town in tandem with his city of Ahmadabad in lieu with its people especially the youngsters residing therein. Indeed he is proud of his father’s lineage and deeply immersed with an immense liking for the family’s age-old gifted culture, since his birth.

On the other hand, one can safely vouch for the factual truth that he is indeed a man with a firm belief in the policy of “Simple living and high thinking” so much so that even the so-called “American Multimillion Dreams” failed to lure him and tempt him in their folds even with their Multimillion Dream projects in lieu with their high profiled lifestyle. As the love of his country, India is deeply ingrained in him, in his blood, to the extent that even after making America his workplace for twenty-five long years he just simply and politely refused to accept the American citizenship laid out on a platter for him. And then he just returned to his native land to serve his fellow men, especially the younger crowd as he had promised before embarking on his American journey such was his dedication and love for the fellow human beings of his native land.

In reality, he is very fond of writing and reading, besides he is a strict follower of the



With his Better Half

Gandhian philosophy of “No Violence”. So call it a pure coincidence or destiny that he was also born on the same date as that of Mahatma Gandhi’s (father of the nation) date of birth namely that of 2nd October to Keshav Patel and his spouse Jyotiben Patel in the village of Shahpur and then since he was just that high he had started assisting his father on his agricultural land. This started giving him the feeling of being a down-to-earth guy who was totally attached to his roots. While still assisting his father, he continued with his studies in the various schools of Shahpur, Kadi, and other neighbouring towns and finally acquired his zoology degree from Ahmadabad’s M G College of Science. He was indeed a very bright student as if Goddess Saraswati (The Goddess of Knowledge) had herself really blessed him.

Later on, he had expressed his keen desire to go abroad to the United States of America (USA) for further studies. Luckily his father and his Mota Bapu (uncle) Ambalal Mukhi understand the significance and most importantly the importance of higher education in a foreign land, so they held a meeting of their Samaj (Society), the villagers, and then with their help and also help from several village sponsors, especially the Mani and the Madhu family of Kerala village also ended up making all the financial arrangements

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and then in the year 1974, he went to California to do an MBA in industrial management with a promise to his native people that one day he will definitely return from the USA and with help of his by then accumulated Knowledge, Network and Networth he will definitely help not just one person but all the youngsters of his native place to stand on their own two feet. He also wanted to make his village people strong, capable, self-dependent, educated, and

extremely modern in their outlook. He was extremely dedicated towards the constant betterment and welfare of the people of his native place, besides his patriotic love for his motherland was totally driven deeply in his blood.

Needless to say that out there along with his studies he also started indulging in a small scale business of dairy and becoming moderately successful and by the year 1977, he decided to become a hotelier by purchasing a Motel named

El Sarrantino and very soon Goddess Laxmi (The Goddess of wealth) also blessed him immensely and beyond imagination so much so that he ended up purchasing four more magnificent Hotels of America within a span of two years.

Then in the year 1978, C. K. Patel got married and found his lovable spouse in Ritaben, and in the future, Ritaben Patel ended up



With Family



blessing him with three lovely children namely a son named Sagar and two daughters named Neev and Payal.

Then with the advent of the Olympic game in California, in the year 1984, he

was crowned with the ultimate title of “Hotel Tycoon C. K. Patel” as from that time onwards the Hotel business and even the Hospitality business Industry flourished and prospered more and more like nobody’s

business. So C. K. Patel after being successful in the Hotel business ended up building twenty more big hotels. Then having by now acquired the real estate license he started his own construction company of

the building of many more such Hotels. Not only this he is also responsible for Hotel Ocean Sun in the series of five-star Hilton Hotels in the Dena point in California and very soon he also garnered the fame of the first-ever Indian to enter into the arena of constantly buying or constructing and even running such five-star hotels.

Soon enough he was known as the first-ever successful businessman to enter into this arena namely the Hotel industry and later on in the year 1984, he in order to move ahead with his contemporaries, also succeeded in establishing a “Southern California Hotels and Motels Association” in California.

Incidentally speaking he happens to be the first-ever Indian businessman to establish the Hilton Hotels in California. Then under his tutelage thousands of Indians from his native place migrated to America and then in order to fight for the rights of their jobs and other survival needs he really raised a strong opposition against the Americans in tandem with the American Indians In fact thousands of Indians on the basis of his invitations are now settled in America. For this unique struggle for his fellow Indians, he was literally hailed by the print and electronic media and by one and all in fact everyone who matters, thereby spreading his fame not only in America but also all over the globe.

He also proved to be an important link between the Americans and also between the American Indians settled out there. He deserved all the honors bestowed on him right from President Ronald Reagan

to President George Bush to President Bill Clinton as he was invited as a special guest in all their inaugural ceremonies, in fact, he was also a very, very special guest in a Charity Dinner hosted by President Barrack Obama thrown to celebrate nay felicitate ex-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

He has been a president, Chairman, advisor including holding many other prestigious posts in most of the Indo - American Society around the globe. In fact, he has been felicitated time and again by many dignitaries and important people all around the world.

But he always had this keen desire to return to his motherland India, to his native place Shahpur. So handing over the reins of his business in America to his Son Sagar, he returned back to India in the year 1993 and straight away got immersed in the various social causes. To elucidate all his social work till this date is well-nigh impossible even after using reams and reams of papier-mâché.

And as a parting shot one would like to use Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s words of praise for C. K. Patel, “I know C.K Patel, since more than three decades and I still think that C. K. Patel is a very enthusiastic guy always running around to serve people’s causes without bothering about anything else. He is a very nice guy without harboring any malicious ego or no ego whatsoever at all. Even after earning millions through his hotel business. He is still the same C. K. Patel, a down-to-earth guy with the simple attitude of simple living and high thinking.”

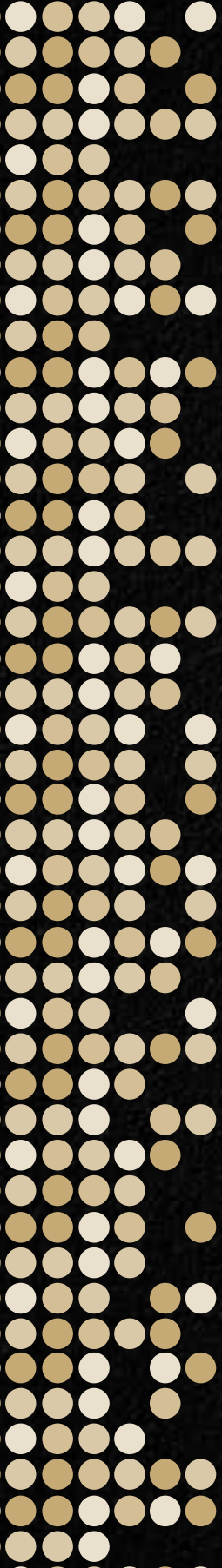


Mr. C. K. Patel with the Ex-President of United States, Mr. Bill Clinton

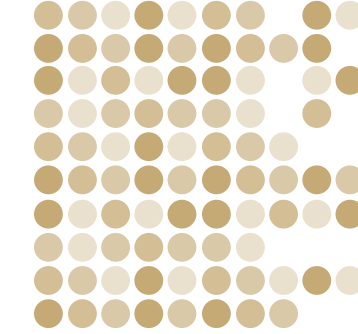


Mr. C. K. Patel with the Ex-President of United States, Ronald Reagan and his wife





“You cannot always control the outcomes, but you can control your reactions to it.”



Fatema Agarkar

In Pursuit of Excellence

Fatema Agarkar is a woman who has donned many hats, apart from being a mother to a 15-year-old and wife to popular cricketer Ajit Agarkar, Fatema is an Educationist & Founder of Agarkar Centre of Excellence (ACE) is an organization that emphasizes on inculcating sports as a part of their daily school curriculum.

Fatema is an award-winning educator, a de facto Principal, Trustee, Managing Director to name a few. She is an avid blogger, recognised as a parenting expert, and is currently authoring books on educator resources & parenting. She is a consultant to many schools both national & international (set up close to 40 pan India) but is also on the advisory board of several organisations, she's passionate about skilling teachers, designing content that is relevant for students, and working with changing mindsets through parenting workshops, school improvement initiatives & student engagements.

With close to 2 decades of experience in education, Fatema is the recipient of several honours and was adjudged Education World's top 50 young educators in 2014, and is also the recipient of several awards for outstanding contribution to education in 2013, 2015. She also won the Young Indian Achiever's Award 2021.

Fatema started her career in the corporate world with Banking & Media before she shifted her interest to education after completing her Master's in Business Administration apart from her B.ED and ECCE and began her journey in the corporate world.

She also volunteers her time to several non-profit initiatives such as the Ray Foundation and was recently appointed as Advisor to WICCI's Eldercare initiative, enabling opportunities for senior citizens. As Vice President of Early Childhood Association (ECA), Fatema is also the Mumbai Territory Head for Association of Primary



Education & Research (APER), forums that bring early childhood and primary educators together.

Commerzbank, Times of India, and Egon Zender International as diverse organizations were the perfect foundation before she was involved in the set up of three premier K-12 national and international schools in Mumbai. Having gathered tremendous experience as a result of managing schools with which she has been associated, Fatima now partners Gitika to create more opportunities for stakeholders in the education space with a passion for teacher training, special needs, and sports. Pioneering, "out of the box" and a risk-taker, Fatima's love for children defines her passion for the team she leads.

Recently, Fatema was also recognised as 'One of the Top 50 Indian Leaders Who Can Revive Education by the prestigious Education World in 2020. She's all about creating disruptions and futuristic ideas! She Loves writing, sports, reading, traveling, and above all street food!

Fatema grew up in Mumbai along with her older brother who was into sports. A bright and conscientious student Fatema's interest lay in books. She watched her father building his business and branch into global markets. She studied in Queen Mary school and completed her ICSE at Grade 10 and then enrolled in the prestigious Sydenham College of Commerce & Economics (University of Mumbai) for graduation, topping State & University. She later went on to complete her master's in Business administration and Finance. She was planning to do her MPhil research but somehow life took over and she could not complete it.



During college, she was the President and Chair of a magazine and part of the social culture, and that continued when she went to the University. The turning point in her career came when she returned to India and realised that she could experiment and take a few risks. Her first educational venture gave her the confidence to forge ahead.

Right from her younger days, Fatema was a focused individual; her teachers reveal that she was always serious about learning and capitalising on it. Back then

she didn't have any goals but the desire to embrace new ideas, learn from others, etc., stemmed from there. She realized that she could experiment and take a few risks and her first educational venture gave her the confidence that she could set the pace because she learned quickly on the job and was appreciated for the changes that she brought to the system.

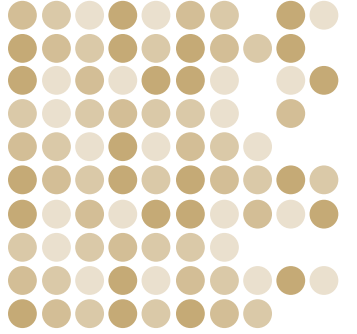
As an entrepreneur, of course, the road to success was peppered with challenges be it mind-sets that didn't accept or cannot

comprehend, pricing challenges, manpower management, and eventually client servicing - sometimes their expectations are not what was agreed. Her milestone achievements were the three education startups. While the first one was a funded company the rest two were completely bootstrapped. The goal of being an entrepreneur was always on her mind. With the help of Stakeholders and owners of the school, she set up parents, teachers and

told them about the futuristic ideas and the transformation that came along with them.

However, achieving this was no mean task. A lot of research went into learning and also countering challenges with a positive and growth mind-set. There were obstacles but she overcame them with élan. She says that it has been a rewarding and fulfilling experience. Fatema lives by the motto "You cannot always control the outcomes, but you can control your reactions to it."





AmbiPalm

Racing to save lives

Making a difference, differently is something that holds very dear to their hearts and this statement the world would hear on a regular basis from them. The reason for that is Kameron, Doris, and Leonard, even though are different human beings, have one thought in common and that is to have an impact in their society and "just do their bit" to help humanity.

The reason they use the term "Making a difference, differently" is because the difference that they can make differently is through their intention which is to serve the community.

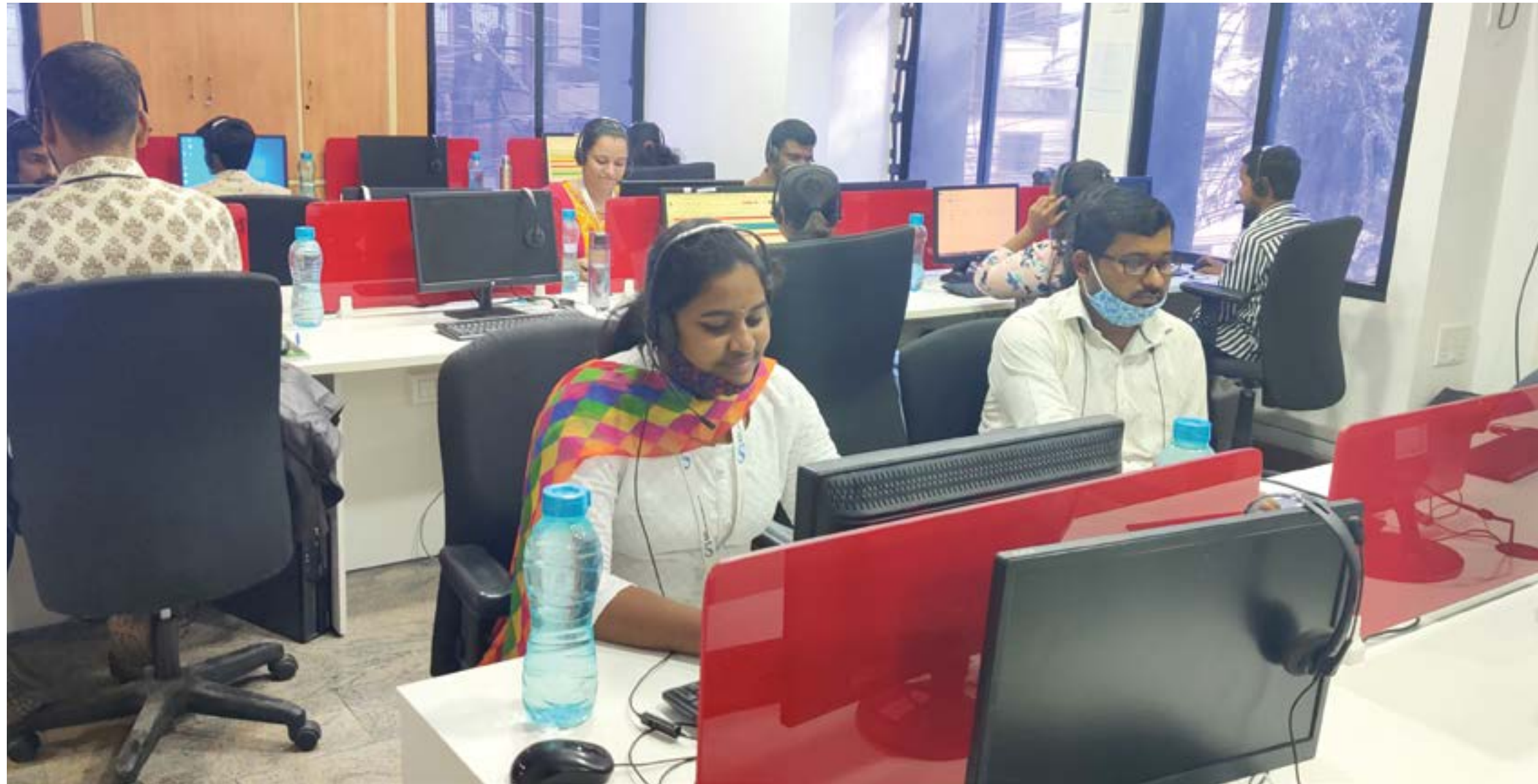
The dream is to create a positive impact not only for the current generation but for the generations to come. The burning desire to leave a mark in the community gave birth to the idea of AmbiPalm.

This started with Doris and Leonard, one day on their way to their office, were discussing how can they play a role in helping their fellow human beings in the smallest way of contributions as this was something they always wanted to do from a very

The dream is to create a positive impact not only for the current generation but for the generations to come. -AmbiPalm



Leonard



young age considering the background they grew up early on. During their discussion, Leonard told Doris, based on their past experiences and from what they've seen and heard in India, people have always struggled to get an ambulance on time. Failure to get one on time a lot of times have been fatal. This is when a thought

struck their heads. "Why can't they create an App where they can have patients find ambulances with a click of a button?" This would remove unwanted time taken and more importantly, release stress during those times. Along with the ambulance feature, they've added a Blood donation feature as well which is a free of cost service

that would be available to all AmbiPalm users, whether someone needs blood or they want to be a donor, availability will never be a challenge. This helps us join the community as One Big Family.

Since they always wanted to create an impact in society, what better way to do

that than during these times of medical emergencies when there are life-threatening situations or even non-critical situations.

In a country where people are still of old school, thought process is still wherein for them to get an ambulance, they have search on Google for a nearest ambulance

provider then they have to make a call to that Ambulance provider and after providing all details, etc. one is dispatched to the location. The TAT (Turnaround Time) for this entire process can take up to anywhere between Forty Five minutes to an Hour. As we all know, a lot of times, this timeframe costs very dearly. The masterminds of AmbiPalm brainstormed and came up with the App which would solve this pain area for people in our country.

What sets AmbiPalm apart from our competitors is that we do this with the mindset of helping people and making a difference in our society.

The idea of AmbiPalm is to ensure that not a single patient who is in need of an ambulance, fails to find one but can get one with a click of a button. Our system is designed with robust algorithms that are put in place to ensure an Ambulance will always be near you when you're in need.

With internal funding from one of their Directors, Mr. Kameron Abraham who is a US citizen, the ball got rolling in putting together Development, Marketing, and Support Teams who would execute the tasks at hand for a successful launch.

This got them thinking, planning, and thereafter executing this idea. They chose the name AmbiPalm because they want to set a belief that an ambulance

will always be available in your "palm" when you need one.

They developed a business model that would be able to fund itself in the months to come but more importantly, bring forth the intent that they want to help people.

AmbiPalm was incorporated on 12th September 2020 as a Private Limited company and go by the legal name of AmbiPalm Health Private Limited.

The AmbiPalm App was officially launched on 26th October 2020 in Sheraton Hotel, Hyderabad. The App was launched in Hyderabad and Bangalore.

In the second half of December, the App became Live in Kolkata and within a month in Raipur as well.

AmbiPalm has laid out an expansion plan and their intention is to cover every 2 Tier and 3 Tier city in India to start with and thereafter explore the neighbouring countries as well.

AmbiPalm plans to become 'A One Stop' App for all

medical needs.

In addition to the Ambulance and Blood features, development is in full swing of other critical features like Ambi-TeleDoc, Ambi-Pharm and Ambi-Labs. These features will help them become a single solution provider for all medical needs within one platform.



Kameron



Ambi-TeleDoc as a feature will help patients get online consultation from the comfort of their home. A patient can get onto our App, find the relevant doctor and schedule an appointment for the consultation based on the time slots given. It would be a video conference feature so that proper examination can take place providing the best required results.

Ambi-Pharm is another feature which adds value to our App. Patients looking for medicines can search for the required quantity from our App and the same will be delivered to them in the quickest of time. This helps patients get quality medication through the fastest mode with the ease of a few clicks on their App. This saves cost and time and ensures your medication reach you safely and with ease. This can also act as an extended feature of the Ambi-TeleDoc as once the consultation is done and if there are medications that need to be taken, the Doctor/patient can place a direct request immediately during the consultation or after, for the prescribed medicines to be delivered to their home.

Another amazing feature that is being added to our App is Ambi-Labs. This is a feature where a patient can have samples collected and delivered to our partnered labs across the city for tests to be done and the reports shared to them directly through the App and through other forms of communication that the patient opts for to receive them.

All these features put together will make AmbiPalm a defacto App for all medical needs.

Their main focus area during development or even now during execution will always been 'Customers First'.

They believe that for any model to succeed, stakeholders which are their customers need to be given the utmost priority.

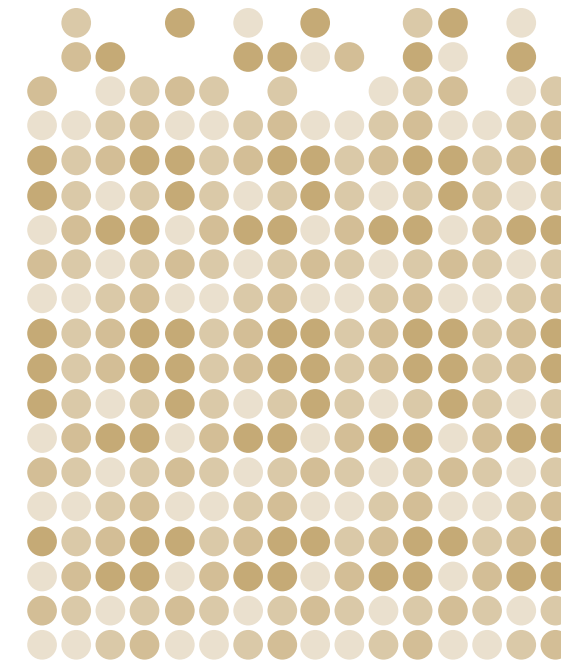
They want every customer who uses their services to have a 5 Star experience whether it be the Ambulance Services, Free Blood Services or the upcoming new services as well.

Their intention is to build a large AmbiPalm Community that would look out for each other and support in time of need when one arises.

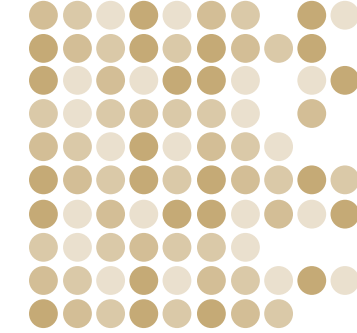
Their Vision is to become the "911 of the World".

They encourage you to download their App and use their services so that they are given an opportunity to live up to their promises.

Remember, AmbiPalm is here to stay, and like they always say, "We will Always be RACING TO SAVE LIVES!!"



Doris



Chahat Aggarwal

A Unique Blend of Talent

Young and dynamic Chahat Aggarwal is the founder and CEO of Impact Study Biz that helps businesses build brand and growth strategies to become money-making assets. Chahat has a wide array of experiences in a variety of fields and has adorned the roles of writer, speaker, trainer, director among many others.

She is someone whose wide array of experiences in a variety of fields fuels her quest for the best. With a dynamic experience and winning the titles of writer, film director, trainer, designer, management consultant, branding expert, marketer, and strategist, Chahat has marked the level of huge abundance in her life. Her experience teamed with understanding with a firm foundation on fair play and equal opportunities paves way for a work culture that is a blend of uniqueness and determination to achieve more.

Chahat was born on 14th October 1989; Chahat was a proactive and judicious individual from an early age she went to Sacred Heart High school for girls in

Amritsar. She had a flair for learning and creativity, winning awards all throughout from preschool to senior year. After high school, Chahat moved to Sydney, Australia to pursue her higher education in Art and design, where she continued to excel as the highest scoring student each year and also won the "Student of the Year Award". It was an experience that opened up fresh perspectives and an exposure that brought her closer to her journey as a successful businesswoman. Her time there taught her more than what was in the pages of books and to look at the world from fresh angles. Being someone who has established a position for herself despite the challenges, Chahat is a perfect example for success that follows when determination and inspiration fuel passion. Chahat firmly believes in taking up challenges and working with a sense of deep faith in one's potential to impact and change.

She implores women to break out of the confines of norms and to always move forward with a reflective 'why' which can simultaneously answer



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and question every single query and make way for more opportunities and create their own stories. Chahat is a superb team player. Her leadership is something that is based on teamwork and a fusion of skills and talents.

Chahat won a beauty pageant in 2012; she was crowned winner of Miss June 2012. Post her journey in Australia, she returned to India and attended IGNOU - Maya Academy of advanced cinematics for 3 years in Mumbai to study film making. Thanks to her hard work, she won awards that underscored her potential for creativity and knack for innovation

After completing her education, Chahat began the journey of her career as Head of Communication and Branding at ANTZ AGE Technologies. She then worked as a Management Consultant at Sookshm for a year, helping businesses run their operations effectively. Later she joined Brands of Desire, a brand agency as a Senior Brand Consultant where she managed over 20 client brands. After a strategic negotiation certification from Yale University, she joined OYO, a hospitality startup in India.

Financial capital was a major issue for her while setting up the business. She didn't want to start her company with debts, so she used up all her savings to set up her business. Due to limited capital, Chahat had to come up with new innovative solutions for operations and was very conscious of whom to hire. Her team comprises of a bunch of excellent ladies who bring in their best at every task they do.

Chahat was an integral part of growing the OYO brand from \$250mil to \$10bil. She led the company's global expansion and product creation of OYO Hotels and Homes



for 2 years before leading the brand in Amsterdam and London as Head of Global Brand for OYO Vacation Homes.

These experiences paired with her firm belief in fair play and equal opportunities led to the creation of Impact Study Biz, a journey that continued to create an impact that lasts with an impression of genius.

Impact Study Biz is an ingenious amalgamation of Business and Brand Consulting that provides the infrastructure for companies to thrive in the global market. Founded in 2018 with the mission to unlock the true potential of innovative startups to become market leaders. The company helps businesses build and execute brand and growth strategies to become money-making assets. It is a masterful blend of practical thinking and strategies teamed with innovation and prudent perspectives. Impact Study provides strategic consulting within a budget for startups and SMEs. It works with companies and helps them achieve their business, marketing, and growth objectives.

The company's sole mission is to create a positive impact in this world by helping brands meet their full potential. Impact Study offers simple and sustainable solutions like New Product Creation, Go-to-market Strategy, Rebranding/Repositioning, Growth Strategy, Brand Development, Business-Brand Strategy, Financial Metrics, and In depth-market research.

Chahat has won many honours and awards for her performance along the way. In recent times Chahat became Goldman Sachs 10,000 women, program alumni. She was awarded Business Woman of the Year 2020 by Business View Magazine; she went

on to be the top 10 Women Entrepreneurs of India by Forbes India. She was also known as the Most Promising Women Entrepreneur of the year 2020 by Aspiring She Magazine. She won the Entrepreneur of the year 2020 by Indian Achievers Forum. She won the Editor's Choice Award' International Competition of Poets and Library, Sydney, the Student of the Year, Victory College of Design, Best Stop Motion Film, Eeksaurs studio, Bronze for O2 festival, Bhawans, college, first place in Literary arts, Bhawans college and was also the Star Performer of the quarter, OYO

Thanks to her hard work, she won awards that underscored her potential for creativity and knack for innovation. It was these experiences combined with her passion that paved the way for Impact Study Biz, the pedestal that upheld her position as a leader and woman full of inspiration.

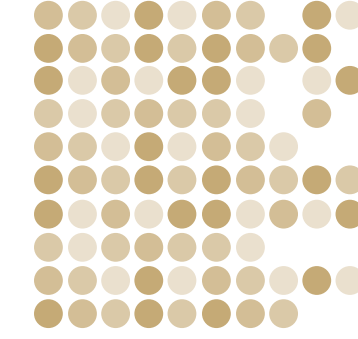
Chahat had a long road to success. All the goals she had set to achieve whether it was getting the job or expanding her business in the UK didn't happen overnight. It took months of hard work. She had to wait over 3 months to get OYO and wait over 4 months to expand her business in the UK, from the day she actually wanted. Chahat has learned to live with the fact that the timelines you set for yourself don't matter, what matters is achieving your goals and working relentlessly to get into them.

Her work mantra is "Success is the balance between economics and peace". One must be balanced in their thinking and actions towards their personal and professional goals. Hence Chahat has always been focusing on her goals This is because focusing on just one, isn't what she calls success. There has to be peace of mind that

you are not giving up on in your personal life to run after the professional goals that you have so passionately built up. It is surely difficult to manage both things but the one who can is the one she calls a successful

human being. So when we grow we grow together, spending time with family, friends, and yourself is as important as building a billion-dollar company.





Sonu Sood

The Super Hero of India

Sonu Sood is an Indian actor, producer, model, and philanthropist who works predominantly in Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil films. Sonu Sood an engineer by profession started his career in the South film industry with the film Kallazhagar in 1999. Thereafter he has been doing many Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Hindi films. He did many films in the South thereafter. However, Sonu decided to shift his sights to Bollywood. He did a bit of role in Bollywood but it was his role in Mani Ratnam's Yuva that made filmmakers sit up and notice him. Sonu went on to become popular for his roles in films like Shaheed E Azam (2001), Yuva (2004), Aashiq Banaya Aapne (2005), Jodhaa Akbar (2008), Bbuddah... Hoga Tera Baap (2010), Shootout at Wadala (2013), Happy New Year (2014). Sonu also did a Chinese film Kung Fu Yoga (2017) opposite Jackie Chan and Rohit Shetty's Simmba (2018).

In 2009, he received the Andhra Pradesh State Nandi Award for Best Villain and the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actor – Telugu for his work

in the Telugu blockbuster Arundhati. In 2010, he garnered the Apsara Award for Best Actor in a Negative Role for Dabangg. He then established his own production house Shakti Sagar Productions, which is named after his father, Shakti Sagar Sood in 2016. The actor was also chosen as the number one celebrity by a UK magazine in Asia recently.

Despite being an actor Sonu gained more widespread popularity for his philanthropic work during the Pandemic last year in 2020. Sood helped thousands of stranded Indian migrant workers to reach their homes during the lockdown last year by arranging buses, special trains, and chartered flights for them. He was hailed as the National Hero.

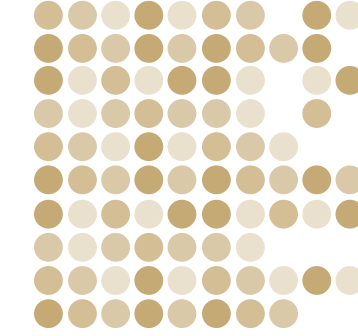
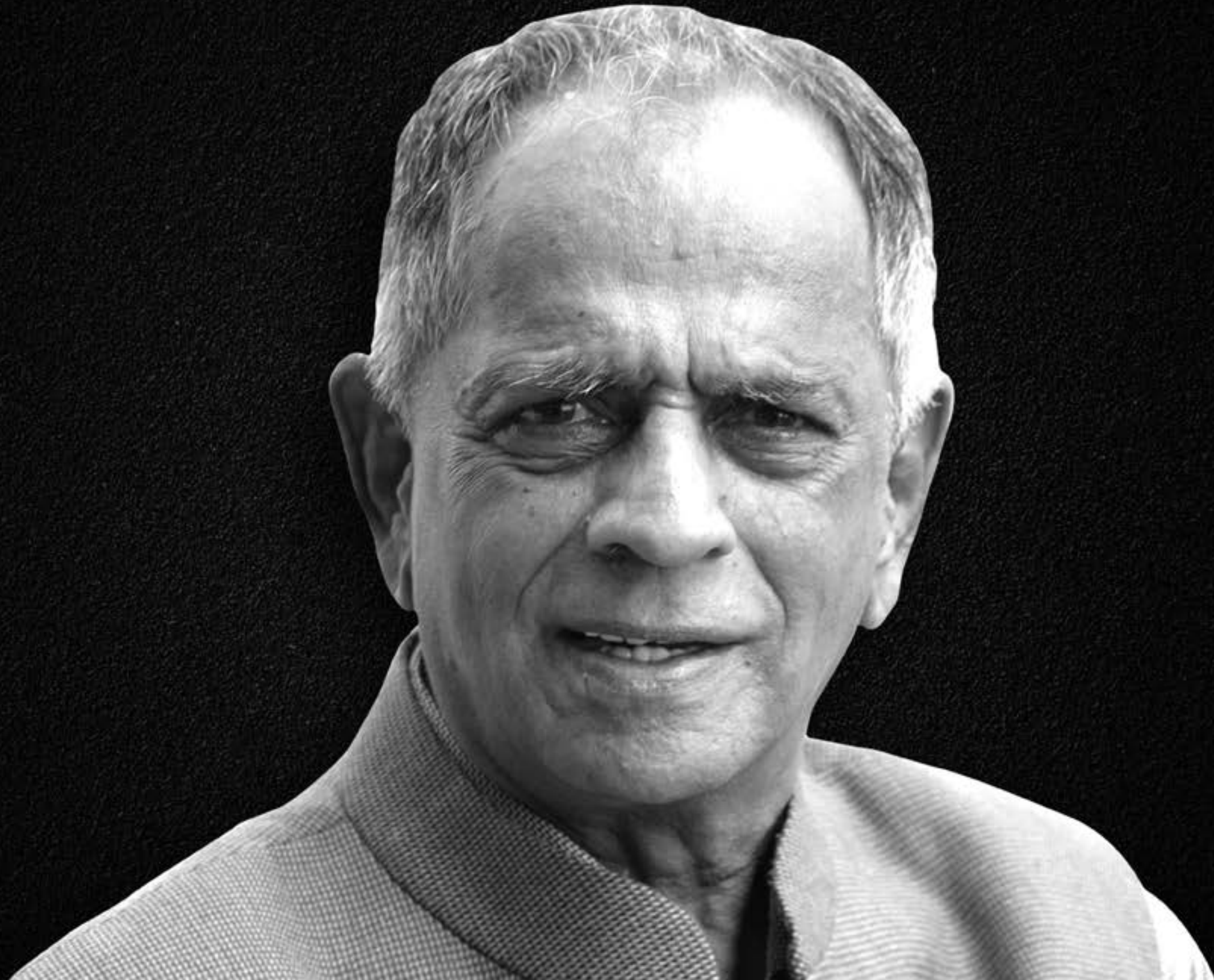
In July 2020 he arranged a chartered flight to bring home over 1,500 Indian students stranded in Kyrgyzstan (Moscow) during the pandemic, flying them from Bishkek to Varanasi. His charity during the pandemic was lauded, and he was hailed as a real-life hero in India. He was appointed “the state icon of Punjab” by the state

election Commission for his social work during the COVID-19 pandemic. The spice Jet airways also paid a tribute to him by hailing him as the Indian Hero for his social work. They posted pictures of Sonu Sood on their aircraft.

On 25 July 2020, a video of a farmer's daughters ploughing a field, like bulls with a yoke on their shoulders, went viral over social media. Sood quickly sent the family a tractor. On his birthday on July 30 last year he launched a website and app called Pravasi Rojgar to help migrant workers find suitable jobs amid the pandemic. On 19 February 2021, Sood launched an initiative 'Ilaaj India' platform to provide healthcare services for needy people.

Apart from his Philanthropic work, Sonu continues to act in movies. He will soon be seen in Yash Raj Films Prithviraj along with Akshay Kumar, then there are two South movies one is Acharya with Chiranjeevi a Telugu film and the other is a Thamizharasan a Tamil movie.

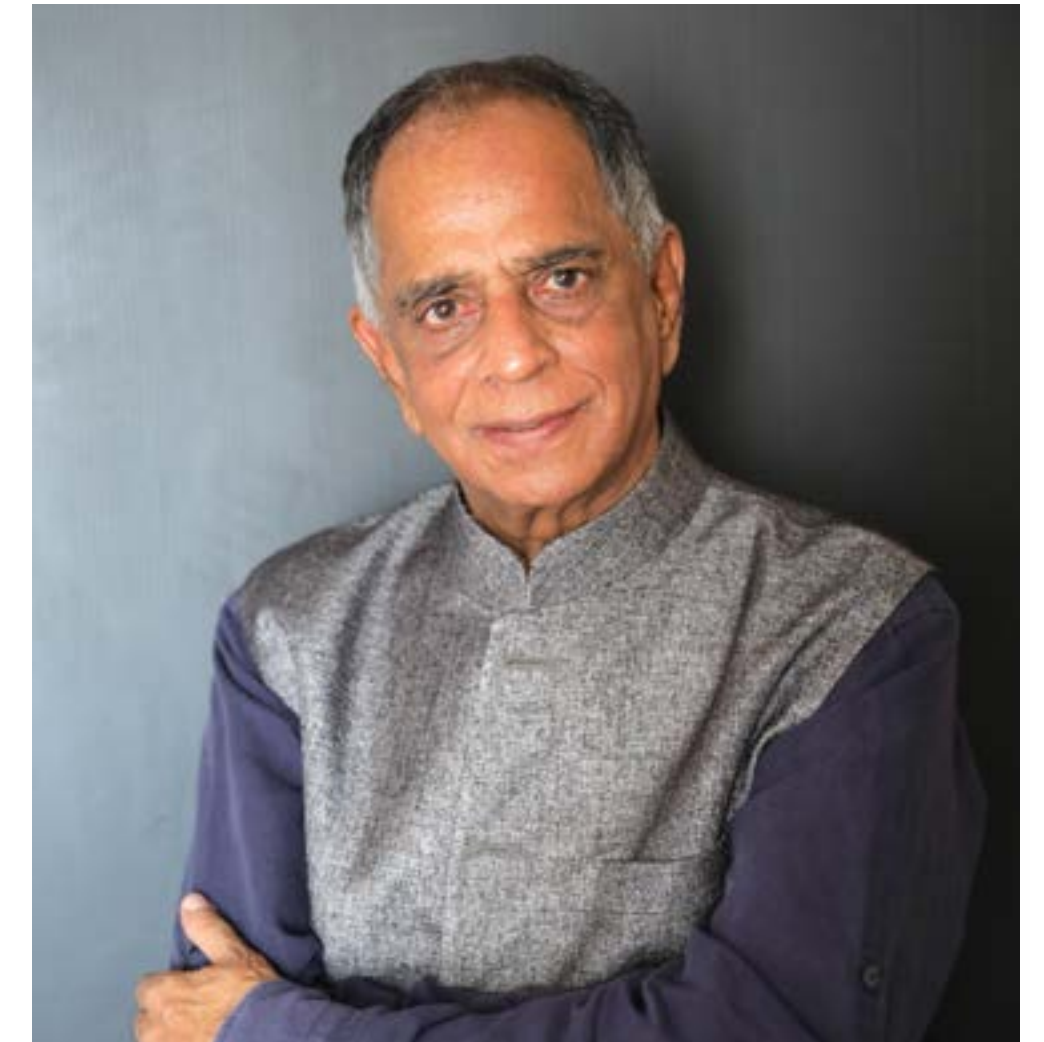
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Pahlaj Nihalani

A Staunch Filmmaker

Pahlaj Nihalani is an esteemed Indian film producer. He was the former Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and the President of the Association of Pictures and TV Programme Producers for 29 years until he resigned in 2009. He was born into a business family, where his father had a yarn business. Since Mr. Nihalani was a schoolboy, he was extremely fascinated by the Film Industry. He would bunk his classes and go watch films. This did not go unnoticed by his father who decided that he would pick him up from his school and put him to work in the family business. Unfortunately, he lost his father at a young age, in the year 1960 to cancer. Around the same time, Nihalani himself had been diagnosed with a tumor and he was convinced he would have a short lifespan like his father. That ended up becoming his motivation to fast-track all the work he wanted to accomplish in his lifetime. He decided to work at whatever business he could get his hands on and got himself the capital and experience he needed. He credits a lot of his success during that time to



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the goodwill his honest father had built in the market. That translated into a trust that was given to him by his father's virtue and he considers himself indebted to him for that beginning.

His interest in films had never waned, so as the next step, he decided to get into film distribution. He had been handling smaller films and was really excited about Phool and Pathar. But, that being a really expensive film for the time was a risky endeavor, so his family made him decide against it. When the film ended up doing well, he decided that he needed to make more independent decisions and trust his gut first. This made

him take risks and trust his knowledge. He had been still doing business in plastics, medical equipment, etc. But in 1971 he decided to stop all other endeavors and focus solely on films. He opened an office in Tardeo and started producing as well. He is a strong believer in destiny and believed that he needed to forge his own path ahead and not stay encumbered by the family business. He produced and distributed numerous films. He would work with people who were passionate about their craft and didn't look at films just as a way to make money. He enjoyed launching new people and finding like-minded artists to work with. He finds great joy in the family-like work environment that films create. He would work with people who gave him that time and feeling that his family would. Nihalani believes that every film creates a family, where everyone stays together despite differences. The chai wala,

editor, actor, everyone wants their film to do well, so they spend all their time and energy and love to make that happen. He says he makes films for creative satisfaction first and not money and that makes him happier than anything else would.

Nihalani has a lot of love and pride for his industry and wanted to make films that connect with the common man. He would want the films to entertain and have good music and family values without vulgarity. He considers himself very lucky that he succeeded in all his endeavors because of God's grace. He believes that hard work and faith in your ideas take you a long

way. But in the end, it's all up to your destiny. Our fates are decided by the great screenwriter above and what we should do is just obey and do our work righteously to the best of our abilities. He has immense faith in his industry which is why he worked hard to legitimize it with the government. In

a time when everyone was talking about the mafia's involvement in Bollywood, he worked hard to prove that it was only a distasteful few who were part of that nexus and the industry as a whole was not corrupt. He worked to get multiplexes in India and get status for the industry by adding regulations and stopping piracy with the help of the government. He has faith that all the maligning that the industry is facing right now will go away when people realize there are bad people everywhere, but the industry as a whole is a dream machine that provides livelihoods and joy to countless people.

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His strong sense of community also always kept him working for the masses. He believed that his leadership qualities gave him responsibility and interest in politics. He started working for Prime Minister Narendra Modi before he was CM of Gujarat. He wrote songs for his campaign and made sure he lent his support whenever he could. This interest in charity was sparked at a young age in school. He continued that by starting Umang, the charity for police families. He also would get the industry together when the country was going through a crisis. During the Bhuj earthquake, he raised 4.5 crores from the industry to help ease the suffering of Gujarat.

Nihalani considers staying cool, calm and collected in the time of stress as one of the primary indicators of success. He is satisfied with his decisions, still in love with his wife after 53 years, and proud of all his children. This he considers his greatest joy. If you can remain humble and grounded when you have the success that is when you have truly made it. He considers a couple of years around 98 as a time when he let his success get to his head. It was a time when everything went wrong, but he kept trying, kept getting over the hurdles one at a time, got rid of his ego, and stayed true to himself. He considers that a lesson in knowing your place in the world, knowing that you are just an instrument acting out your fate. He doesn't want to retire. Retirement ages you overnight according to him and he wants to work till he has breath in his body, not for money, but for the satisfaction of a job well done and a life well-lived. To leave a legacy where his children get the same goodwill because of his work that he got from his father.





Sakshi Malik

The Indian Glory

Sakshi Malik needs no introduction as she scripted history by becoming the first woman wrestler from India to bag an Olympic medal and the only fourth female athlete from the country to climb to the podium at the biggest sporting event in the world. Overall, Sakshi has won India's fifth wrestling medal in the Olympic Games and it was India's 25th medal in Olympic Games. The young Indian Freestyle wrestler won the bronze medal at the 2016 Summer Olympics in the 58 kg Category, becoming the first Indian female wrestler to win at the Olympics. She is a part of the JSW Sports Excellence Program, along with fellow female wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Babita Kumari, and Geeta Phogat.

Sakshi Malik has many medals to her name. She had previously won the silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, and the bronze medal at the 2015 Asian Wrestling Championships in Doha. She was also awarded the Padma Shri in 2017 - the fourth highest Indian national honour and the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 2016 which is the highest sporting honour of India.

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Sakshi was born on 3 September, 1992 in Mokhra village of Haryana's Rohtak district. Her father was a bus conductor with Delhi Transport Corporation, and her mother Sudesh Malik, a supervisor at a local health clinic. Sakshi inherited the wrestling skills from her grandfather Badlu Ram who was a popular wrestler. She took a keen interest in Wrestling at the age of 12 and under the able guidance of her coach Ishwar Dahiya, Sakshi trained herself at an Akhara in Chhotu Ram Stadium, Rohtak.

Achieving her dreams was not easy as her Coach faced protests from locals over his decision to train a girl to fight a lot of boys in a region where wrestling as a sport was not for girls. But Sakshi went on training and was determined to win gold. Seeing her dedication, her parents stuck by her side and ensured that their daughter could achieve her dreams.

In 2014, Sakshi won the gold medal in the 60 kg category at the Dave Schultz International Tournament. From here onwards it was no looking back for the young Malik. It was the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games where she won



her quarterfinal bout against Edwige Ngono Eyia of Cameroon by a 4-0 margin. In the semifinal, she faced Braxton Stone of Canada whom she defeated 3-1 to assure herself of a medal. Her opponent in the final was Aminat Adeniyi of Nigeria who defeated her 4-0 in a closely contested bout. At the 2014 World

Championships in Tashkent, she faced Anta Sambou of Senegal in the Round of 16 and won the bout 4-1. At the 2015 Asian Championships in Doha, Qatar, in a total of five rounds in the 60 kg category, Malik battled through two rounds to finish in the third position and claim a bronze medal. In the first round, she faced

Luo Xiaojuan of China but was beaten 4-5 by fall verdict. She came back strongly in the second round to beat Munkhtuya Tungalag of Mongolia 13-0, before losing in the third round to Yoshimi Kayama of Japan. She was able to clinch the bronze medal in the fourth round, beating Ayaulym Kassymova of Kazakhstan.

Malik qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympics by defeating China's Zhang Lan in the semifinal of the 58 kg category at the Olympic World Qualifying Tournament in May 2016. At the Olympics, she won her Round of 32 bouts against Sweden's Johanna Mattson and Round of 16 bouts against Moldova's Mariana



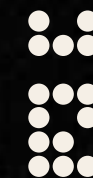
Cherdivara. After losing to eventual finalist Valeria Koblova of Russia in the quarterfinal, she qualified for the repechage round where she defeated Pürevdorjiin Orkhon of Mongolia in her first bout. She won the bronze medal after an 8-5 victory over the reigning Asian champion Aisuluu Tynybekova of Kyrgyzstan, despite trailing 0-5 at one stage, in the

repechage medal playoff, and became India's first female wrestler to win an Olympic medal.

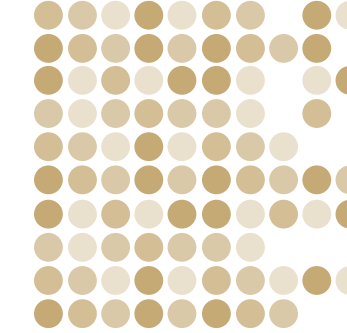
Sakshi represented 'Colors Delhi Sultans' in the second edition of the Pro Wrestling League held in January 2017. She has also been featured in the women's day campaign called #Every Woman Strong for her sponsor JSW Group.

The 29-year-old who has completed her master's degree in Physical Education from Maharshi Dayanand University in Rohtak is currently employed with Indian Railways in the commercial department of its Delhi division, in the Northern Railway zone and is a part of the JSW Sports Excellence Program. In September 2016, she was appointed as the university's wrestling director.

Sakshi Malik tied the knot with fellow Indian wrestler Satyawart Kadian on April 2, 2017, and settled down in her hometown of Rohtak. Her exploits have served as inspiration for the next generation of female wrestlers.



He started writing at 17 and has often said “he would have continued to write even if he wasn’t making any money doing it.”



Ruskin Bond “Padma Bhushan”

Magician Storyteller

An Indian author of British descent, Ruskin Bond was born in Kasauli to a father who taught English to the princesses of Jamnagar Palace. When his father joined the Royal air force, Ruskin and his family went to live at his maternal home in Dehradun. He spent his childhood at a boarding school in Mussourie and later Shimla, in New Delhi with his father and after his father's passing, with his mother and stepfather in Dehradun. His schooling was from Bishop Cotton School in Shimla, where he started writing really early. He wrote one of his first short stories, *Untouchable*, at the age of sixteen. After high school he moved to the Channel Islands and London, where he continued writing, winning the John Llewellyn Rhys prize for his first novel, the semi-autobiographical, *The Room on the Roof*. After it got published he decided to move back to India.

He freelanced for a few years from Delhi and Dehradun, sustaining himself financially by writing short stories and poems for newspapers and magazines. He then moved

to Mussourie to be closer to the publishers in Delhi, happy to just make a basic living doing the work that made him happy. In the 190s when Penguin set up in India, they approached him to write some books. His interest in supernatural fiction led him to write his most popular titles like *Ghost stories from the Raj*. He always considered himself Indian, his long history with the country made him Indian in a way that race would not have. He started writing at 17 and has often said he would have continued to write even if he wasn't making any money doing it.

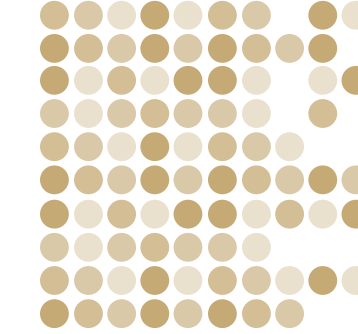
Most of his writing is influenced by his life in the hill stations in India, his life through the colonial, post-colonial, and post-independence phases of India. He considers himself a visual writer who imagines entire worlds like a movie when he writes. His lonely childhood turned his focus on writing and then later in life writing for children made him understand them better and live a childhood again through those writings. For his exceptional role in the growth of

children's literature in India, he was awarded the Padma Shri in 1999 and the Padma Bhushan in 2014. He has been the introduction to reading for children all across the world, weaving magical tales that transport them to another dimension altogether.





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Ramesh Taurani

Music Business on his Tips

Ramesh Taurani is one of the principal media industry veterans. He is the co-owner and managing director of one of the most successful corporate houses in the country in the field of films and music. Tips Industries limited is one of the biggest music labels in the world and has produced music and films for over two decades now. They also deal with film production, film promotion, and film distribution. Taurani is both the Managing Director and the Executive Director of Tips since 2005.

He was born into a middle-class Sindhi family in 1961. They had a shop called Jai Hind Electronics in Bombay in the 1980s which dealt in watches, radios, gramophone records, and pre-recorded audio cassettes of HMV, MIL, CBS, and Oriental. He also completed his graduation in Bachelors in Commerce from the Mumbai University around that time while working. They became the number one wholesalers for western India when Taurani was about 18 years of age. He then saw the market in the production and



sale of programmes on the LPs. That's when they founded Tips. They produced programmes in Hindi, Marathi, and Sindhi which generated great responses. Looking at the response they decided to get into music production. That's when their first major music release in Bollywood, "Patthar ke Phool" hit the market. In 1990, Tips set up its first manufacturing facility at Palghar, Maharashtra. Tips has a vast collection of albums with songs in most of the Indian languages. Along with film songs, they also produce devotional songs, Indian pop, instrumentals, Indian folk, Ghazals etc.

Tips has the highest number of platinum and gold discs compared to any other record label in India. They also have their dedicated set of distributors handling only Tips products. Its distributors promote and sell to over a thousand wholesalers who then sell to over 40000 retailers. This method of doing business is novel for India and brought great success to the company. Taurani is personally involved in producing musical software, purchase of audio rights, and coordinating with artists. Tips also has its International offices located in the United States, Dubai, and England where it operates via its licensees and also distributes in South Africa, Israel, and Malaysia. Taurani knew the risks involved every step of the way in this journey. But he had faith in his primary forte which was music and that made them confident of the decisions they took to take the company forward.

Once they had made their mark in the music business, the next step was getting into the production of films. They started with co-producing smaller movies and getting into film distributions for movies like Raja Hindustani, Coolie No. 1, etc., which



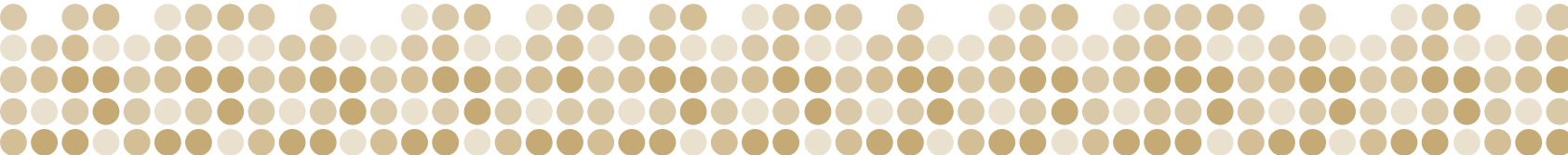
got them all the experience they needed to go ahead and then started producing films on their own. They came up with innovative marketing ideas, like putting up hoardings promoting the music in the movie. This marketing genius led to them churning out big releases like Raaz, Race, Soldier, The Legend of Bhagat Singh, Ajab Prem ki Gazab Kahani, etc. Tips owns about 3,500 titles, out of which around ten have had 10 million and 15 have grossed over 5 million in sales and about 20 have a million. They also hold the copyrights

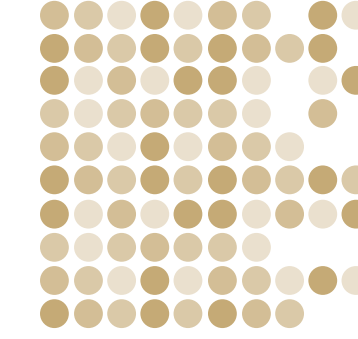
of soundtracks for about 50 Hindi movies, where the soundtrack of every movie costs about a million in USD and another million dollars is used for promotion purposes. They also later streamlined their business and started IPO which helped them grow a lot as a company.

Taurani credits his optimism and hard work as the push behind his success. He considers honesty and determination as very important qualities when working towards and achieving any goal. Through

thick and thin, the capacity to remain optimistic helped him get over all the highs and lows of his career. He remembers the hard times when they had been implicated in the tragic death of Gulshan Kumar. Their trust in the due process of the judiciary and faith in the truth got him over this tough time. These setbacks couldn't keep Taurani down because he kept faith in his honesty and in the country's judicial system. He believes his one ambition was to make films that people liked, that did well, and

were also commercially viable and he has had great success in achieving just that. His advice to anyone who wants to achieve success in their lives is to keep moving ahead over all obstacles with good intentions, to stay positive, and to not let setbacks throw you off. This ability to keep his focus on the work he does and remaining relevant by being the most innovative in his field is the reason he is the business genius we all want to emulate.





Ganpat Kothari

Weaving the path to Success

He moved to Bombay in 1984 after passing his 12th standard examinations with flying colours.

Ganpat Kothari is the founder and chairman of Kothari Fabtex, one of the biggest fabric manufacturers in the country. They are market leaders in the production of cotton blended fabrics. Their promise of total quality and reliable service at great prices puts them ahead of all other competition in their field with pioneering experience over 30 years and a strong base in Spinning, Weaving, and Processing. Mr. Kothari was born in Barmer Rajasthan, where his father was working in an umbrella factory. Since he was the eldest of four brothers, Kothari felt the onus of bettering their financial situation fell on him. He knew that his parents were struggling to fund the education of all four sons, so he moved to Bombay in 1984 after passing his 12th standard examinations with flying colours. He moved to Bombay to work and finish his studies at the same time. He worked in a clothing market and simultaneously pursued his graduation through



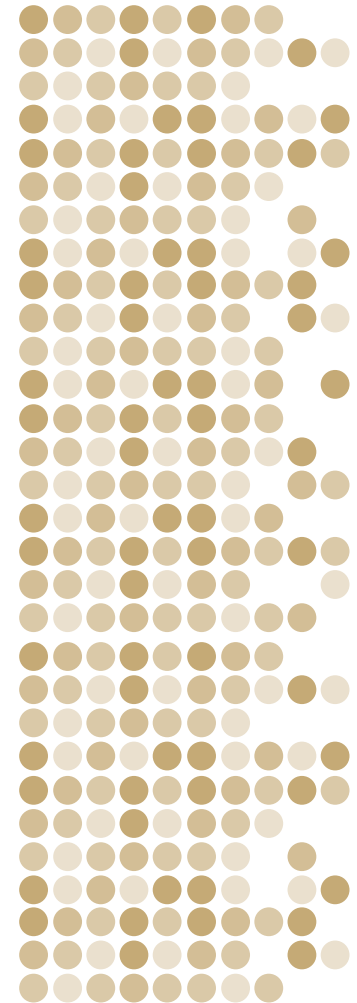
distance learning. He graduated in 1986 and continued to send money home to educate his younger brothers. His strong sense of purpose came from this responsibility that he had taken on himself. His dream was to give his family a better life and that fueled his passion for work.

In 1989 he started his own trading company. He would buy and sell as his pocket allowed and managed to start the business with very little capital investment. His hard work quickly bore results and his small

business started growing in no time. In 1993 his brother joined his business. He sent him to Rajasthan from where they sourced their fabric and he started handling that part. Their business began growing and soon in 1994, they put up a small processing unit. That's when his other two brothers joined him. One of them a CA and the other an engineer, the four brothers worked hard together and took the company to new heights. Mr. Kothari remembers how when in 1993 he was bedridden for a year, but

his brothers took over and made sure that the business did not suffer. The sense of purpose that had brought him to Bombay to help his family was also roaring in his brothers as they too put in all their efforts into growing their small business from the ground up. The family worked hard together and in 1995 they set up another plant in Bhiwandi, where they started to produce and process fabric. This brought down costs and helped them sell at cheaper rates. Their sales started going up day by day and they

were working pan India by 1998. By 2000 they had set up four plants in Rajasthan and had branched out in Tamil Nadu to produce thread. They became the biggest producers of Rubia cotton. Their sales today reflect the massive growth they were able to achieve in a short time span. They produce about 30 lakh meters of cloth every month and since most of it is pre-booked; they also sell that huge amount each month. They are proud of their 'made in India' tag. Their innovativeness has left competitors far



behind with exports to all parts of the world – USA, London, Kenya, Dubai, South Africa, Nepal, Sri Lanka, etc.

Kothari credits his family's support as being instrumental in his success. The brothers all worked hard together, taking over different parts of their business, like investments, financing, real estate, processing, spinning, etc. This helped the company grow in

various directions. The Kothari Group now has diversified to include the import of olive oil, production, publication, finance, and investment. This diversification in their business has brought them even more success, which is a testament to the work put in by the entire family.

Kothari considers intention, honesty, and hard work as the essential qualities required

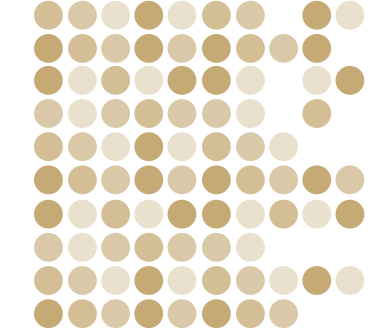


to succeed. Money is important for comfort but it isn't the end all be all. Visualizing a goal and then working towards it is all that is needed. Because there is no end to man's desires, it is only through actions and intentions that you can find satisfaction in a job well done. Instead of wanting more, a focus on your work, spirituality, family, and helping others brings you closer to true success. Mr. Kothari's spiritual leanings also

make him a philanthropist who is always looking to help others. He considers social work as a way to reach immortality. If you help others and their lives are in some way bettered by you that is akin to never die. He believes that we all must share what the world has given to us with others and that the service of the underprivileged should be everyone's true calling. That is what will give us peace and help satiate our soul.



Rama Mehta has clients all over the world like India, Kuwait, UK, Canada, the US, Ireland, Dubai, Bangladesh, and Egypt.



Rama Mehta

A Well-Known & Expert Nutritionist

Rama Mehta is a certified nutritionist for her Health is a prime concern as we all want to be healthy, disease-free, and live a long life. Health has many parameters for Rama Mehta from a healthy diet, regular exercise, spiritual growth, social and workplace balance, and environmental wellbeing. Rama Mehta feels that each parameter requires us to improve and change with changing times. Change is something we all desire yet it is difficult. Working for many years as a nutritionist made Rama Mehta much more aware of this struggle and even pushed her to look for ways to support all those who wish to improve their health. So as a nutritionist she basically focused on Indian diets and more plant-based diets and cultivate the habits of eating more vegetables and fruits to reduce the inflammatory response in the body and manage lifestyle challenges with better behaviors and attitudes and a better environment. Rama Mehta has clients all over the world like India, Kuwait, UK, Canada, the US, Ireland, Dubai, Bangladesh, and Egypt. In fact, when

Rama Mehta shifted to Kuwait five years back, she was indeed surprised and also heartbroken to find most of the Indians suffering from various lifestyle diseases like diabetes, heart diseases, cancer, high-stress levels. So Rama Mehta continued her work in the online space and decided to help as many people as possible. Years of working with diets, food, and diseases, and weight concern had made her acutely aware of the role of stress in the rise of lifestyle disorders and also to the fact that prescriptions are ineffective and have little influence as she feels that we live our stories every moment and the master storyteller is life. Our stories evolve as we keep taking steps forward. Each client whom she met had a very distinct story with the same goal of better health. So Rama Mehta's quest to make change easier made her more curious about behaviors and writing poetry made her aware of the role of creativity in better mental health. So Rama Mehta started exploring and accidentally came to know about psychodrama. Psychodrama is a tool



to enhance our creativity and our response to different situations in life and come up with a better solution or way forward.

Moreover, Rama Mehta witnessed and experienced tremendous behavior change while studying psychodrama. In fact, she started applying its tools in her practice. So she went one step further and decided to put up a drama using stories of her clients. She ended up finding an initiative named “Rangmanch se healthy”, a company or initiative to promote healthy behaviors, using drama and bring about change. She even managed to create a team of 20 people. She gave four of them a storyline and motivated them to write the script. None of the team members had any experience with writing, acting, or performing on stage. After they finished the script, Rama Mehta prerecorded all the dialogues and some of them became voice artists. They soon started practice. In fact, Rama Mehta had no clue how and where she will stage this drama but she kept on working. One of the team members’ husbands helped them to print the tickets and they booked a hall for the drama. They sold the tickets and recovered the cost. And ended up, performing the drama “Sapno Ke Pair”. It was highly appreciated and people even gave wonderful feedback about the impact and the message of the drama. So Rama Mehta managed to put the drama with zero financial investment, and then she got invited by the Kuwait chapter of “The institute of chartered accountants of India” on their annual general meeting for a talk on nutrition, and Rama Mehta put up the 2nd show of “Sapno Ke Pair” at Copthorne Kuwait. It was highly appreciated. Since then Rama Mehta kept on doing small drama workshops with her clients and

people got interested to explore the drama and the health connection. Rama Mehta had received wonderful feedback and a deep impact of drama on their behaviors. In fact, Rama Mehta was also invited by radio Kuwait Bangla to talk about how we can develop healthy eating habits in school-going children, how to make meals more nutritious, and the impact of drama on health behaviors. Rama Mehta believes in shared human experience and the impact of that sharing on the group to be more open towards change. The key area where drama impacts the health behaviors are Creative challenges to inspire: Using a true-life incident creating a story, a script, designing a social media clip, performing, and giving a strong message to improve health. Rama Mehta also feels that we learn best when we act out our thoughts and actions as it deeply impacts our minds and changes behaviors.

Rama Mehta’s thoughts on Imagination: Imagining, visualizing possible solutions while working in a group, brainstorming, and collectively make decisions. Planning: Creating a plan of action, deciding roles, selecting music and dance steps, integrating ideas, and working as a team Exploring and refining: The biggest learning is operating as a group and being open to each member’s idea to refine the act and promote deep bonding within the group. Owning responsibility: each member owns the responsibility to share work, finances, selling tickets, and learn the magic of disciplined work. Performing: to present your work and perform in front of an audience. It works deeply on self-confidence, enhancing abilities, and satisfaction of helping others creatively to enhance health. Developing Leaders: this entire process of



using creativity, imagination, planning, owning responsibility develops leadership qualities in each person and they lead change from the front. So Rama Mehta has observed a deep impact on behaviors and attitudes towards health after drama workshops. Rama Mehta also started her own podcasting in Hindi titled AAO BAAT Karen. It was an effort to make everyone share their thoughts in a very safe and nonjudgmental space and connect with others. Besides Rama Mehta is also an author of a poetry ebook called Khidkiyaan. A book she had ended up, writing and got published during a lockdown. Khidkiyaan: lockdown Ke Darmiyaan. She also writes on Medium as a writer for various publications.

That apart Rama Mehta’s latest project under “Rangmanch se healthy” now concentrates on working with children suffering from cancer, diabetes, and HIV to make them write stories, perform drama online and motivate each other with solutions that they think are the most effective. Rama Mehta is also talking to Camp rainbow and St. Jude child care services. She is hopeful to collaborate and help these children and their parents.

Lastly, Rama Mehta nominates himself for the “Indian Achievers Award” as she thinks that our health and environment are the most urgent and pressing issues at present. The answers lie in not only changing our behaviors but doing so with creativity, connection, and working together to help each other in this journey. Working in an online space makes her reach vast, though she is not able to help people on a vast scale yet she keeps on looking for opportunities to increase her reach and help many more country fellows whether they are in India

or any part of the world. As she wants to share a strong message with everyone that Health can be as simple as we choose it to be and when we are looking towards the change we need to go beyond words and transforming our stories by acting them out.

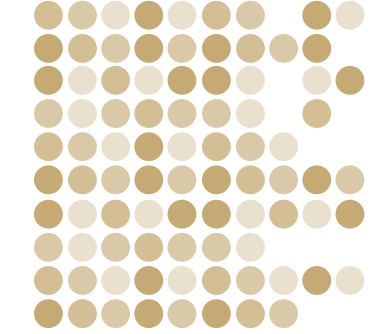
Rama Mehta ended up giving brief glance at her background of her growing up years she averred, “Being a banker’s daughter one lesson I learned quite early was accepting change and adjusting to the new environment and people around us after every three years dad would be posted to a new place. My childhood was spent in various cities and small towns of Haryana. When I was 8 years old my dad got posted to a Sainik school at Kunj Pura near Karnal. We were only two students in my class. The Sainik school campus was famous for lots of snakes. I still remember an incident when a green-colored flying snake got into our class and with great care and efforts, the school staff moved us out of the class. I learned that day that fear does freeze us but if we don’t’ not move it can kill us, taking needed actions can only save us. I was an introverted child, fond of listening more and speaking less. Being a hosteler taught me to be independent and taking small decisions which set our course and teach us to own responsibility.

Reliving some of her happy memories associated while achieving her goals Rama Mehta goes into a briefest descriptive mode, “Every a moment, where I succeeded to stay with the present moment, has been an achievement and cherished. Other times its efforts and step forward towards controlling my mind and thoughts.”

On coming clean as to what success ultimately means for her Rama Mehta expressed her parting shot, “Success is the

ability to hold oneself together when life decides to test you or pamper you, rest all is living the journey called life.”





Kirtee Siingh

The Brightly Lit Entrepreneur

He started his career with Kalpataru Group in Mumbai and soon made a name for himself, thanks to his innovative ideas.

Born on 1st April, Kirtee Siingh is a Mumbai-based Lighting designer, consultant, and ace entrepreneur. His impressive profile includes being the CEO of Foxworks Lights and Head Designer at Kirtee and Associates. He has to his credit designed some of the most beautiful bungalows owned by Bollywood stars and top business tycoons. His genius is also behind some of the most beautiful award-winning nightclubs, restaurants, and gymnasiums. He is the go-to lighting magician, with many tricks up his sleeve. He started his career with Kalpataru Group in Mumbai and soon made a name for himself, thanks to his innovative ideas. He is a student of mathematics, architectural lighting design, and business studies. These skill-sets all have merged together to make him a genius at his job, resulting in awe-inspiring designs. His love for Alexander Mc Queen and skulls showcase the edgy side of his design language, so does his love for Rock and Heavy Metal music. His love for machines, engineering, and design is also apparent in his love for superbikes



and cars. He loves working on complicated machines and truly enjoys every step of the exploration, from general maintenance to an engine rebuild. The laurels in his cap include various degrees, Bachelor of mathematics from Fergusson College India, a Post-Graduation in International Business from I.M.D.R. India, a Master's Degree in Marketing Management from

Pune University India, and a Master's Degree in Architectural lighting design from Hochschule Wismar Germany.

Kirtee Siingh came from a working-class family. His father was as Director at the health and family welfare department and his mother was a judge in state consumer court. His elder sister got married when he

was in 8th standard. So with his parents at work and him alone at home, his anxious mind started dismantling every electronic good possible in the house, be it T.V., or any lighting fixture. By the time he was in the tenth standard he was rebuilding electrical fuses for all his neighbors. At first, he wanted to do his graduation followed by an MBA, which was the exciting career choice of that

time, but thankfully he found a way to get to his passion. Initially, he had no clue that lighting could be a career until he started working with Kalpataru Group and tossed the idea that lighting could be a future business for them and that's where the journey began. His childhood had lit that spark of interest in him and he found a way to turn it into an entire career. He believes

that there are errands we are good at and we enjoy doing. All we need is the right entrepreneurial spirit to recognize it and make that a reality.

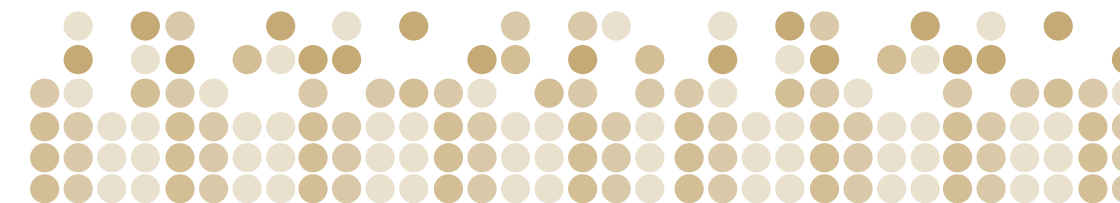
He is a nature lover who worships the sun every morning and believes that the universe got him where he is. There were hurdles in his journey as with any others. But his belief in destiny and his calling made sure that he took it all in his side and focused on how enriching and entertaining life could be. To him, success means attaining a state of mind where one achieves an absolute realisation of the fact that this universe will serve you with abundance and you are up for only good things. He considers his journey to have been an enriching experience. But it has also come from prioritizing and working hard.

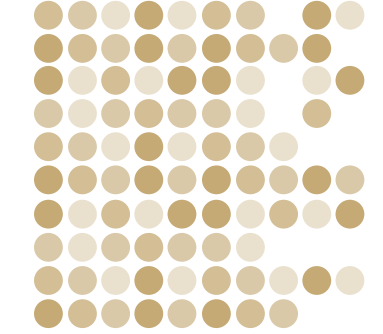
When he was starting to work his primary goal had always been money propped up by his observations in school where he studies with some of the richest kids in the city. But the more money he made, the more he realized that it cannot be the primary goal of one's life. This made his passion for work come alive and take over. He concentrated

on his craft and kept on persevering and doing his bit. This made sure that success didn't go to his head and failures didn't bring him down. He doesn't believe in measuring his career in milestones but rather just in trusting and loving the journey your passion takes you on.

Kirtee Siingh remembers being a spoilt brat who was only interested in fun, but graduation in Mathematics and realization of responsibilities changed all that. He started working part-time and studying. Thus studying for 10 hours followed by 7 straight hours at work became a daily schedule of his life. He still laughs at the fact that he used to carry a pencil to his bathroom so he could solve a sum on the walls during his shower.

He was in no hurry to succeed and knew it would take some time, but he loved the work so it never seemed hard or daunting. His love for his work, patience, and faith made the hardships roll off his crest. He gives entire credit to the universe for showing this path to him and thus if he ever had to redo anything, he would do it the same way with no changes and no regrets.





Talat Aziz

Ghazal Maestro

Talat Aziz is one of our most popular legendary Ghazal singers. He was born on 11 November 1956 in Hyderabad. His father was a respected Urdu poet and writer. The family house was a cultural hub when Mr. Aziz was a young boy. Famous artists like Janisar Akhtar, Balraj Sahni, and Meena Kumari would come to their house after Mushairas and there would be a Mehfil almost every Saturday in their home which was known for exceptional hospitality. He was exposed to various different artists and art forms at that young impressionable age. He was extremely fond of music from that early a time, but never thought he'd ever make it a profession. His father arranged for him to be trained in music by Ustad Samad Khan and later by Ustad Faiyyaz Ahmed Khan.

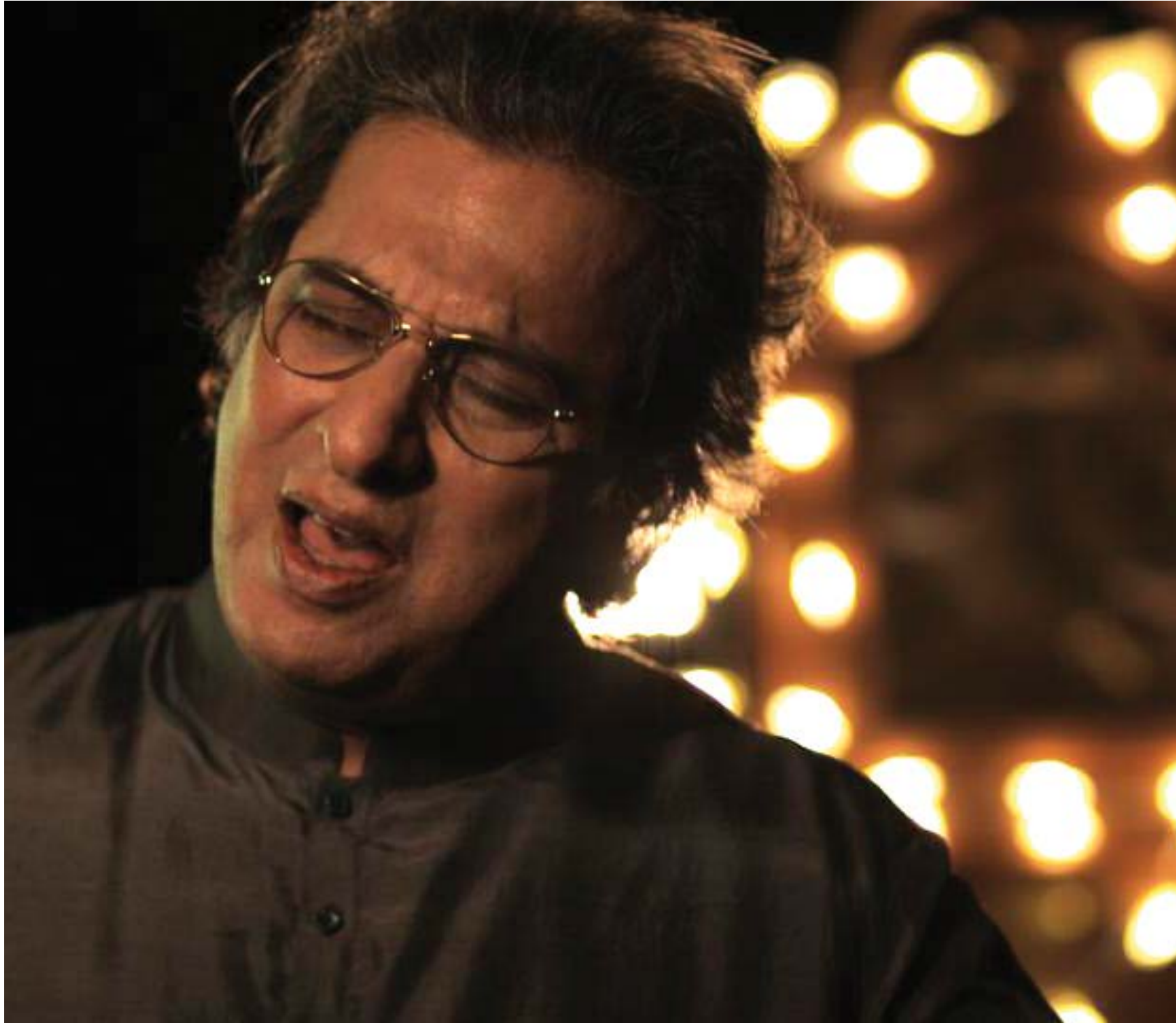
During his schooling, his passion for music got overshadowed by cricket for a while when he was picked up by a National coach who was impressed with his pace. He got to play with a lot of cricketing legends like Nawab Pataudi in those cricketing days. He

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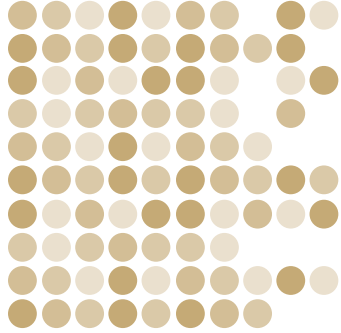
spent six hours a day practicing and still found time to continue his music lessons. Somewhere around that time, he met the brilliant Jagjit Singh who took him to Bombay, where he realized that music was where his heart was set. The moment that changed his life was to come in 1977 when he was in Toronto visiting relatives. He had done some small shows and earned a little bit of money which became his first taste of professional music. He was taken to a Mehfil where he would meet his idol who he had only heard so far. In that room was the incomparable Mehdi Hassan. He got introduced to him and after he had heard him and spent some time with him the miracle happened, Mehdi Hassan Saab asked him if he would like to learn from him. Mr. Aziz couldn't believe his luck. He tied the ganda which is the ceremonial thread binding teacher and pupil of Ustad and shagird. This solidified his relationship with the man who would not only be his teacher but also a father figure and a friend. They toured together in 1989 in India and abroad and shared the stage, which became a classroom for him.

He then moved to Bombay where he started to make friends in the music circle. He remembers going to India's primary music label HMV's offices with Anoop Jalota to try and get an audition. Those were his struggling days where happiness was having Rs.50 so he could go to Martin's Dhaba and have his favorite chicken vindaloo and rice. He could have given up the struggle and been more comfortable back home but he chose to stay for his dream. He never got that audition, but soon he was signed with Universal music for three years. He released his first album in 1980 which he had Jagjit Singh compose for



him. It was named "Jagjit Singh presents Talat Aziz", which was just to be the first of many successful releases. He had also met Khayyam who promised to ask him to sing when he had the right movie in mind. That's when he got his first playback song for the legendary "Umrao Jaan" with the song "Zindagi jab bhi teri bazm me laati hai hume". He then also got a chance to sing live with Lata Mangeshkar for the movie "Bazaar". "Daddy" by Mahesh Bhatt became his first film where he sang all the songs for the movie. He also composed for the serial "Sailaab", where Jagjit Singh sang one of his compositions, officially bringing things full circle. By then he was touring all over the world and singing for movies and releasing albums one after the other. He was also asked to act in some serials and also a film with Mahesh Bhatt showcasing his versatility as an artist. He remembers fondly about performing for the then PM Atal Behari Vajpayee in a private mehfil for his closest friends. The PM heard him for more than two hours and then sat right next to him and chatted as friends. These moments that peppered his life made his career the bright star that it is. He also considers his wife his guiding force. Bina Aziz his wife is a famous painter who he calls not just his backbone but the kafiya to his radif, which is the part of the ghazal that makes the other complete. He considers her his strength, his backbone. His two sons, one actor and one lawyer turned photographer is also his source of pride. They are the music that keeps him going. He is also giving back by teaching the Mehdi Hassan School of singing in online classes which have been an increasingly satisfying and successful venture. So we can hope to have more soulful music coming our way.





Shekhar Naik “Padma Shri”

Real Inspirational Determination

Shekhar Naik born on 7 April 1986 is an Indian blind cricketer and the captain of the Indian national blind cricket team. He is a right-handed batsman and also a wicketkeeper who captained India to victories at the T20 blind cricket world cup in 2012 and the blind cricket world cup in 2014. In 2017 he was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour.

Mr. Naik was born in a nomadic Banjara family in Arakere in Southern Karnataka. He was the son of a farmer and his mother and 15 other members of the family were visually impaired. Mr. Naik was born completely blind, but when he injured his head after a fall at the age of seven, doctors realized that his eyesight had the possibility of getting better. He was taken to a health camp and then subsequently operated on in Bangalore, restoring 60% of his vision in his right eye.

His mother would take him to school and leave him there to grasp what he could, but after his surgery and the unfortunate passing of his parents, he finally found the right education for him at the Shri Sharada Devi School for the blind at Shimoga in 1997 as an 11-year-old in grade 1. He started playing cricket at this school. He told his mother of his desire to play cricket, a victory over all the times that the kids in his village had teased him and not let him play. His mother told him that she had done her job

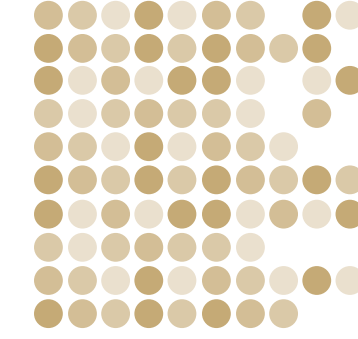
by getting him into the school and now it was his responsibility to decide what he wanted to do and do well. He was completely taken in by the game, playing all day and watching matches even when he had exams. He lost his loving and devoted mother after six months of being in the school. Losing both parents at such a young age could have broken anyone. But, Mr. Naik chose to deal with his grief by working even harder.

He practiced hard and waited for tournaments with bated breath. He would envision his future and play out all his dreams. His hard work soon paid off and in 2000 playing state-level cricket he scores 136 runs in 46 balls. This helped him get his confidence up and get selected for the Karnataka team. His first professional hurdle came when during a coaching camp his love for cricket became difficult for the first time. He had to wake up at 5.30 am and spend the day on a grueling schedule. But as all other hurdles life threw at him, he decided to bear it and use it to his advantage. He got selected as the opening batsman and his first time playing in a stadium; he scored 249 runs in a one-day match. He was doing extremely well professionally, but he now had to take care of himself. He worked during the vacations and with that money continued to support himself.

In 2001 Shekhar Naik won the man of the series award in an under 18 tournament, which played a big role in him getting him selected for the world cup in 2002. He went on to be named man of the tournament in the 2006 world cup and would then go on to be made Captain in 2010. He scored 134 runs in 58 balls against England and won the inaugural T20 world cup in 2012 and then led the team to victory in the 2014 cricket world cup. In 2017 he became the first Blind cricketer to be awarded the Padma Shri, which just goes to show that any and all adversity has no choice but to bow down in the face of great determination.



In 2017 he was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian honour.



Akshay Kashyap

Achieving Global Dreams

Akshay Kashyap is the founder and Managing director of Greenfuel. He is an Advisory Committee member of ARAI for CNG Application, Member of ACMA-STDC (Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India - Sustainable Technology Development Committee), member of IM-TAG (Inter-Ministerial Technology Advisory Group) with Govt. of India for Electric vehicles. Also, Advisory Board member of Sidhu Labs, the USA on advanced Li-Ion batteries and a member of The Entrepreneurs' Organization, New Delhi.

Greenfuel was awarded as "The largest and most innovative company for CNG vehicle components" by the Ministry of Road and Transport in the year 2014. He was recognized by India Today and awarded for "Make in India Emerging Entrepreneur Award" in the field of Automobile for the year 2018. Greenfuel has won "Technology First Runner" in EV at ASSOCHAM in 2019. Recently Greenfuel has won "Supplier of the year" at the TATA Motor Vendor Meet 2019.



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Akshay began his schooling in Bishops School Pune till Class 5th standard. His father was in Thermax till they moved back to Delhi when he started his father started their own Business in Piping and Power. Akshay graduated in 1996 from Gyan Bharati School Delhi. He excelled academically in school and was good at most of the sports. Akshay was very attached to his mother. His Great Grandfather started the first company in India for Geometry boxes called “Globe”. The brand became the benchmark in the industry for geometry boxes and manufactured over 10 million geometry boxes annually.

Later Akshay Kashyap achieved a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engg. from Florida Institute of Technology, USA, and graduated “With Honors” in the year 2001. He also attended a short-term course on “Elevating Finance and Operations from The Wharton School”. He worked for 3 years in Cleveland, Ohio. Later in 2006 October, he started his own Entrepreneurial venture, Greenfuel Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd with his own capital of Rs. 25 lakhs and five employees. The primary objective was to Engineer and supply components for vehicles running on natural gas (CNG). In 2016, Greenfuel ventured into designing & manufacturing Li-ion battery packs for e-mobility & Energy Storage. Today the company has over 140 employees and a Market share of 37% in CNG components.

Akshay Kashyap aims at creating a positive impact on the transition of Mobility to a net Zero Carbon future. Their first achievement was getting the order of the Tata Marco Polo Low Floor buses from the Delhi Government. These buses have



now completed over 1.5 billion kilometres in the field without a single failure of the product. The second milestone must be of Greenfuel being selected as a key supplier to Maruti Suzuki in the year 2010, where they have now supplied over 8,00,000 products without a single case of product failure or

warranty return. These are distinctions that are unique to our company and cannot be claimed by anyone in India. The biggest hurdle the company ever faced was to change the mindset and preset notions that exist in the customer’s minds — CNG and electric are about the future. In 2006, in

India, there were primarily buses that were made by OEMs and they had problems with their fuel systems. Akshay had worked with a company in the USA for 3 years, where he got great exposure to vehicles using CNG systems across the world and was also involved in preparing the safety-

standards of these components. When he came back to India, I saw an opportunity here where the industry was at a nascent stage and felt that he could provide products that are well-priced, extremely reliable, and with a zero-defect rate.





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A woman of Strength and Integrity

Dr. Harbeen Arora is a multifaceted personality. A Thought Leader, Global Icon & Visionary for Women, Businesswoman, Philanthropist, Author, Humanitarian, Spiritual Seeker, and Compelling Speaker she exudes strength and simplicity through her work.

Dr. Harbeen Arora is the Founder of ALL, WEF, SHEconomy, and WICCI. With a powerful global network of 250,000 women and supporters across 120 countries and growing toward 'Mission Million,' these international platforms and ecosystems enable women and leaders from all walks of life to expand business opportunities and enhance personal influence through networking for personal and professional growth while being inspired by some of the world's most successful entrepreneurs, authors, thought leaders and celebrities through a mammoth movement of "Sisters Beyond Borders," for our greater exchange and "Business Beyond Borders

A business leader with a great affinity for philanthropy, culture, and peace, Dr. Arora has vast experience with promoting: ancient heritage of traditional handlooms and crafts; tourism, arts and culture; international trade & ties, business collaborations, and partnerships; conflict resolution and peacebuilding. She is the author of three books on the subjects of creative living, human values, and higher education viz. *Creative Living: Discovering your Beautiful Path and Lifestyle toward Happiness and Well-being; *The Seven Sacred Sai Values Innate in Every Human Being: How to Apply Them in Our Daily Lives for Happiness, Peace and Well-being; and *Dawn of a New Vibrant India.

Born in Delhi in a humble Sikh family in 1974, Harbeen grew up with great focus on education, values and spirit of service. She completed her Bachelor's degree in Economics from Delhi University and achieved a Masters from King's College London University





and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA), and PhD from Sorbonne Nouvelle, University of Paris III.

She had working parents who raised Harbeen and her brother with values of education and responsibility. They inculcated various virtues like no gender bias and hard work in their children and were made to share their chores. Hence Harbeen always grew up to be an independent woman. She was taught to balance responsibility and team work at an early age. She also learned about the importance of having endless reserves of positive energy and resilience. When Harbeen faced gender bias in the outer world it came as a shock to her but this germinated thoughts of working and doing something for women in her later years of life and to understand the depth of discriminatory biases that withheld women in economy and society. A seeker who was passionate about working and learning she set out to achieve her dreams. It was finally in 2000 that realization struck her when she did her M.Phil and PhD from Paris. She did not know a word of French but managed to pull through with honours.

In 2011 Harbeen finally decided to unite All the women of the world with All Ladies League (ALL), followed by the Women Economic Forum (WEF) which has 41 global editions across 25 countries. She also instituted business and industry chamber Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (WICCI) that gives policy recommendations to the government from time to time which is now a global e-commerce marketplace for our global community, SHEconomy.

Through her work, she now has a network of 250,000 women and supporters



connected worldwide including 60,000 in India. Harbeen says that her guiding spiritual mantra is “Love ALL, Serve ALL.” For her success is about awakenings and openings, about finding doors. With her never say die attitude Harbeen has managed to conquer the world through her grit and determination.

Dr.Arora is also the Chancellor of Rai University in Ahmadabad, Rai Technology University in Bangalore, and Jharkhand Rai University in Ranchi, India. The universities focus on educating youth from underserved sections of society especially in fields of farming and agriculture, empowering local livelihoods and capacity building. She is also the author of three books: on higher education, human values, & creative living.

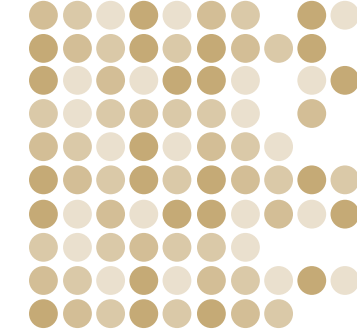
Harbeen Arora is also the founder of BIOAYURVEDA, organic health, and wellness enterprise. She also leads ventures in hi-tech agriculture, organic farming, and sustainable living.

Recognised and lauded for her work across India and Internationally, Dr. Harbeen Arora has received many accolades for her relentless and selfless leadership and exalted vision of women empowerment with peace, parity, and prosperity for All. She was listed among the top 100 Most Reputable People on Earth by Reputation Poll in 2019. She was honored by the Evolutionary Business Council, the USA as a Global Impact Leader. She was honored by the President of Egypt at the World Youth Forum 2018. She has been felicitated for Excellence in Women Empowerment by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce and received the National Award for Social Entrepreneurship and Education by Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry in India.





**“Leadership is not
About POWER
but it’s about
EMPOWERING
People.”**



Dr. Megha Sharma

Dr Megha Sharma says that in the world of business, there is no male or female, just an entrepreneur. If you have stepped out of your comfort level to face the world as an entrepreneur, be unique, exploit your own potential, and do not use feminism as a tool to gain sympathy or success in the business world as this won't help sustain for long.

Dr Megha Sharma, a renowned name in the corporate world hails from Chandigarh, a traditional Punjabi family. She has been an iconic figure for the corporate world in women's entrepreneurship. She always dreamt of becoming an independent woman, giving tuitions to lower grades since she was in grade 9. She started working in Airtel (Telecom Service Provider) as a sales executive during her teens and during her graduation and post-graduation, she worked for Airtel, Reliance Infocom, and Dell International Services. Having gotten married while pursuing her MBA in marketing and finance, she later shifted her job to GE Money as a

finance professional and Religare Finvest was the last job as National Strategy Manager (Collections).

In 2013, she shifted to Pune and actually took 6 months to decide “What's Next” and then finally decided to turn a passion for traveling into her second career as a Travel Consultant. She started the company Travel Krafterz a travel company specializing in corporate, individuals, and group tours in 2013. In 2017, she co-founded a start-up “Toogle” which is a B2B tech aggregator which connects the unconnected in the travel industry.

While talking about major challenges, she shares that she got bankrupt thrice and despite multiple job offers and no background in business, she persevered. Now, not only she is called a Networking Queen but also “No Madam” because she firmly believes that the more No you say the better it is because you set the right expectations to the people. People trust her words and what she says.





Apart from Travel Krafterz, Dr Megha Sharma is the Founder/Co-Founder of the following start-ups.

- 1. Toogle Travel Pvt Ltd (Titzanz) - a Travel networking company
- 2. Vempowerall – A Start-up Safar
- 3. XNO world - A digital marketing company

“Second Innings” is a concept initiated by Dr Megha Sharma, wherein she is helping the women who left their career due to some reasons or who are going through a rough patch in their life to be independently successful and start afresh their career with her network in the travel fraternity. She has enabled over 300+ women in taking the leap to strengthen their careers while mentoring them to face all challenges.

She also founded the First TITANZ NGO in 2017, a non-profit education project that provides after-school tutoring to children from low-income communities. She also tied up with NGOs in Mumbai and Pune like Asha Sadan and Asha Daan, Mother Teresa Missionaries and contributed food and clothing, and other basic necessities to the children and women staying there on a regular basis.

In the recent movement of “Me Too”, she started the concept of “Me Durga” wherein they highlighted the success stories of women entrepreneurs in the travel industry who were supported by their family/ friends/industry colleagues, showcasing how the travel industry is a safe and diverse industry for women.

She says “If you are passionate about what you do, it brings out your best” She has earned global recognition for her dedication and commitment to women equality and women empowerment in the entrepreneurial space.

charity and noble causes of taking care of 3 underprivileged girl's education and the annual expenses of a sick sex worker for the last two years.

In October 2018, Megha started the idea of a Travel and Beauty Pageant for women from the travel industry under the Brand “Ms. Travel IKON”. This was the first-ever travel beauty and talent pageant in the entire world, the entire focus of this concept was to empower the women to explore their talent and overcome their shortcomings. To groom them in Public Speaking, Personality Development, Training Skills, and Group Discussion, to help in their existing business and also make them more confident.

She is also part of my NGOs, which are mentioned below:-

1. CAUSE FOUNDATION: Involved with this foundation for the last three years, she is the Global Marketing Director of CAUSE foundation. The vision of the foundation is to have a safe environment for children and women from Sexual Abuse and non-sexual violence. The mission of the foundation is to empower individuals, families, communities, and society with prevention and intervention skills to reduce the occurrence of CHILD AND WOMEN sexual abuse and heal its psychological, social, sexual, and physical consequences.

2. Kendriya Manav Adhikar Suraksha Sangathan Delhi (India) – Global Marketing Director: - Kendriya Manav Adhikar Suraksha Sangathan is a non-profitable, non-religious, non-political trust in Rajasthan which promotes the Human Rights Protection Act which was passed by the Indian Government in 1993.

3. Ambika Foundation: -Global Marketing Director - Ambika Foundation is a philanthropic organization formed in 2015, registered in Odisha that works in the field of health, nutrition, education, human rights, environment, and upliftment of poor and underprivileged women and children.

She has been awarded 3 Honorary doctorates for her contributions to society especially in the field of human rights, education, and philanthropic services.

These days she is promoting her project of “Cup of Life” which aims to spread awareness in women from different backgrounds about the importance of menstrual hygiene and menstrual cups. It focuses on the idea that menstrual cups are no longer a product used by the rich, but can be afforded by others too.

She has also started RISE (Recommend Interview Shortlist Employed) which is a virtual job fair that aims to help job seekers from specially-abled and unemployed segments of the society.

She also started a legacy project for Mental Awareness- “Speak Out” - Rotarians a Call Away. Anyone going through any suicidal thought and wish to talk to a person can call Rotarians from 18 countries who had taken a pledge to hear the person and be a friend to him.

Dr Megha is a proud mother of a 9-year-old son. Having been a National Level fencing player herself, she encourages her son to be active and follow a sport-driven schedule. She believes in balancing work and personal life as a doting wife and loving mother at home and encourages an active and holistic lifestyle. Her supportive husband

and mother have been instrumental in her being able to be successful in her endeavors.

Dr Megha Sharma has been bestowed with the following awards in the last few years.

1. Awarded, Recognized, and Featured among India's Top Professionals and shared space with most eminent personalities like Hon. Shiv Nadar, Neeta Ambani, Gauri Khan, and many more renowned personalities.

2. Indian Achievers among Top 40 under 40 for the year 2020 by The India Achiever's Club.

3. Top Influential Corporate Leaders – 40 Under 40 by Business Mint – Nationwide Awards

4. Recognized and Awarded as one of the Dynamic Women Entrepreneurs 2020, Uk, London, at the London Parliament by Swabhiman India Foundation, BBMG Nobel Awards among other Indian awardees residing all over the world.

5. First International Award and Recognition – The Tourism Entrepreneurs International Women Award 2019 at Nepal.

6. Rotary Vocational Excellence Awards 2019 for empowering women in the travel industry.

7. Serial Entrepreneur of the Year – Women Category – Business Mint, Goa, 2019

8. Brand Icon Awards 2019, Leading Travel Networking Organization in India – Toogle Travel Pvt Ltd

9. Awarded as Top Women in Travel and Events in Woman's Glory Award Pune Edition 2018

10. Honoured by Global Tourism Council in

Egypt for being a revolutionary in Travel Industry in 2018.

11. WOW – Multi-Faceted Personality of the Year 2017

12. Featured in LAJA, a magazine covering Inspiring and Successful stories of Woman Empowerment.

13. India's 5000 Best MSME Awards 2017 of India5000, 2017 Awards

Megha's Social Associations: -

1. Rotary Club of Pune Kalyani Nagar, Rotary International

President – 2020-2021

International Service Director, 2019-2020

2. YLF - Young Leader's Forum (Youth Wing of IMC)

Core Team – Event Operations, Youth Conclave

Core Committee Member – Youth Conclave.

3. Toastmasters International, District 98

Vice President –Education - Stellar Toastmasters Club, 2020-2021

Vice President – PR – Stellar Toastmasters Club, 2019-2020.

Member – Toastmasters United, 2020-2021, First Online Club in D98 and First Club in India with members from multiple districts from across the club.

4. Life Member of BIA – Bombay Industries Association

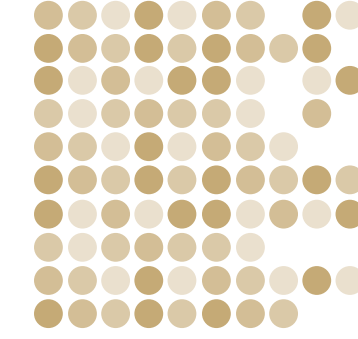
5. Ambassador for SDG Choupal which is backed up by WHO and UN.

In the end, we would like to say that Megha has developed a flair for being a woman of choices rather than accepting

life like common folk. Coming from a family with no support and guidance, it is a testament to her talent and zeal that she reached the Zenith in Entrepreneurship and Globalisation.

Megha says, “Women Leaders are best decision-makers in providing greater accountability in the entrepreneurship sector.”





Dr. Santosh Sonawane

A Visionary Leader

Dr Santosh Sonawane, is a dynamic management professional, a visionary leader, a charismatic entrepreneur and one of the youngest leaders of the GMV Group and the creator of GMV India.

Dr. Santosh Sonawane is a doctorate in Work Life Leadership, Mechanical Engineer and MBA from Mumbai University. He carries over 18 years of industry experience with large successes on International grounds. He was the only sponsored student of his B-school for doing Internship in Japan. He is also a merit rank holder in Scholarship Exams of 1982. He is a Marathon Runner who participates in TATA HALF MARATHON every year in Mumbai.

He has worked with companies like Raymond, Gala Precision and H & R Johnson. He was heading 50:50 JV with US based company of Raymond Ltd. He was Associate Vice President with Gala Precision Engineering Ltd. He was heading Gala's Shanghai Unit in China.

He was honoured with a National Award of Young Entrepreneur with Gold medal in 2015 in New Delhi. He has published various articles on Management in many national and international accredited Magazines.

As a part of GMV India's, CSR activities his team had donated food to migrant workers and Sanitizers & PPE kits to Sion hospital in a 3-day drive during April. In recognition of our efforts, we received Covid 19 Warriors-Janaseva Puraskar and Certificate by His Excellency Hon/ble Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari "The Governor of Maharashtra" at Raj Bhawan, Mumbai on 27th Nov 2020 by The Department of Community Medicine & Social Service Department of Sion Hospital. Dr. Sonawane has been extremely humbled by the honour received by GMV India; he says "it makes him happy that the team has been receiving such appreciation and recognition."

Dr. Santosh Sonawane completed his Mechanical Engineering and MBA from the University of Mumbai. Being

Covid 19 Warriors-Janaseva Puraskar and Certificate by His Excellency Hon/ble Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari "The Governor of Maharashtra"



a bright student his parents were supportive of his future endeavours. He was the only sponsored student from the Business School to have done an internship in Japan.

He achieved - a merit rank in the Maharashtra Government Scholarship Examination in the year 1982. He wrote multiple articles of management which were published. At the age of 20, he implemented the 'Clean & Build India' which was undertaken at Nerul Navi Mumbai. He later completed his Ph. D in management topic of "Leadership in Work-Life Balance". He also is a passive Marathon Runner who participates in Tata Half Marathon every year in Mumbai including various other Marathons.

Dr. Santosh was very determined in Setting New Business Units, securing employee loyalty and Forging a strong business relationship with external business factors. During his professional assignments, he has helped companies to earn immeasurable Profits.

He is very passionate about helping businesses grow & setting them up in new geographies. He genuinely loves helping others achieve their goals. As a business mentor, he has seen and experienced the difference and the benefits, this support has made to the people. He believes that such passion extends directly to all his customers. He believes that ideally to grow you need people in your business that are passionate about what you do and deliver. When they are clear about what their purpose is and how it fits into the business, this thought in young minds makes him happier to help them.

After he completed his Management studies in Operations, Santosh Sonawane got a chance to work internationally, in Shanghai, China as an Assistant General Manager for Gala Precision Components Shanghai Limited. This gave him the huge exposure to the mindset of the international companies & an insight especially towards Chinese works culture which is very apt in developing new technologies & products. This Chinese experience helped him in evolving as 'Global Business Leader.' Later, he was promoted to AVP Operations in the same company due to his strong performance.

Much later he went on to join REP India that is a Raymond subsidiary as the UNIT Head (General Manager). Here he found a challenging job to set-up an entire plant of automobile components right from construction to start of operations. It was an uphill task to manage the contractors & get everything done within the set budget. But he successfully managed to get everything done on time & within the budget. It was an immense learning opportunity for him.

In May 2012, I joined GMV Spa as an Executive Director & was given the entire responsibility of handling GMV India PVT Ltd. Hydraulic elevators were a new concept in India at that time. Later In 2016, I was promoted to CEO of South East Asia, Gulf and India.

But Dr. Sonawane was not satisfied. He was more interested in the concept of 'Make in India' via our Global Product- Local Distributor which we call GLOCAL. So, he extended our local reach in India in different states. The first invoice was raised on 11th Jan 2013 & the company has achieved a CAGR of 48.31% in 20-21. He has managed to keep



it a profitable & debt-free organisation. He developed successful footprints in South-East Asia, UAE & Bahrain. GMV India is the most successful subsidiary of the GMV Group.

In the same year GMV Pvt. Ltd. also received "Rashtriya Udyog Sanman Puraskar" along with a Gold Medal from "ISIID" at the 17th National Seminar as an "Outstanding Contribution to National Progress and World Peace" in New Delhi, on 16th Dec 2015.

His motto is that "If goals are driven by the passion to help others, they become more meaningful". More than the goals, he says he has enjoyed the process of achieving the milestones. He says that his Marathon runs have taught him an important lesson

to 'Stretch your Limitations' to get the most out of any situation. The joy of learning is where he received his values. Most of his happy memories are from his growing up years and notable achievements that have happened over the years for the companies he has worked with. Many of these happy memories are associated with awards and appreciation, received while leading GMV India.

Dr. Santosh Sonawane believes in being a team-player and is hugely influenced by movies such as Lagaan and Chak de India. His passion is to learn and teach team management by playing under junior subordinates to understand their perspective

and to develop them as future leaders.

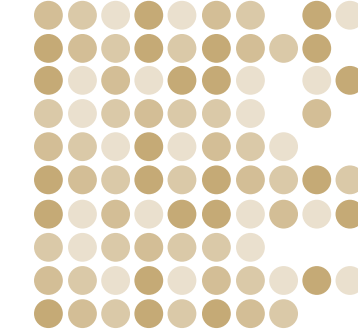
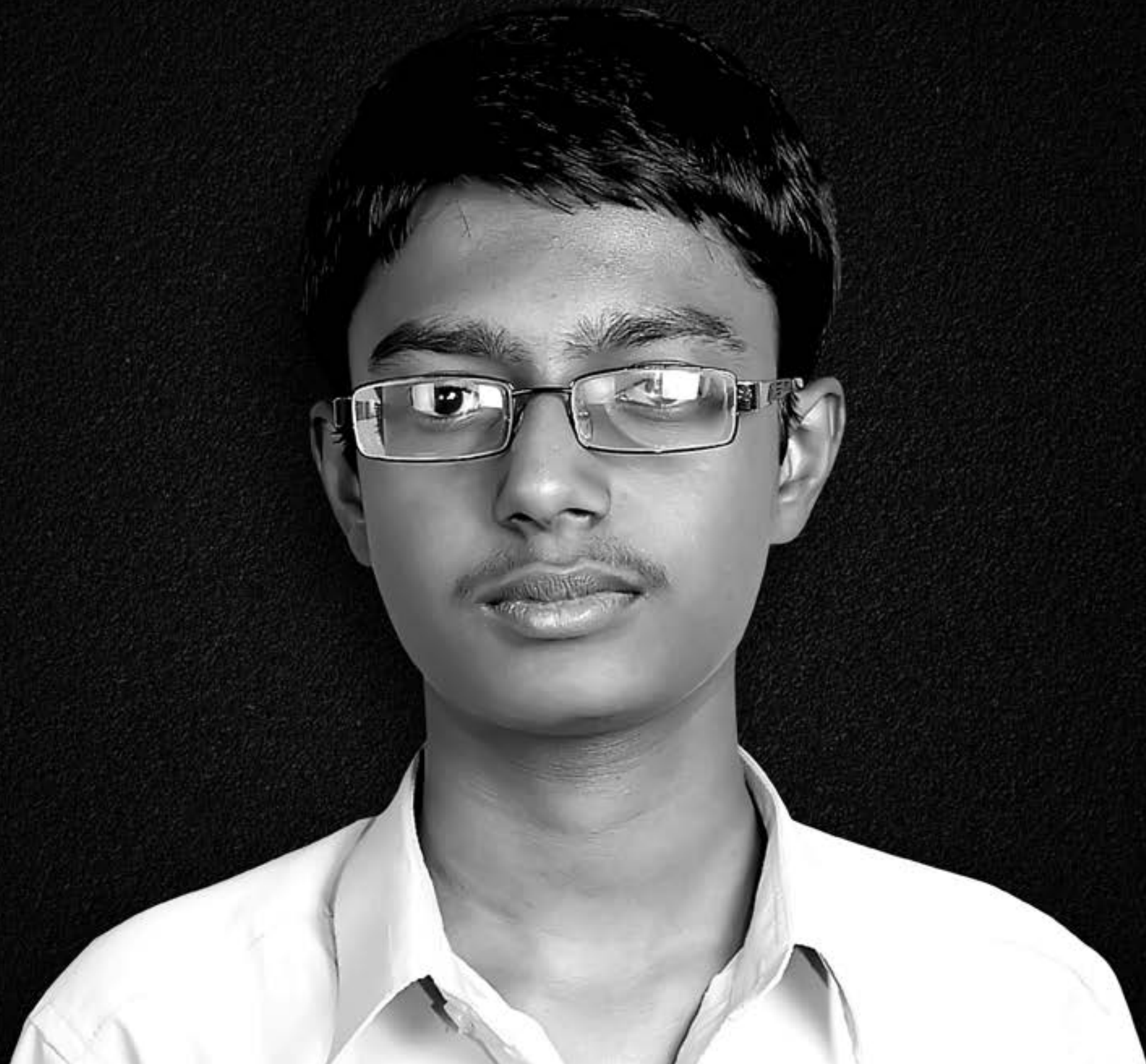
He is also a staunch believer of IQ, EQ & PPF (professional, personal & family goals). In his opinion every person has a multi-faceted role to play in the society. Your aspirations & dreams are the professional facet; your individual growth & development are the personal facet; your family & dear ones or your community is the family facet. Each side must be balanced to lead a happy life.

When GMV was new to India, the concept of hydraulic lifts was unknown. Educating people about the benefits of hydraulic lifts over conventional lifts seemed like a task. Another challenge was to set-up a web of distributors throughout India. India is one of

the fastest-growing markets in real estate and infrastructure, hydraulic elevators were readily accepted because of their benefits over conventional ones. Slowly and gradually, they created a network of distributors, which has created opportunities for many entrepreneurs.

He says "Success is a struggle; it will not come overnight but when it does you won't realize it. Achieving one feat on top of the other needs hard work. It looks easy sitting on the CEO's seat, but what goes behind it is determination, a never give up attitude, yep that is success. Personal Growth and acceptance of who you are."





Tenith Adithyaa

The Young Trendsetter

Tenith Adithyaa is a man who has donned many hats at a very young age. Tenith is a serial innovator, Scholar, teenage scientist, researcher, software developer, motivational speaker, science campaigner, professional coin collector and above all he holds a Guinness world record and is a teacher at the age of 20, who has made 19 inventions.

Tenith has achieved great heights as the CEO of Tenith Innovations. Not only that he is Founder of Altru Social Network, Founder, Lets Innovate Youth Movement, also a President of International Science Federation, Chairman of Altru Innovation Centre

Tenith started experimenting at the age of 6 and created his first invention at age 10. He developed 19 inventions under the age of 18 including the world's first cellular enhancement technology to create organic augmented biomaterial. 'Banana Leaf Technology', an eco-friendly tech that preserves leaves and organic biomaterial for a year

without the use of any chemicals makes a viable material alternative for both plastic and paper which greatly reduces climate change and plastic epidemic which bagged 'International Environment Award', the highest honor for environmental works and led an invitation to Parliament of Netherland.

Just 22 year old this young lad from Virudhnagar (Chennai) is an Indian entrepreneur and at the same time is also an inventor and social activist. As the founder of the social innovation movement 'Lets Innovate youth', he empowered more than 89,000 youths worldwide since 2010. For his contribution in science, he was awarded as the first 'Innovation Scholar' of India, the highest honor for grassroots innovators and professional inventors in the nation. He is the first Indian to receive the 'International Young Inventor Award', the highest honor for civilian inventors. He was also awarded 'International Youth Creative Award', the highest honor for civilians under 30 by Kingdom of Bahrain

Being part of the global scientific community, he functions as an international jury and an academic consultant overseeing scientific innovations. Autogenous Deep Intelligence AI and Altru Social Network are also his brainchildren. He has bagged international reputation and numerous awards for his scientific contribution and social services..

Starting his scientific journey at 2nd grade, Tenith spends most of his time in his lab to come up with various solutions and innovations that could help the society at large. While lying on the hospital bed, he told his parents, 'Science needs sacrifice', which frightened his parents so much that they never allowed him to work with chemicals thereafter. But, truly dedicated to his passion towards science, he continued his research.

So far Tenith has won 21 International Awards, 10 National Awards, 14 State Awards, 5 international awards and holds a Guinness World Record.

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**He has the record
for being the
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to write a book on
engineering.**

Eknath Bhushan Paraskar

Budding Author in the Making

Dr. Bhushan Eknath Paraskar is a young engineer, an author, social activist, chairman of Ontime World Media. He has the record for being the youngest author to write an engineering book *Modern Electric Traction*; ISBN 13: 978-81-933509-1-1' at the age of 23 which was published by DnyanPath Publication on February 14, 2017.

Born in Akola district Maharashtra on 28th August 1993, Eknath completed his diploma degree in Electrical Engineering in 2012. Thereafter he decided to take a degree in Electric Engineering and hence he continued to study from 2012 to 2015 and received an honorary doctorate (PhD) from Global Concord University, Maldives.

Eknath has always been persuasive about his career and has been constantly working hard in this field. At the young age of 23, the engineer decided to write a book on *Modern Electric engineering* and ever since then there has been no looking back for him.

The young budding author has multiple world records to his name. He has been awarded the Bronze Medal REX Karmaveer Chakra in 2019. He has been nominated for PADMA Shri Award 2021, Nominated for Bharat Gaurav Award 2020. He also received the Genius Author of the Year Award 2019. Padma Award 2019 for Padma award Quiz competition. The India Star Personality Award 2019 from India Star Book of Record, Global Ratna Award 2019 from Global Concord Foundation, Mumbai. Eknath has also been nominated for the Author Academy Award, Columbus, Ohio.

He received India's Rising star Award 2019, India Star Icon Award 2019. India Young Achievers Award 2019. India Golden Excellence Award 2019. Nominated for International Award Conference on Multidisciplinary Research And Award - 2019 (ESM-2019) at KU Home, Kasetsart University, Chatuchak, Bangkok, Thailand.

Nominated for Global Citizen Summit (GCS 2019) at Trang Hotel Bangkok

in Bangkok, Thailand. Glamour's and Lifestyle Award 2018 from FNX India, Mumbai. Selected for top 100 record holders of 2018 from the Medico-Social division of India Book of Records at Sant Hirdaram Medical College of Naturopathy and Yoga Sciences,

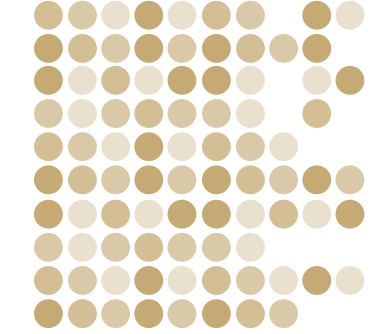
Extraordinary Talent Award 2018 from Geniuses World Record. Vidya Bhushan Purskar 2019 from Paraskavya& Kala

Janjagruti Sanstha, Mumbai. The Gandhi Peace Foundation of Nepal has appointed Bhushan Eknath Paraskar as the International Gandhi Peace Ambassador for India for his social work.





His success mantra is Simple, Stay Committed to Your Work and you can achieve whatever you want.



Dr. Nishant S Mehta

Striving for Excellence

Nishant S Mehta is a practicing Chartered Accountant, Serial Entrepreneur, and Mentor. He is also a Prolific and Passionate Speaker, Traveler, and Passionate about Toastmasters International, Rotary International, CII – Youth Wing of CII -Young Indians, and Mumbai & IMC – YLF and loves to lead in nation-building projects. He is also appointed as the International Partner for India at WBAF (World Business Angel Investment Forum). And also, as the Consul for Mumbai Entrepreneurs Group at Inter Nations.

Dr. Nishant Mehta started his career he was not able to pursue Science which was his favorite subject. However, he joined the H.R. College in Mumbai and chose to become a Chartered Accountant (CPA of India). Initially, he failed but he later passed out as one of the top 100 students. But Nishant was not satisfied with his CA degree, he continued to do a Bachelors's and Masters's Degree in Law and MBA in Finance. He has been Honored & Awarded

the Certificate of Appreciation by the India Book of Records to be the only person in India to have the combination of CA, LLM, and MBA in India at the age of 31 years and 6 months.

Since he belonged to a conservative Marwari family, he found it difficult to convince his dad for a job in KPMG. In a span of 6 months, he was offered the job of Assistant Manager – Internal Audit three times for Aditya Birla Group. Finally, he joined a firm as a Chartered Accountant with a salary of Rs. 5,000/- per month.

Young and restless Nishant quit his job and started freelancing for other CA firms. He was eager to do much more in life. He rented a small office of 100 sq. ft. Finally, he got his first client who was his ex-boss.

The turning point in his life came in 2001, he got the opportunity and was appointed on the panel for the topmost foreign bank in India and he was the youngest CA on board with them.





In four years, he realized that his 90% of revenue was due to one client and then he realized he needed to grow and accomplish and for this, he had to expand his horizons. He started his journey of building his own empire. Today, he has a long list of clients who trust and appreciate his work.

His success mantra is Simple, Stay Committed to Your Work and you can achieve whatever you want. He started a diary and wrote his bucket list and this helped him to accomplish all the goals. His motto in life is “Strive for excellence.” With this Motto, his company NSM has spread its wings not only in India but also in various parts across the globe right from Pune, Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida in India to Singapore, Australia, Dubai, London, Riyadh & Bahrain. He also has associates in Oman, Kuwait & the USA in the last 21 years.

With a passion for Startups and having a natural flair for Entrepreneurship Nishant Mehta has been instrumental in starting the following startups in various industries as Founder and Mentor “Toogle Services Pvt Ltd (Titanz)” - a Travel networking company, “Fashion Connect” - Aggregator for Fashion Industry, “Purple” – A Social Networking Platform.

Today he is the Global Financial & Legal Advisor of CAUSE foundation. The vision of the foundation is to have a safe environment for children and women from Sexual Abuse and non-sexual violence. CAUSE foundation's vision is a safe surrounding for every child and woman safe from sexual assault, violence, abuse, exploitation, and gender equality. He has been actively involved with this association for the last three years for women empowerment and uplift of women by providing them

training on various skill developments so that they can earn a livelihood. He has been the Global Director – Financial & Legal Head Kendriya Manav Adhikar Suraksha Sangathan Delhi, a non-profitable, non-religious, non-political trust in Rajasthan. Promote the Human Rights Protection Act which was passed by the Indian Government in 1993.

He has been actively involved with this association to protect Human Rights for Men, Women, and Children.

He is the Global Director – Financial & Legal Head - Ambika Foundation a philanthropic organization formed in 2015, which works in the field of health, nutrition, education, human rights, environment, and upliftment of the poor and underprivileged women and child across the globe. It registered in ODISHA, India. He has served YII -Young Indians Mumbai (Youth Wing of CII) for the last 6 years in various roles and designations; as Chairman – YUVA, 2021-2022, Core Team – Climate Change – 2021-2022, Chairman – YUVA, 2020-2021, Chairman – Innovations, 2019-2020, Chairman – Special Projects, 2018-2019, Chairman – Learning & Development, 2017-2018, Chairman – Gift an Organ – Young Indians Mumbai. Yi has created a platform for young Indians to work towards realizing a dream of a developed nation. It has a growing, inclusive membership across all geographies and demographics with over 3200 direct members in 54 chapters, and 29500 students YUVA members from colleges. The Yi membership includes young progressive Indians between the age group of 21-45 years.

In his 21 years of his career and three years as an entrepreneur, he has won many

accolades and awards. Nishant has received the Honorary Award for Contribution to Social Service by NJF Foundation, Sri Lanka, July 2020. He has been the Indian Achiever among Top 50 under 50 for the year 2020 – The Indian Achiever's Club. He has also been Recognized and Awarded as one of the “Leading Chartered Accountant in India” 2020, UK, London, at the London Parliament by Swabhiman India Foundation, BBMG Nobel Awards among other Indian awardees residing in countries like the USA, Nigeria, New Zealand, England, Ireland, and India. He won the Excellence in Fintech & Banking Audits, Business Mint, 2020, Honored & Awarded Certificate of

Appreciation by India Book of Records to be the only person in India to have the combination of CA, LLM, and MBA in India at the age of 31 years and 6 months. He has Moderated YI Leadership Talk Series with eminent speakers like Gauri Kirloskar, Ankush Nijhawan, Yashraj Akashi, Shweta Shukla, Sona Nambiar, Ruchika Mehta, Viraj Sheth & many more.

Besides he has been a member of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Coastline, Rotary International during 2020-2021. Member of Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives (RAGMHI) – Only 6 people from India are part of this Group. Buddy

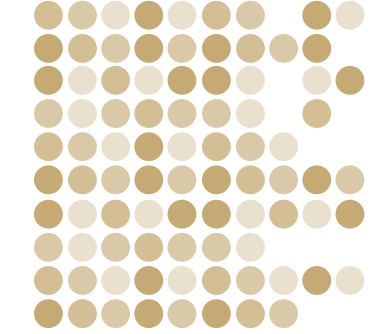
International Service Director, 2019-2020 and Non- Medical Director, 2018-2019.

He has been the YLF - Young Leader's Forum (Youth Wing of IMC). Chair – Event Operations, Youth Conclave and the Charter President of Rotaract Club of Government Law College – 2001-2004. He has been the Volunteer of TEDx Gateway – Speaker Curation Team and the President – Toastmasters United, 2020-2021, First Online Club in D98 and First Club in India with members from multiple districts from across the club.

Nishant has also Moderated YI Lockdown Series with Eminent Speakers on Finance,

Legal, and Investment Banking. He has been awarded as the Dynamic Entrepreneur of the Year, 2019, India, Business Mint. Key Note Speaker at #StartAb – A Initiative Collaborated by Josh Talks & Facebook, 2019 Brand Icon Awards 2019, Leading Travel Networking Organization in India - Toogle Travel Pvt Ltd. India 's 5000 Best MSME (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise Award) - in the Chartered Accountant, Category, 2017. WOW Award – Financial Wizard of the Year 2017. Best Enthusiasm Member, Toastmasters, District 98, 2016-2017. Best Council Member, Toastmasters, and District 98- 2015-2016.





Vijay K Banda

Security Magnate

Mr. Vijay has 25 years of experience in the lucrative field of information technology. He is an Author, Mentor, Eminent speaker across various technology and leadership forums. He has worked with various Fortune 100 companies across the globe, spanning 5 different countries, including 12 years in the USA holding multiple leadership roles across companies spanning Automotive, Government, Banking, and Telecom verticals. He has a master's degree in computer science from Wayne State University, Detroit, USA, and a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from Bangalore University, India CISSP and ITIL V3.0 and 4.0 and ITIL Service Operations.

After living in the states for that long, Mr. Vijay decided to move back to his motherland to be closer to his parents and his cultural roots. He has harbored a strong desire to mentor students in schools and colleges, so he could gather deep insights into the current education system and the resulting skill gap. With the technological

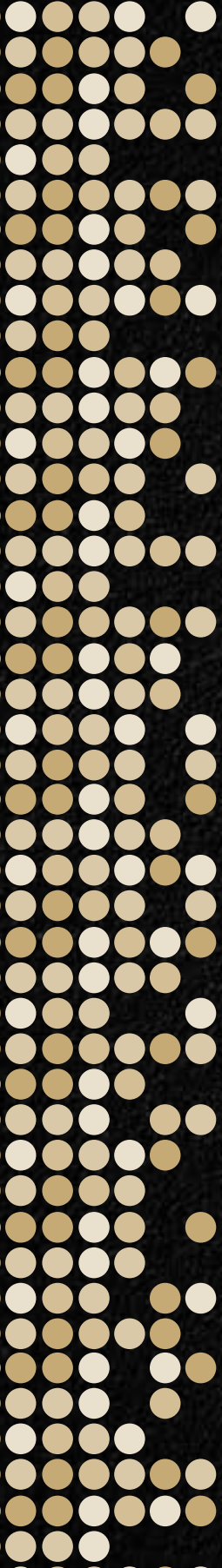
revolution at our doorsteps, Mr. Banda sensed that it was the right time to author a self-help book that could target the youth of India with, Skill Up India: 4 Mantras for Future Skill Readiness. This has recently become Amazon India's bestseller. His day job has been working as Sr. Director, Cybersecurity, Qualcomm India. Through this experience and expertise, he is also guiding India's MSME on Cyber securities best practices. Mr. Vijay hopes that all these efforts will realize the goal of a more robust and self-reliant India.

Vijay's core competencies are in building and leading high-performance delivery teams involving cutting-edge technologies in the areas of Cloud, Cyber Security, ERP, and Custom Applications covering Oracle and Microsoft Technologies. His aim is to convert competency into service thereby mentoring and coaching youth in India towards a stronger and greater India.

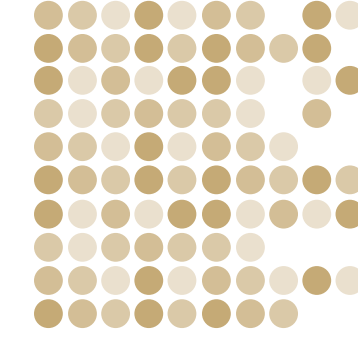
Per his Sathguru 'True Success' cannot be just individual success but needs to be inclusive and must contribute to other's success too. Per this divine guidance, he recognized the importance of converting his experience and competency into service by mentoring the youth in India, leading to the formation of YesMentor. YesMentor is a platform that connects industry SME's to youth for active and focused mentoring as is required. Vijay's goal is to mentor 10 Lakh+ youth across India on Future Skill Readiness in the next 5 years contributing to the increased available pool of Skill-Based professionals satisfying in some way his desire to give back.

He plans to write a series of articles in the coming months to help both youths and young professionals of India become future skill-ready. What he aspires to do is to achieve the goal of transforming them into powerful skill-based professionals aligned to the future of work.

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The globetrotting won him the Global Child Prodigy Award in 2020, where he was selected from among 15,000 participants



Advait Kolarkar

Young one walks on the rainbow bridge

A toddler's charm often lies in expressions – the good rounding of first words, gestures, and smiles. For Advait, it began with a smattering of colors. Even before he could form his first word, he made his first artwork on the kitchen floor with food colors. Mind you! He was just a couple of months old then and this was his first tryst with art and a veritable beginning of a young career.

Born in Pune, India, Advait has flourished with colors. Back home, he had waged a war on the walls with his imagination, until his mother slipped in a canvas and range of colors towards him. Advait developed a method for himself that transpired effortlessly from mind to paper, and quite literally so. He often feels up colors on his skin and then etches them on the canvas. By now, he knows several color shades by heart and his skillset extends to various tools.

These imaginings began with childhood fascinations of dinosaurs, flora, and fauna, and of course space. While realizing these magnificent works, he understood how depth matters to the artist's soul. In an effort to do this justice, he would pick up inanimate objects – marbles, toys, and so on – and paste them between his paintings.

These raw artworks sparked a solo exhibition in Pune when he was merely two-and-a-half-years old. His first curators spent months observing him; the organic flourishing of his art, the ethics of his space, and the unabashed natural whole process. Once these paintings were up, they found buyers and widespread appreciation. It was the first time that he was hailed as a prodigy.

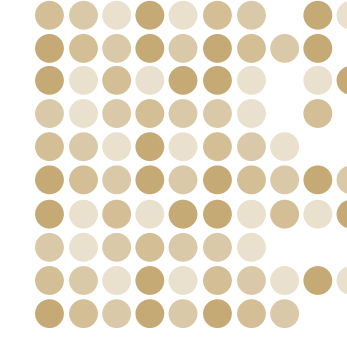
Advait and his family then moved to Saint John, Canada. A migratory movement for young ones is often jarring, but it wasn't for this young artist. If anything, a maturity seeped into his paintings with his subjects attaining a cosmic quality. This bold shift made a noise melodious enough to attract attention in the country. Soon, his collection found its way to another solo exhibition called 'Colour Blizzard'. Once again, the media flocked, appreciated the prodigal pursuits, and reported on how paintings were sold for thousands of dollars. He achieved a distinction and marked a place for himself among the world's youngest artists.

The dazzle of this success was bright enough to call for the next goal – The United States. The four-year-old is now ready to take on New York Art Expo.

Here, he has already set a standard by being the youngest artist.

The journey so far sounds like it is being drawn towards tailored stardom. But in reality, Advait is just a humble kid with a shy demeanor. He never forgets to smile. He articulates his sentences softly and never vies for attention. It is perhaps this modest quality that adds to the winsome skills. This calm demeanor, however, harbors raw passion that the world is steadily witnessing.





Koppillil Radhakrishnan “Padma Bhshan”

Man over the Moon

Literally, a man over the moon, Koppillil Radhakrishnan is a Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering; Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India; Honorary Life Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, India; Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, India; Member of the International Academy of Astronautics; Fellow of the Andhra Pradesh Academy of Sciences; Honorary Fellow of the Kerala Academy of Sciences; Fellow of the Indian Society of Remote Sensing; and Fellow of the Indian Geophysical Union. He is an accomplished vocalist (Carnatic music) and Kathakali artist.

Presently, he is the Chairperson of the Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the IIT Council besides being Honorary Distinguished Advisor in the Department of Space/ISRO.

He is an Indian space scientist who headed the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) between November 2009 and December 2014 as Chairman of Space Commission, Secretary of the Department of Space, and Chairman of ISRO. Prior to this, he was the Director of Vikram Sarabhai

Space Centre (2007-2009) and Director of National Remote Sensing Agency (2005-2008) of the Department of Space. He had a brief stint of five years (2000-2005) in the Ministry of Earth Sciences as Director of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS).

Born on 29 August 1949 Koppillil Radhakrishnan hails from Irinjalakuda in Thrissur district, Kerala. After his schooling at the National High School, Irinjalakuda, he did two-year Pre-degree studies (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry) at Christ College, Irinjalakuda. He studied Electrical Engineering at the Government Engineering College, Thrissur and acquired a BSc (Engg.) degree in First Class with Honours from Kerala University in 1970. He did post-graduate studies in management at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore in 1974-76. He obtained a doctorate from the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, in 2000, for the thesis: 'Some Strategies for the Management of Indian Earth Observation System'.

Radhakrishnan joined ISRO in May 1971 at the Space Science & Technology Centre at Thiruvananthapuram (the present Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre) as a design

and development engineer of electro-mechanical devices. While at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre as its Director, he oversaw five successful launches of PSLV including the development of its high-end version PSLV –XL that lofted Chandrayaan-1 in October 2008 as well as the formulation of the Indian Human Spaceflight Programme.

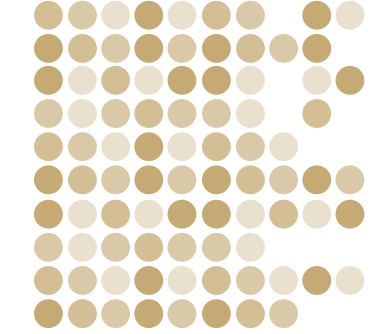
During his leadership, ISRO received the 2014 Gandhi Peace Prize; the 2014 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development; the 2014 Knowledge Economy Network KEN Award; the 2014 CNN-IBN Indian of the Year-Lifetime Achievement Award; the 2014 Global Game Changer Award by the Marico Innovation Foundation; and the 2013 CNBC-18 India Business Leader Award-BRAND INDIA.

Radhakrishnan had a stint of five years at the Ministry of Earth Sciences to set up, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS). In the aftermath of the Indian Ocean Tsunami disaster of December 2004, he emerged as the Project Director to set up the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning Centre.

He has held several key positions in ISRO and was one of the key people behind India's Chandrayaan-1 moon mission. Radhakrishnan received the Padma Bhushan Award for contribution to Science and Engineering, especially in the field of Space Science and Technology in 2014.

He recently published his autobiography My Odyssey: Memoirs of the Man behind the Mangalyaan Mission. Penguin Random House India published his autobiography Co-authored by Radhakrishnan and Nilanjan Routh, in November 2016.





Clyde Daniels

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Having network of 700+ Architects & Builders from across India makes them one of the leading organizations.

Clyde Daniels is not only the Managing Partner Riverstone Networking Services but he is one of the most dynamic entrepreneurs and also has the ability to make people comfortable and happy around him. Clyde is a team maker and always has put others before himself. Clyde Daniels has dedicated his life to creating commercial and genuine partnerships to help businesses grow.

With 20 years of experience in this business, Clyde Daniels specializes in earning the trust of others. As a Head of Department, he's mainly worked for medium & large-sized companies in the Media and Entertainment (Multiplex) & Exhibition sector. Throughout his career, he has maintained a strong record in recruitment, training, and motivating staff to achieve sales and business objectives.

In all of Clyde's past positions, he has consistently increased business to its highest sales performance metrics relating to lead generation and more. He has successfully discovered new niche markets and strategic partnerships for companies of all sizes, refined product strategies, increased brand reach, reworked brands, and developed and

implemented marketing plans. Clyde enjoys meeting new people and learning about their lives and backgrounds. He easily finds common interests with strangers and tends to make most people feel comfortable. He finds this skill especially advantageous when kicking off projects with new clients.

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- William James

