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REVEALING TALES OF REMARKABLE CHALLENGES AND VICTORIES

Dear Readers,

Welcome to "Inspiring India 2023," a compilation of extraordinary stories that celebrate the spirit of leadership, resilience, and achievement across the diverse landscape of our incredible nation.

In this edition, we delve into the lives of some of the biggest leaders and celebrities who have achieved success in various domains and made a name for themselves that remains engraved in history. From the corridors of power to the glitz and glamour of the entertainment industry, each story is an exhibit of boundless potential that resides within the hearts of our fellow countrymen.

As you turn the pages, be prepared to be inspired by tales of courage, determination, and the pursuit of dreams. Discover the untold stories behind the iconic figures who have shaped India's destiny and captured the imagination of millions. "Inspiring India 2023" is not just a collection of stories; it's a journey through the triumphs and tribulations of those who dared to defy the odds, and make a difference.

Happy reading!



Surabhi Chauhan
Managing Editor

Mukesh D. Ambani, a prominent figure in the global business landscape, is a name synonymous with innovation, leadership, and unparalleled success. Born on April 19, 1957, Mukesh Ambani is the Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), one of India's largest and most diversified conglomerates. His remarkable journey from a chemical engineer to the helm of a multi-billion-dollar empire is a testament to his unwavering dedication, strategic acumen, and visionary leadership.

Educational Journey: Mukesh Ambani's academic journey laid the foundation for his future success. He graduated as a Chemical Engineer from the prestigious Institute of Chemical Technology in Mumbai, formerly known as the University Department of Chemical Technology, University of Mumbai. To further enhance his knowledge and business acumen, he pursued an MBA from Stanford University in the United States, which added a global perspective to his educational background.

Early Involvement in Reliance: Mukesh Ambani's association with Reliance Industries dates back to 1977 when he joined the company's board. At that time, Reliance was primarily engaged in textiles.

Under his visionary leadership, the company embarked on a journey of backward integration, transitioning from textiles to polyester fibers, and subsequently into petrochemicals and petroleum refining. This strategic move transformed Reliance into a global powerhouse in the petrochemicals sector.



MUKESH AMBANI

A handbook of
creating an **EMPIRE**

Creating World-Class Manufacturing Facilities: One of Mukesh Ambani's significant achievements was the creation of state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities that catapulted Reliance's petrochemical manufacturing capacities.

These facilities not only diversified the company's product portfolio but also positioned it as a key player in the global petrochemical industry. Today, Reliance boasts a remarkable production capacity of about 21 million tonnes per year.

The Jamnagar Refinery Revolution: In the late nineties, Mukesh Ambani spearheaded the construction of the world's largest grassroots petroleum refinery in Jamnagar, Gujarat, India. With a staggering capacity of 660,000 barrels per day (33 million tonnes a year), this refinery marked a historic achievement. It was further integrated with petrochemicals, power generation, ports, and related infrastructure. Subsequently, another 580,000-barrel-per-day refinery was established in Jamnagar, solidifying the region's status as the world's refining hub.

Diversification and Retail Dominance: Under Mukesh Ambani's leadership, Reliance diversified into various sectors, including telecommunications and retail. Reliance Retail, the company's organized retail arm, has emerged as India's largest player in the organized retail sector. The visionary leader transformed the retail landscape by establishing a pan-India retail network spanning multiple formats and supply chain infrastructure.

Revolutionizing the Telecom Industry: One of Mukesh Ambani's most groundbreaking achievements was the establishment of Jio, Reliance's digital services initiative. Jio's 4G broadband wireless network disrupted the Indian telecommunications market, offering affordable and high-speed connectivity to millions. This initiative revolutionized key domains of national interest, such as

education, healthcare, financial services, and entertainment. Global Recognition and Commitment to Green Energy: Mukesh Ambani's contributions extend beyond business success. He is a member of esteemed organizations such as The Foundation Board of the World Economic Forum and the United States National Academy of Engineering. His commitment to sustainability is evident in Reliance Industries' pledge to invest \$80 billion in renewable energy over the next 10-15 years, further solidifying its commitment to green energy and environmental responsibility.

A Family Legacy: The Ambani family legacy continues with Mukesh Ambani's three children, who joined the board of Reliance Industries in August 2023. Akash, Isha, and Anant Ambani are actively involved in leading different sectors within the company, ensuring a bright future for Reliance.

Mukesh Ambani's remarkable journey from a chemical engineer to the leader of a conglomerate with diverse interests reflects his unwavering determination and visionary thinking.

His contributions to the business world, innovation, and commitment to sustainability have left an indelible mark.

Under his leadership, Reliance Industries has not only grown exponentially but has also played a pivotal role in shaping India's economic landscape and contributing to its development on a global scale. As Mukesh Ambani continues to guide

When you think of the biggest business tycoons of India, Ajay Piramal is one name that you can't miss. He is the Chairman of the Piramal Group, a diversified conglomerate with a strong presence in various sectors, including pharmaceuticals, financial services, and real estate. Ajay Piramal's entrepreneurial acumen and strategic leadership have played a pivotal role in the growth and success of the Piramal Group, making it one of India's leading business conglomerates. Beyond his remarkable business achievements, he is also known for his philanthropic endeavors, actively supporting various social and healthcare initiatives in India.

Born in Rajasthan, India, Ajay Piramal is the son of Gopikisan Piramal and Lalita Piramal. His family's textile business, originally established in 1934 by his grandfather, Piramal Chatrabhuj, kick-started his professional journey when, at the young age of 22, he entered the company. Unfortunately, his father, Gopikisan Piramal, passed away in 1979, and five years later, he also lost an older brother to cancer. These tragic events led him to assume the responsibilities of leading the family business.

Piramal earned a bachelor's degree in Science from Jai Hind College and Basant Singh Institute of Science at the University of Mumbai (formerly Bombay). He pursued his further education by obtaining a master's degree in management studies from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, University of Mumbai. In 1992, he enriched his knowledge by attending the six-week Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School. Ajay Piramal has received academic recognition for his contributions, including an honorary doctorate from Amity University, India, and an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from IIT Indore.

In 1988, Piramal acquired Nicholas Laboratories, an Australian multinational corporation. Over the years, the company has made significant strides in the pharmaceutical industry in India, ranking fifth, and expanding through various overseas acquisitions, including Indian subsidiaries of Roche, Boehringer Mannheim, Rhone Poulenc, ICI, and Hoechst Research Centre.



Ajay Piramal

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**From a
Pharma Giant
to a Global
Conglomerate**

Notably, the transformation of three redundant Piramal factory buildings in Mumbai led to the creation of India's first major shopping mall, Crossroads.

Piramal Enterprises Ltd., under his leadership, invested in Vodafone India by purchasing an 11% stake in it. He later divested the company's 11% stake for INR 8,900 crore, realizing a significant premium of 51.78% over the original purchase price. After selling his stake in Vodafone India, Piramal invested INR 2,014 crore to secure a 20% stake in Shriram Capital Ltd., an affiliate of the Chennai-based Shriram Group. This investment was in addition to a previous INR 1,636 crore investment in Shriram Transport Finance Co. Ltd. for a 9.9% stake. Notably, Piramal also assumed the role of Chairman of Shriram Group. However, In 2019, he announced his intention to step down as the Chairman of Shriram Capital Ltd., a position he had held for five years.

Piramal provides financial support to the Piramal Foundation, a philanthropic organization that is considered to occupy approximately 10-15% of his time. The Piramal Foundation serves as the charitable arm of the Piramal Group. It is involved in various initiatives, including Health, Education, and Safe Drinking Water, which are represented by Piramal Swasthya, Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership, and Piramal Sarvajal, respectively. These initiatives have a presence in 21 states across India and often collaborate with state governments.

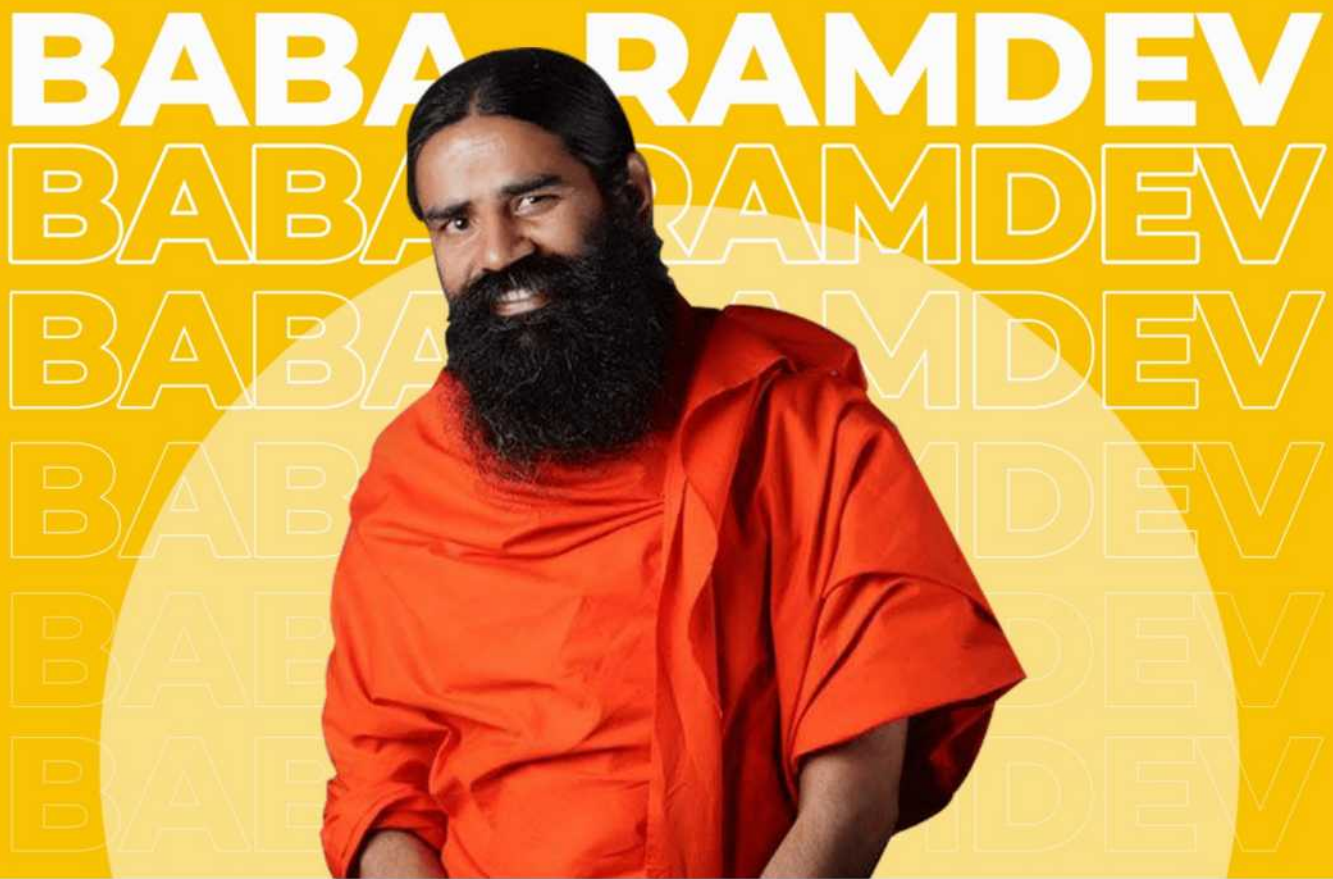
Ajay Piramal has received numerous awards and accolades throughout his illustrious career. One of the most prestigious recognitions he has received is the 'Forbes India Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement.'

This award acknowledges his exceptional contributions to the Indian business landscape and his role in transforming the Piramal Group into a global conglomerate with interests in pharmaceuticals, healthcare, and financial services. In addition to it, he has been honored with the 'EY Entrepreneur of the Year' award, showcasing his remarkable entrepreneurial journey and his outstanding leadership in various sectors. His extraordinary business acumen has also earned him the 'Entrepreneur of the Year' award by the All India Management Association (AIMA).

Ajay Piramal's dedication to excellence and his significant impact on India's business and healthcare sectors have cemented his status as one of the most esteemed and recognized figures in the country's corporate landscape.

Piramal also serves as one of the Advisory Committee Members for Annamrita, the ISKCON Food Relief Foundation (IFRF), which is responsible for providing 1.2 million meals daily through its network of 20 kitchens across India.





Though Yoga originated in India, it remained confined to a limited population for the longest time. While people from all around the world came to India to learn the art and science of it, Indians remained devoid of its impact. However, Baba Ramdev's ascent on Indian Television changed the country's relationship with yoga, or you might say the lack of it, in no time. His show on TV, where he taught yoga to thousands in a crowd, and crores sitting at their homes, initiated a wave of health consciousness in the audience.

Baba Ramdev wears multiple hats in his professional life. He is known to be an iconic yoga guru, a successful businessman, and serves as the brand ambassador for Patanjali Ayurved. His primary claim to fame rests in his relentless advocacy for yoga and ayurveda in India. Since 2002, Ramdev has been actively involved in arranging and leading extensive yoga gatherings, while also airing his yoga sessions on a variety of television networks. Alongside his colleague Balkrishna, he played a pivotal role in the establishment of Patanjali Ayurved and Patanjali Yogpeeth in 2006.

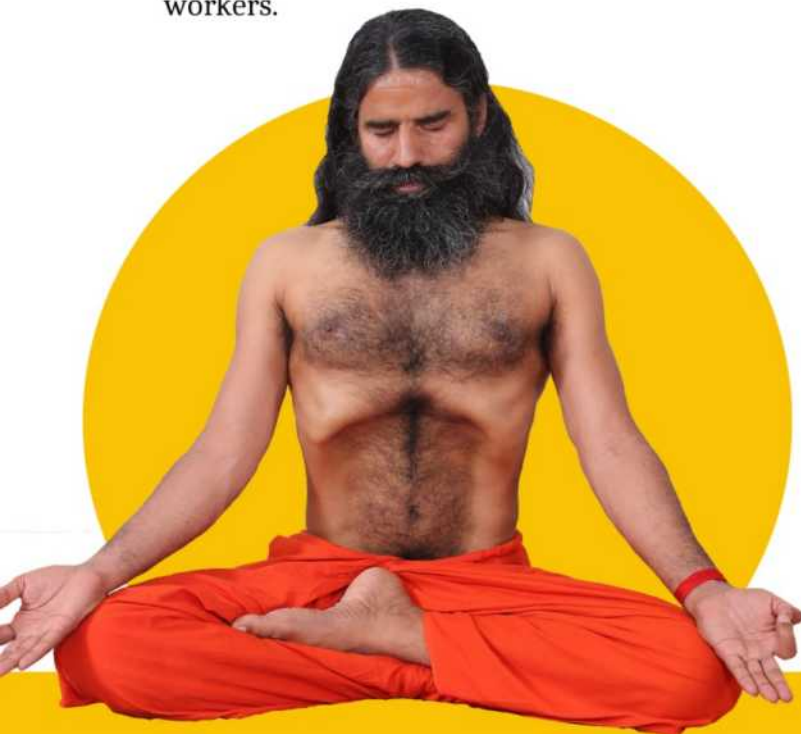
Ramdev, originally named Ramkishan Yadav, was born between 1965 and 1975 in Alipur, Haryana, to humble and illiterate farming parents. Despite a childhood facial paralysis, he left his government school to pursue a gurukula education inspired by Dayanand Saraswati's writings, particularly "Satyarth Prakash." At nine years old, he began his gurukula studies in Khanpur, attending Arsh Gurukul Mahavidyalaya from 1984 to 1989. At the age of fourteen, he moved to Kalwa to study under Acharya Baldevji, where he crossed paths with Balkrishna.

In Kalwa, Ramdev delved into Sanskrit, Hindu philosophical and religious texts, and the traditions of yoga and asceticism, offering free yoga training to villagers. After his studies concluded in 1992, he journeyed to Haridwar, joining the Kripalu Bagh Ashram under Shankardevi Maharaj's guidance and learning yoga from Acharya Karamveer, who was also associated with the Arya Samaj.

It was during this time that Ramdev embraced renunciation, adopted sannyasa, and took the name Ramdev. Together with Karamveer, they conducted yoga camps across India and sold chawanprash in Haridwar.

On January 5, 1995, Ramdev, Balkrishna, and Acharya Karamveer established the Divya Yoga Mandir Trust at the Kripalu Bagh Ashram in Haridwar. Under this trust, they organized yoga camps and set up an Ayurvedic pharmacy.

Patanjali Ayurved, founded by Ramdev and Balkrishna in 2006 in Haridwar, is a leading Indian FMCG company with revenues of Rs 10,664.46 crore in FY22. Balkrishna is the CEO with 96% ownership, overseeing daily operations, while Ramdev is the company's public face and major decision-maker. Ramdev promotes Indian nationalism and encourages the use of Patanjali Ayurved products over multinational brands. His family members are involved in the business, with his father overseeing some activities and his brother Ram Bharat acting as the de facto CEO. In 2013, Ramdev declared a personal net worth of around ₹1,100 crore. The company has faced criticism for misleading advertisements, inadequate product testing, and poor working conditions for factory workers.



In 2018, Ramdev launched Swadeshi Samriddhi SIM cards with BSNL. The institute also has a registered charity in the UK and acquired the Scottish island of Little Cumbrae. In 2017, it was granted tax-exempt status. Ramdev initiated scholars as sanyasis in 2018, and in 2022, these sanyasis became trustees of Patanjali Yogpeeth and Divya Yoga Mandir, having studied Hindu scriptures for at least seven years and holding advanced degrees from universities.

In 2006, Kofi Annan extended an invitation to Ramdev to speak on poverty alleviation during a United Nations conference. Additionally, in October 2014, Prime Minister Modi invited him, along with eight other individuals, to actively support and promote the message of cleanliness during the launch of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Baba Ramdev's commitment to improving the well-being of people from all social backgrounds earned him recognition from the Legislature of the U.S. State of New Jersey in July 2007. Notably, members of the British House of Commons hosted a reception in his honor during the same month.

Although he was considered for the Padma Vibhushan, the second-highest civilian award, in January 2015, he declined it due to his ascetic lifestyle. Similarly, the Government of Haryana appointed him as the brand ambassador of Yoga and Ayurveda, bestowing upon him the status of Cabinet minister, which he humbly declined. Swami Ramdev's influence extended beyond yoga, as demonstrated by his ranks in various prestigious lists, cementing his status as an influential figure in India and beyond. However, he remains unaffected by the accolades and focuses on his mission to make India a healthier country each day.

**PATANJALI YOGPEETH,
DEDICATED TO YOGA AND
AYURVEDA, HAS CAMPUSES IN
INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
RAMDEV SERVES AS ITS
VICE-CHANCELLOR.**

PT.DR SANJEEV KUMAR SRIVASTAVA

The Luminary in Astrology Predictions



An internationally renowned Nadi and Vedic celebrity astrologer, Pt. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Srivastava has garnered deep trust and admiration from people worldwide due to the precision in his predictions. Holding over 27 years of experience, Pt. Sanjeev Kumar has etched his name amongst the most successful astrologers, boasting an impressive success rate of 95-97% and above. His mastery in Nadi Astrology, employing ancient Nadi Nakshatra Sutras, sets him apart from his contemporaries in delivering precise predictions across a spectrum of events.

Pt. Sanjeev Kumar's prophetic accuracy spans a plethora of significant occurrences. His top prophecies include political milestones such as the Gujarat and Himachal Elections, geopolitical conflicts like the Russia-Ukraine War, and cultural phenomena such as the release of movies like Gadar 2. His predictions have transcended geographies, encompassing global occurrences like the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdown scenarios, and international politics.

Drawing inspiration from two influential figures: Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar ji and his father, Lt. Dr. L.K. Srivastava, who was a renowned homeopathic

doctor and astrologer, Pt. Sanjeev Kumar decided to lead a life of unique purpose.

Their guidance and wisdom steered him towards astrology, guiding him to achieve unbelievable foresight and profound enlightenment. He embodies a legacy rooted in celestial wisdom, inheriting the profound knowledge of astrology from his father at a tender age. Growing up in an environment steeped in the mystique of astrological sciences, he imbibed its essence and imprinted it deeply into his life's purpose. His firm belief in the synergy of divine grace, devotion, astrological insights, prayers, and righteous actions stands as the bedrock of his approach to navigating life's complexities. From a young age, Pt. Sanjeev Kumar understood that one's destiny is not preordained, but can be influenced and shaped positively through aligned remedies and virtuous deeds.

It is important to note that Pt. Sanjeev Kumar's academic journey began with a foundation in Software Engineering, followed by an MBA.

In 20 years of his Corporate tenure, he has performed various leadership roles across prominent multinational corporations, including Aricent, UTStarcom, and Ericsson, which equipped him with a vision, and a strategic acumen that he now channels into his astrological practice. Driven by a mission to spread wisdom and knowledge, Pt. Sanjeev Kumar has extended his services, and taught Nadi Astrology to over 5000+ students across 70+ countries. His efforts have empowered individuals to become professional Nadi Astrologers and guide others, furthering the reach of accurate astrological predictions. He is known to receive thousands of testimonials applauding his services.

The extraordinary path of Pt. Sanjeev Kumar is adorned with accolades and recognition that affirm his unparalleled contributions to his field. His recognition as the "Living Legend in Divine Sciences" by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh in 2022 and the "Jyotish Vibhushan" from the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand in the same year are testaments to his eminence in the field.

The prestigious "Best Global Nadi Astrologer & Mentor Award" bestowed upon him by the acclaimed actress Madhuri Dixit in 2023 signifies his mastery in Nadi Astrology, extending its reach across the globe.

Among the numerous accolades, the "Excellence Award - Living Legend in Nadi Astrology" received from the esteemed actor Shilpa Shetty at the Global Business Awards in 2022 displays his exceptional work and in-depth understanding of Nadi Astrology. These acknowledgments are complemented by titles such as "Best Nadi Astrologer in India - RGA Season 2 (2021)" and being honored as a VIP and Distinguished Guest of Honor at various esteemed events, recognizing his invaluable guidance backed by astrology.

Beyond Nadi Astrology, Pt. Sanjeev Kumar offers a comprehensive array of astrological services.

His expertise extends to Vastu, Numerology, Palmistry, Mantras, Gemstones, and Homeopathy. His remedies are not only highly effective but also accessible, enabling individuals to navigate life's challenges with ease. Pt. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar's goal encapsulates the essence of "Every Home - One Astrologer & Wisdom." His commitment to making astrology accessible to every household signifies his dedication to imparting a guiding light and awakening to all.

In the world of astrology, Pt. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Srivastava stands as a true example of precision, wisdom, and transformative direction. His unprecedented accuracy, diverse expertise, and commitment to empowering others have solidified his position as a luminary of his domain. His unequivocal capacity to leverage celestial insights to guide individuals toward fulfillment and prosperity has earned him reverence and admiration globally. His compassionate and insightful approach continues to uplift countless lives, offering solace, and tranquility to those seeking clarity and purpose.

As an esteemed figure in the astrological realm, Pt. Sanjeev Kumar Srivastava's impact extends far beyond mere predictions; it's about instilling hope, fostering positivity, and enabling individuals to take charge of their destinies. His legacy illuminates paths towards a harmonious existence, where obstacles are dissolved, and lives are enriched with abundance and enduring happiness.



“My motto is to help people take themselves from zero to hero”



‘A Journey from Films to Politics’

HEMA MALINI

Often referred to as the "Dream Girl" of Indian cinema, Hema Malini is an iconic figure who still lives in the hearts of millions in India. With her timeless beauty, exceptional acting prowess, and versatility, she has charmed audiences for several decades. Her journey from a budding Bharatanatyam dancer to a legendary Bollywood actress and a prominent politician is truly a result of tireless work, and unabashed intent.

Belonging to Tamil Nadu, Hema Malini developed an early interest in the classical Indian dance form, Bharatanatyam. Her parents, recognizing her talent and passion, encouraged her to pursue it further. Her talent, and diligence led her to become a proficient Bharatanatyam dancer, and she even received a scholarship to study the art at Chennai's prestigious Kalakshetra. Her entry into the world of showbiz was not accidental. Her beauty and talent soon caught the attention of filmmakers, and she made her debut in the Tamil film industry with "Ithu Sathiyam" in 1963. Her first foray into the Hindi Film Industry was in the film "Sapno Ka Saudagar" in 1968, where she was paired with the legendary Raj Kapoor.

Hema Malini's journey to stardom was meteoric. Her exceptional beauty, combined with her acting skills, soon made her a household name in her time. In 1970, she played a pivotal role in the film "Johnny Mera Naam," which raised her to success. Her pairing with the "original showman" of Indian cinema, Rajesh Khanna, in films like "Andaz" and "Prem Nagar" turned out to be immensely popular. Her portrayal of the quintessential Indian woman, with a mix of grace and charm, endeared her to audiences. However, it was her role in the blockbuster "Sholay" that solidified her place in the golden books of Indian cinema. She played the role of Basanti, a memorable character known for her spirited dance and fearless attitude. Her performance in the film remains etched in the memory of audiences, as "Sholay" remains an unbeatable classic in Indian cinema.

Malini initially gained fame as the "Dream Girl" and starred in a film bearing the same name in 1977.

Her remarkable career included winning numerous awards including the Filmfare Award for Best Actress for her dual role in the comedy "Seeta Aur Geeta" and securing ten more nominations, culminating with "Baghban" in 2003. In 2000, Malini received the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award, and in 2019, she was honored with the Filmfare Special Award for her 50 Years of Outstanding Contribution to Cinema.

In 2000, Malini was bestowed with the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian honor granted by the Government of India. In 2012, Sir Padampat Singhania University conferred upon her an Honorary Doctorate in acknowledgment of her significant contributions to Indian cinema. She also served as the chairperson of the National Film Development Corporation. In 2006, Bhajan Sopori presented her with the Sopori Academy of Music And Performing Arts (SaMaPa) Vitasta award in Delhi for her dedicated service to Indian culture and dance. In 2013, she received the NTR National Award from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for her outstanding contributions to Indian cinema.

In an era when most commercial actresses were primarily confined to roles as damsels in distress or glamorous figures, Hema transcended these boundaries. She not only performed such roles but also undertook remarkable feats like dancing on glass shards, defying gravity by climbing fans on ceilings, galloping on untamed horses, and even delivering a good beating to the antagonists. Her dedicated fanbase considered her as significant as renowned male actors such as Amitabh Bachchan, Rajesh Khanna, and Dharmendra, a recognition supported by filmmakers who remunerated her on par with

her male counterparts. The celebrated Bollywood actress, ventured into Indian politics by joining the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the late 1990s. She served as a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha and later successfully contested the 2014, and 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, representing the constituency ever since. In her political career, she actively participated in parliamentary proceedings, raised issues related to her constituency, and worked on various development initiatives, combining her fame from the film industry with her dedication to public service.

Malini, a passionate animal activist, and supporter of PETA India, advocated for the banning of horse carriages in Mumbai in 2009 and pushed for the prohibition of bullfighting (jallikattu) in 2011. Her efforts exposed the mistreatment of bulls at Jallikattu events, leading to her being named "PETA Person of the Year" in 2011.



WHILE MOST OF HER CONTEMPORARIES DISAPPEARED WITH GROWING GREY HAIR, MALINI REMAINS AS RELEVANT AS SHE WAS DURING HER GOLDEN YEARS ON SCREEN.

KATRINA KAIF

‘ Beyond the boundaries of
language and continent ’



With nearly two decades of monumental presence in Bollywood, Katrina Kaif has maintained her place in the Hindi Film Industry with sheer hard work. From London to Mumbai, her journey has been full of highs and lows, but nothing deterred her from rising back again.

Hailing from a non-film background, she made her debut in the Indian film industry with the film "Boom" in 2003, which was not a commercial success. However, her determination, dedication, and constant efforts paved the way for her success. Over the years, she evolved as an actress, proving her mettle in both commercial and critically acclaimed films.

Originally from Hong Kong, Kaif's early life involved residing in multiple countries before she eventually settled in London for a three-year period. She embarked on her modeling journey during her teenage years and later decided to pursue a career in the fashion industry.

Her entry into the world of movies happened when Indian filmmaker Kaizad Gustad discovered her at a fashion show in London. Although she had established a thriving modeling career in India, she faced multiple challenges in securing film roles due to her limited proficiency in Hindi.

Katrina's breakthrough in Bollywood occurred with the Telugu film "Malliswari," and she went on to achieve commercial success in the Indian film industry with romantic comedies like "Maine Pyaar Kyun Kiya?" and "Namastey London." The latter marked a turning point in her career, as her portrayal of Jasmeet, a spoilt British-Indian girl was widely appreciated. The film's success not only catapulted her to stardom but also established her as a bankable leading lady. Subsequently, she enjoyed a string of box-office hits, but also faced criticism for her acting abilities, tendency to take on similar roles, and her preference for movies with male-centric themes.

The criticism only served as a motivation for Katrina. She went on to do more substantial roles, adding to her rich body of work.

Her association with director Kabir Khan in films like "Ek Tha Tiger" and "Tiger Zinda Hai" opposite Salman Khan proved to be a major highlight of her career. These action-packed films showcased her in a new light, and she demonstrated her versatility by performing intense action sequences with aplomb. The chemistry between Katrina and Salman Khan on screen was electrifying and contributed significantly to the films' success. Other movies that Katrina Kaif has been widely appreciated for include "Jab Tak Hai Jaan," "Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara," "Raajneeti," and more. Her films have consistently performed well at the box office, making her one of the highest paid actresses in the industry for the longest time.

Katrina set out to follow her entrepreneurial pursuits with "Kay Beauty" in 2019. Katrina insists on making Kay an extension of her own personality. "This is #MakeupOnTheGo. The products are designed for ease of use, with a strong emphasis on simplicity. The brand prioritizes the idea that users should not have to deal with complexity. This is reflected in their eye products, which have been introduced without the requirement for brushes and can be seamlessly blended using one's fingers," she says. She thoughtfully calls her products as makeup that cares, because it is made up of ingredients that care for your skin.

Katrina is known for keeping a low profile when it comes to philanthropy. She has made substantial contributions to various causes in the past and continues to do so. She supports Relief Projects India, a charitable trust dedicated to underprivileged children, and has donated to her mother's Mercy Home orphanage. She recorded "Rhyme Skool" in 2010 to raise funds for a school in Madurai.

Katrina is committed to women's empowerment and gender equality, advocating for education and addressing the gender pay gap. She has supported initiatives like Pearls Wave Trust and spoken at the UN Women's WeUnite conference. Katrina also promotes LGBT rights, cancer awareness, and children's education, visiting the Cancer Patients Aid Association and collaborating on education projects. She participates in charity fashion shows for the "Being Human" foundation, which rehabilitates street children. In 2018, she became the ambassador for Educate Girls, supporting girls' education in remote areas. In 2019, she launched the #Kare initiative under her cosmetics' brand Kay Beauty to aid social causes, including rural women's employment. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Katrina donated to the PM CARES Fund and the Maharashtra Chief Minister's Relief Fund as well. She also funded small businesses of 100 dancers from the Hindi film industry to help artists during the pandemic.

Though the actress tried hard to keep her personal life out of the public eye, it remained a topic of discussion, until she married Vicky Kaushal. However, what she's known for the best would always remain her charm on the screen, her hard work on the sets, and unforgettably, her dance which sent many of her contemporaries to dance school.

Hindi wasn't Katrina's first language but it didn't stop her from working in Hindi movies, and staying on top for years in her glorious career.



He pursued a Diploma in Leadership Management at St. Xavier University in Nova Scotia, Canada, and obtained a Master of Arts and Master in Education from Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium. Armed with a global perspective, he returned to his homeland, determined to make a difference. His journey of social transformation began at Chetanalaya, the social action wing of the Archdiocese of Delhi. His energy, enthusiasm, and constant efforts propelled him to serve as an administrator and later as the director of this nonprofit organization. Under his guidance, Chetanalaya initiated a slew of community services that empowered underprivileged individuals, particularly women and youth.

The establishment of over 1,200 Self-Help Groups (SHGs), that became self-reliant, displayed the depth of change Rev. Fr. Savariraj had brought to the underprivileged. His leadership facilitated the construction of more than 1,000 homes for the homeless through SHGs. Chetanalaya, under his stewardship, evolved into one of the India's most prominent grassroots-level organizations, impacting over a million people directly. It became a trusted partner for state and union governments, as well as numerous national and international agencies. His contributions further extended over a decade, fostering community development in the Archdiocese of Delhi and Haryana.

Not just as a social worker, but Rev. Fr. Savariraj also made his presence felt far and wide as an educationist. His Masters in Education from Catholic University in Leuven unlocked new opportunities for him in the education sector. He became the principal of Rosary Sr. Sec. School in Narela, and today, he continues to lead as the Principal of Rosary Sr. Sec. School in Radio Colony, Delhi. He envisioned a school where learning would be an enjoyable experience for students. Accordingly, he introduced engaging activities, promoting skills in academics, sports, music, and dramatics.

You just meet some people and know that they were born to serve the almighty. In the pious state of Tamil Nadu, a God-fearing family nurtured a young boy whose destiny was firmly anchored in faith, education, and community service. From an early age, Reverend Father Savariraj felt a profound calling to serve as a priest. This divine vocation led him to the seminary, where he immersed himself in faith formation. On May 9, 2006, he was ordained a priest, and from that day onwards, his mission was clear: to dedicate his life to uplifting people and fostering a better society.

Rev. Fr. Savariraj's quest for knowledge and skills took him far beyond the borders of India.

His introduction of new clubs and sports academies, such as the Adwan Sports Academy and the Yuva Club in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, yielded impressive results. Students are thriving remarkably under his leadership.

His students excel in sports, with achievements like Myra Kalra winning a gold medal in the National Roller Basketball Championship in December 2022 and the junior football team securing second place in a Zonal level Championship. Academically, Rev. Fr. Savariraj introduced modern interactive smart panels and Wi-Fi connections in classrooms, ensuring teachers could impart knowledge effectively. His commitment to academic excellence is evident as hundreds of meritorious students are honored each year.

Taking a leap forward, Rev. Fr. Savariraj also initiated the 'Career Conclave', an extensive online career counseling session in collaboration with various school principals. This unique platform allows students to receive guidance from professionals in different fields, developing a greater understanding of their potential career paths.

Moreover, he organizes counseling sessions and talk shows on topics like Impulse Management, Cyber Safety, Managing Adolescent Issues, and Leadership Training to keep his students updated.

The COVID-19 pandemic posed a daunting challenge when schools shut down for two years. However, Rev. Fr. Savariraj, with his diligence, swiftly brought Rosary Sr. Sec. School back to life, making it a comforting haven for students. Innovative ideas and activities ensured a smooth transition back to normalcy. An official YouTube channel documents the school's exhilarating programs, events, and achievements. Beyond his role as a school principal, he manages Rosary Sr. Sec. School in Khera Manajat, serves as the President of the Delhi Catholic Schools Association and remains a proficient teacher at Vidya Jyoti, College of Religious Studies in Delhi, and Holy Trinity, a regional major seminary in Jalandhar. His influence is observed at various levels of education and community service. With his support, Delhi Catholic Schools Principal Association will have common programs for its member schools such as sports meet, faith formation and cultural events.

In a span of just two and a half years, Rev. Fr. Savariraj's leadership has transformed Rosary Sr. Sec. School, making it stand out in the north-west zone of Delhi. His incredible attempts to help the school evolve in all forms have yielded impressive growth, setting an inspiring example for all. His life's journey exemplifies, what impact an individual can have when driven by faith, education, and a commitment to building a stronger community.





Nobody can deny the fact that there was a time in India when cricket meant Sachin Tendulkar. The stadiums used to be filled with jerseys numbered 10, and the crowd chanted his name in unison. More than half of the population would wait for his batting, and the TVs would be switched off as soon as his wicket was taken. Sachin warmed up the country to seeing cricket as a profession. For the longest time, he represented the Indian tricolor flag on every foreign land.

At the tender age of eleven, Tendulkar embarked on his cricket journey, and by the time he was sixteen, he made his Test match debut against Pakistan in Karachi on 15 November 1989. Over the course of more than 24 years, he first represented Mumbai, and then India at the international grounds. He is widely acclaimed as one of the most exceptional batsmen in the entire history of cricket. He boasts the remarkable achievement of being the all-time highest run-scorer in both One Day Internationals (ODIs) and Test cricket, amassing more than 18,000 runs in ODIs and 15,000 runs in Test matches, respectively. Additionally, he holds the distinction of receiving the most man-of-the-match awards in international cricket.

Tendulkar was a pivotal part of the team that emerged as joint-winners of the 2002 ICC Champions Trophy. In the later stages of his career, Tendulkar played a vital role in the Indian team's victorious campaign in the 2011 Cricket World Cup, marking his first World Cup triumph after six appearances for India. His outstanding contributions had previously earned him the title of "Player of the Tournament" at the 2003 World Cup.

Sachin Tendulkar's journey in the Indian Premier League (IPL) was a captivating chapter in his storied cricket career. Representing the Mumbai Indians, Tendulkar brought his immense cricketing acumen and grace to the T20 format. His consistent mentorship and ability to anchor the innings allowed his team to often set formidable targets or chase down challenging totals. His presence played a vital role in the Mumbai Indians' five monumental victories.

Tendulkar has been honored with several prestigious awards from the government of India, including the Arjuna Award in 1994, the Khel Ratna Award in 1997, the Padma Shri in 1998, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2008. In 2010, Tendulkar's influence extended beyond the cricket field when Time magazine included him in its annual list of the most influential people in the world. The same year, he was honored with the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for Cricketer of the Year at the 2010 International Cricket Council (ICC) Awards. Following his retirement from cricket in November 2013, the Prime Minister's Office made a significant announcement by conferring upon him the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. This was a historic moment as he became the first sportsperson to receive this esteemed recognition, and as of 2023, he remains the youngest recipient of the Bharat Ratna.

Tendulkar bid farewell to One Day International (ODI) cricket in 2012 and ultimately retired from all forms of the game in November 2013 after his 200th Test match. Over the course of his extraordinary career, he participated in a total of 664 international cricket matches and amassed an impressive 34,357 runs, highest by any cricketer in the history to date. In 2013, Tendulkar received a special recognition when he was included in an all-time Test World XI to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack. He was the only specialist batsman from the post-World War II era to be featured in this prestigious lineup, alongside the legendary Viv Richards. Additionally, in 2019, he was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. On the occasion of Tendulkar's 50th birthday and the 30th anniversary of Brian Lara's iconic innings of 277 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the venue unveiled a set of gates named after both Tendulkar and Lara on 24 April 2023. In the arena of social development, Sachin Tendulkar operates the Sachin Tendulkar Foundation, a charitable organization. He has collaborated with UNICEF, the government of India, and

Maharashtra, along with other NGOs for various causes. His charitable work spans health, sanitation, COVID-19 relief, and education. He has been involved in campaigns to raise awareness about polio prevention, cancer awareness, and sanitation as well. He has also made significant donations during the COVID-19 pandemic and supported educational initiatives, sponsoring the education of 200 children through Apnalaya.

Even today, the name Sachin Tendulkar remains etched in the hearts of cricket fans. From making the presence of India felt on cricket grounds globally, to working towards making a positive change, he remained an icon to the youth of India for decades.



Ajit Kumar Doval, born on January 20, 1945, in the picturesque region of Pauri Garhwal, nestled in the Himalayas, stands as a testament to unwavering commitment, intellect, and resolute dedication to India's security. From humble beginnings in a small village to the helm of India's national security apparatus, Ajit Doval's life is an inspiring success story that reflects the strength of character and an unyielding spirit.

Doval's journey began with a master's degree in economics from Agra University, after which he joined the Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1968, marking the start of a distinguished career in the service of the nation. His path took him through various roles, but it was his work as an intelligence officer that truly set him apart. Doval's early assignments in the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and later with the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) showcased his exceptional analytical skills, daring instincts, and an unparalleled ability to navigate complex situations.

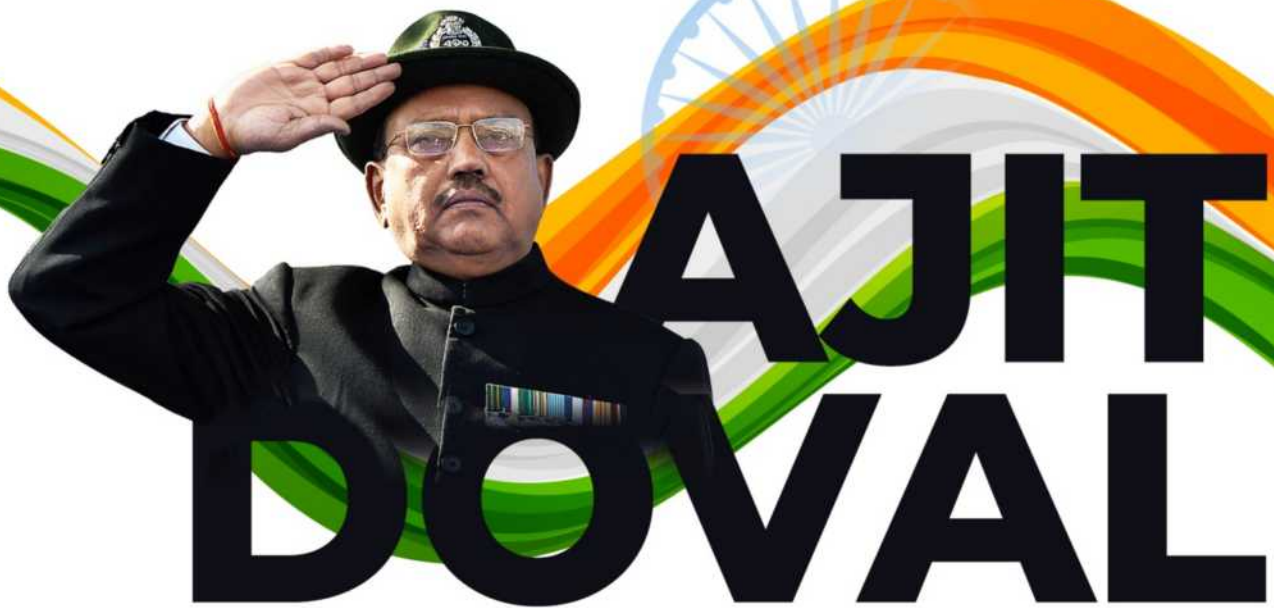
consciousness within the education sector.

A defining moment in Doval's career was his role in the 1988 Operation Black Thunder, where he was the lead negotiator during a high-stakes

counter-terrorism operation. His ability to secure the release of hostages from the Golden Temple in Amritsar showcased his cool under pressure and the capacity to win the trust of even the most hardened militants.

Throughout his career, Doval was involved in a series of covert and high-risk operations, both within India and abroad. His work took him to hotspots such as Pakistan and Sri Lanka, where he spent several years undercover and played a pivotal role during the civil conflict. His expertise in geopolitics, insurgency, and counter-terrorism strategies earned him a reputation as a master strategist.

Doval's role as India's leading negotiator for the release of hostages held captive by terrorists highlighted his extraordinary skills in diplomacy and conflict resolution. He successfully handled the Kandahar hijacking crisis in 1999, securing the release of 160 passengers on a hijacked Indian Airlines flight, showcasing an effective masterclass in crisis management.



**INDIA'S GUARDIAN ANGEL OF
NATIONAL SECURITY**



In 2014, he played a crucial role in securing the release of 46 Indian nurses who were abducted in Iraq by the Islamic State. Doval's relentless efforts and diplomatic finesse were instrumental in reuniting these brave nurses with their families back in India, underscoring his commitment to the safety and well-being of Indian citizens, even in the face of grave danger.

In 2014, Ajit Doval was appointed as India's National Security Advisor (NSA), a position that has since become synonymous with his name. As NSA, Doval has been at the forefront of shaping India's security and foreign policy. His role extends beyond traditional security concerns, encompassing strategic partnerships, intelligence, and diplomatic initiatives.

Ajit Doval is known for his exemplary dedication to national security and strategic acumen.

Under his leadership, India has adopted a proactive approach to national security. Doval's doctrine revolves around the idea that "the best way to defeat a terrorist is to be smarter than him," emphasizing the need for a strong intelligence apparatus to anticipate and prevent threats. His tenure has witnessed a comprehensive review of India's security architecture and the implementation of critical reforms.

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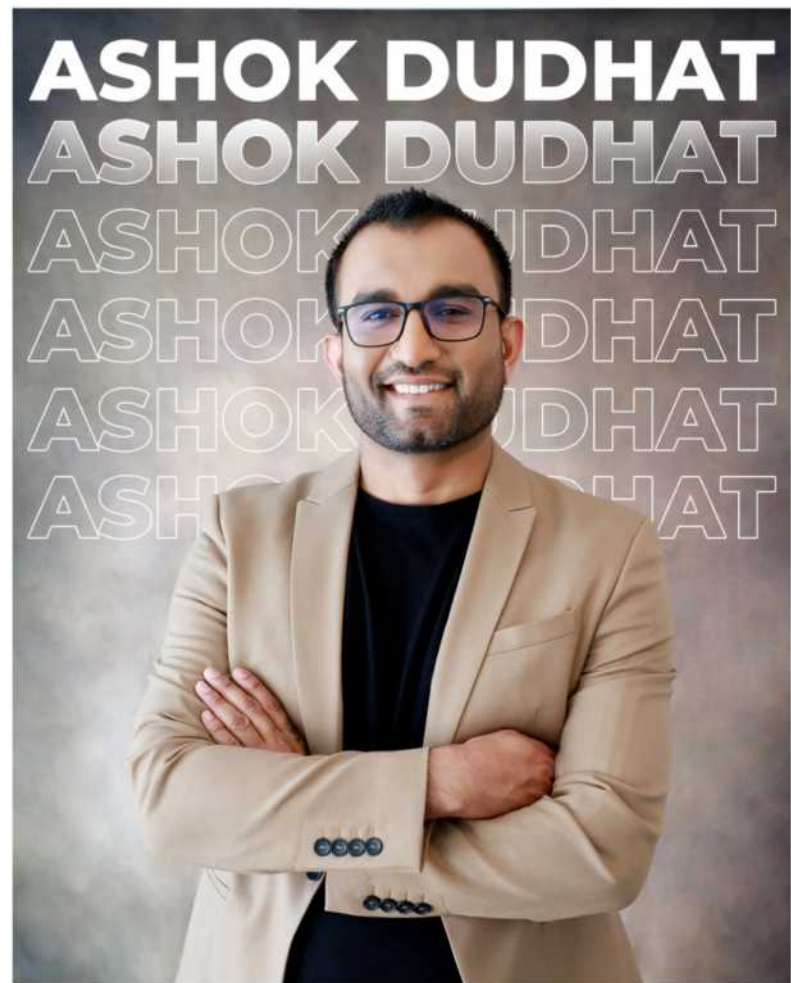


It is a rare occurrence when a person doesn't acquire but is born with an entrepreneurial mindset. A deep passion for computers and innovation led to Ashok dedicating over 15 years of his life to the ever-evolving IT industry. His experience came from a diverse area of work in different IT industries, such as e-commerce, turbine materials, as well as in-service and medical sectors. He has worked with CadCam Solutions and other renowned companies like Siemens, Cortado, Aideon, and Cubeware in Germany and abroad. His innovative ideas have given rise to several successful ventures.

Ashok's journey began in Surat, India, where he pursued his undergraduate studies in Computer Science Engineering. This solid foundation in computer science set the stage for his future endeavors in the IT industry. However, the most pivotal moment came when he decided to move to Germany to pursue a Master's degree in Software Engineering for Industrial Applications. This bold step opened up new horizons and paved the way for his business aspirations.

During his Master's studies in Germany, Ashok conceptualized an idea that had the potential to break all grounds. He came up with a job recruiting platform that could benefit both recruiters and job seekers alike. His vision was to create a system that would streamline the job application process, making it easier for candidates to apply for positions that aligned with their skills. This concept gave rise to his first startup project in Germany. This way, he founded "Startup Jobs," which aimed to provide job seekers with the opportunity to explore and apply to some of the fastest-growing startups in Germany. The concept was a hit, and Startup Jobs continues to thrive to this day.

It has evolved into a valuable resource for job seekers looking to join dynamic startups and has created a bridge between talent and innovative companies.



Innovating and Impacting Employment in IT

Ashok's entrepreneurial spirit led him to create another innovative project named "WP Event Manager." This lightweight, scalable, and full-featured event management plugin was designed to add event listing functionality to WordPress websites. It provided website owners with the tools to manage and promote events seamlessly. The success of WP Event Manager was thrilling for Ashoka as it showcased his versatility in developing solutions for various online domains.

Founded in Berlin, "Tech Jobs Fair" (TJF) is Ashok's most ambitious project to date. It began as a platform aimed at bringing talent and brands together under one roof. With a strong emphasis on IT and Digital domains, TJF grew beyond expectations. In 2019, it stood out in three crucial commercial hubs in Europe: Vienna, Zurich, and Lisbon. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic in the following year, Ashok and his team expanded TJF to eight more countries. Today, Tech Jobs Fair serves as a global platform connecting companies and job seekers in the tech industry. It is dedicated to listening to the needs of its customers and providing tailored solutions to make their presence at the fair a fruitful experience.

Ashok's latest project, "Hire Tech Talent," takes a fresh and innovative approach to recruitment. It introduces a tech-focused reverse recruitment platform, enabling companies to apply directly to individuals regarding job opportunities. This method streamlines the application process and allows candidates to accept or reject offers based on their preferences. One profile opens the door to numerous opportunities, and the integration with TJF events across different countries enhances the prospects of job seekers.

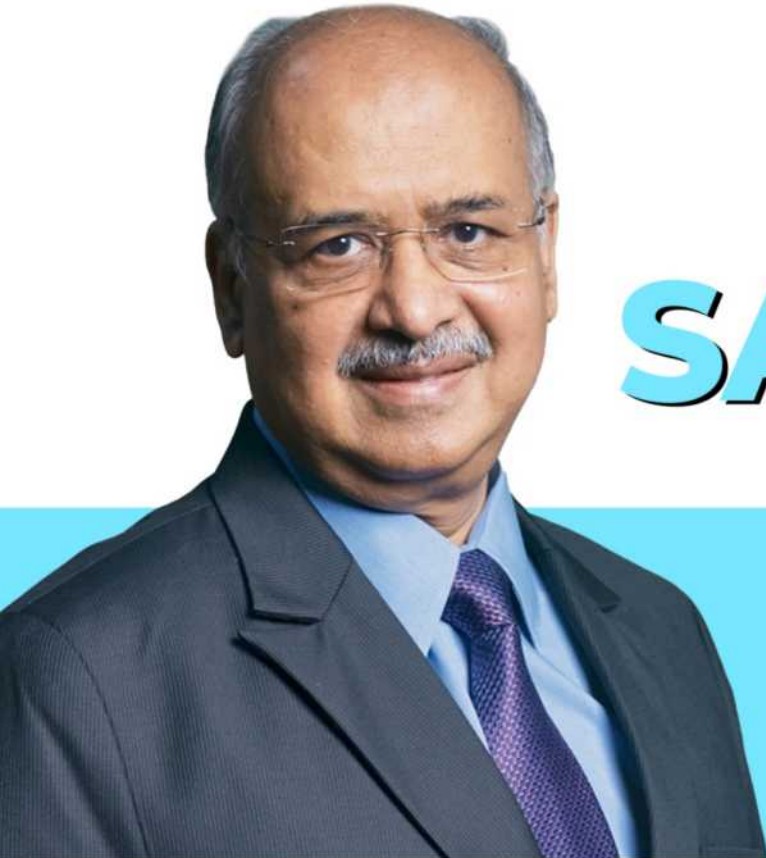
He has amassed an impressive list of awards that highlight his outstanding contributions to the business world. In 2022, he was honored as "CEO of the Year" by Business Connect Magazine.

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His influence reached global heights, earning him a spot on "The 10 Most Influential Business Leaders to Follow in 2022." Notably, he was also recognized as one of the "Top 10 Indian Leaders in Germany - 2022," showcasing his impact on the Indian diaspora in the German business landscape.

His innovative spirit earned him a place among the "Top 100 Innovators and Entrepreneurs," "WCRC LEADERS ASIA," "Most Transformational Leaders of the Year," and many more accolades.

With plans to establish a presence in London, Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam, and Dublin, Ashok envisions a global expansion of the Tech Jobs Fair. His dream is to make TJF a global brand and create a vibrant startup and tech ecosystem around the world. He aims to help more people with tech backgrounds find employment, inspire them to innovate, and educate them about entrepreneurship. His aspiration is to build Tech World-Tech Communities worldwide, fostering an environment where aspiring business leaders can thrive.



DILIP SANGHVI

TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE, ONE PILL AT A TIME

In the vast tapestry of India's business landscape, there are luminaries whose stories illuminate the path to success. One such luminary is Dilip Sanghvi, the visionary founder of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, whose remarkable journey from a small pharmaceutical distributor to a global pharmaceutical giant is a testament to unwavering determination, foresight, and an unwavering commitment to improving global healthcare.

Dilip Sanghvi was born on October 1, 1955, into a modest middle-class family in Amreli, a town in the state of Gujarat, India. His upbringing was marked by simplicity and a strong work ethic instilled by his father, Shantilal Sanghvi, who was a wholesaler of generic pharmaceuticals. It was in this unassuming environment that the seeds of Dilip Sanghvi's future success were sown.

After completing his bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of Calcutta, Sanghvi joined his family's pharmaceutical business. It was here that he gained firsthand experience in the pharmaceutical industry, learning the nuances of distribution, supply chain, and the challenges of the sector in India.

In 1983, Sanghvi took a significant step by founding Sun Pharmaceutical Industries. With a meager initial capital of Rs. 10,000 and a small manufacturing facility in Vapi, Gujarat, he embarked on a journey that would reshape India's pharmaceutical industry. His vision was to make high-quality medicines affordable and accessible to millions, both in India and across the globe.

One of Dilip Sanghvi's defining characteristics is his visionary approach to business. He recognized the potential of the global pharmaceutical market and India's comparative advantage in producing generic medicines. At a time when multinational pharmaceutical companies dominated the market, Sanghvi saw an opportunity to provide high-quality, cost-effective alternatives.

Under his leadership, Sun Pharma adopted an innovative model of reverse engineering and process chemistry, enabling the production of generic versions of expensive medicines that were patented by multinational pharmaceutical giants.

Dilip Sanghvi's commitment to excellence became the cornerstone of Sun Pharma's success. He invested in research and development, creating a team of scientists and researchers dedicated to innovation and quality. This dedication to scientific rigor and unwavering adherence to global quality standards propelled Sun Pharma onto the global stage.

Sanghvi's focus on research and development was instrumental in Sun Pharma's journey to becoming a global pharmaceutical giant. The company introduced a wide range of products, from generic medications to specialized therapies, addressing a myriad of medical conditions. The spirit of innovation was embraced not only in developing new drugs but also in improving existing medications to make them more effective and affordable.

Under Dilip Sanghvi's stewardship, Sun Pharma expanded its footprint across the world. The company's foray into international markets began with a focus on the United States, which represented the largest pharmaceutical market globally. With an emphasis on research and development and a commitment to quality, Sun Pharma successfully gained the approval of regulatory agencies, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Today, Sun Pharma is a global pharmaceutical powerhouse, with a presence in more than 150 countries. It has achieved numerous milestones, including being recognized as the fifth-largest specialty generic pharmaceutical company in the world. Sun Pharma's mission to make high-quality medicines accessible to all aligns with Dilip Sanghvi's vision, making it a trusted name in the global pharmaceutical industry.

Dilip Sanghvi's journey was not without its challenges. The pharmaceutical industry is highly competitive and regulated, and the path to global recognition is marked by rigorous standards and demanding quality controls.

Sun Pharma: The Rising Sun in Global Pharmaceuticals

However, Sanghvi's resilience and unwavering commitment to delivering quality medicines kept Sun Pharma ahead of the curve.

A significant moment in Sun Pharma's journey was the acquisition of Ranbaxy Laboratories in 2014. This monumental merger marked the creation of the largest pharmaceutical company in India and one of the top generic pharmaceutical companies globally. It further solidified Dilip Sanghvi's position as a pioneer in the industry.

Dilip Sanghvi's commitment extends beyond the business realm. He has been actively involved in philanthropic initiatives aimed at enhancing healthcare and education. His dedication to improving healthcare access and quality is evident through initiatives such as the Shantilal Sanghvi Foundation, named after his father, which focuses on providing healthcare services to underserved communities.

Sanghvi's vision is not only about building a successful business empire but also about giving back to society and improving the quality of life for those in need. His philanthropic efforts reflect the depth of his commitment to making a positive impact on society.

The story of Dilip Sanghvi and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries is a testament to the power of vision, innovation, and commitment. Under his leadership, Sun Pharma has touched the lives of millions, providing them with affordable access to essential medicines.

Dilip Sanghvi's journey is a source of inspiration for budding entrepreneurs and business leaders. It reminds us that in the world of business, perseverance and a commitment to quality can lead to unparalleled success. His story is a testament to the idea that with a clear vision, determination, and unwavering ethics, individuals can transform industries and leave a lasting legacy.



The Quiet Retail Revolution: **RADHAKISHAN DAMANI'S DMART**

In the sprawling forest of India's retail sector, there stands a colossal figure, both figuratively and literally. Radhakishan Damani, the visionary founder of DMart, is a towering presence in the world of business. His journey from a small trading business to revolutionizing the retail landscape in India is a testament to unwavering determination, foresight, and an unwavering commitment to bringing affordable and quality goods to the masses.

Radhakishan Damani was born in a modest Marwari family in Bikaner, Rajasthan, in 1954. He imbibed values like frugality and hard work from his family, which would later become pillars of his success. His early exposure to the trading business came through assisting his father in their retail store.

The turning point in Damani's life was his move to Mumbai, where he took up a job at his uncle's stockbroking firm. During his stint there, he gathered invaluable knowledge about the stock market, an experience that would significantly impact his future business ventures.

Damani's leap into the world of stocks was characterized by a keen sense of market dynamics

and a knack for smart investments. He started trading in the Bombay Stock Exchange and was soon making waves with his astute stock picks.

His most famous move came in 1990 when he took a significant short position in the stock market, predicting a market crash. His foresight proved right when the market witnessed a significant decline, and Damani's wealth skyrocketed. He earned the nickname "Mr. Big Bull" for his prescient market call.

Despite his success in the stock market, Radhakishan Damani was never content with resting on his laurels. He recognized the immense potential in India's retail sector, especially in offering quality goods at affordable prices.

In 2002, he took a bold step by venturing into the retail industry with the launch of DMart, which is short for "Dadar Manikchand." The first DMart store opened in Powai, Mumbai, and it was an instant hit. Customers flocked to the store for its wide range of products and competitive prices.

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DMart's philosophy was simple yet powerful: "To be the lowest-priced retailer in the regions we operate, to deliver value for money, and to be the most efficient in all our operations." Radhakishan Damani's DMart was unlike any other retail store in India. It focused on delivering value to the customer without compromising on quality. The stores offered a wide variety of products, including groceries, household items, clothing, and more, all under one roof.

One of the key differentiators for DMart was its commitment to keeping operational costs low. The company followed a no-frills approach, emphasizing efficiency and cost control. This allowed DMart to offer products at competitive prices, making it a preferred shopping destination for budget-conscious consumers.

DMart's success was not just about affordability; it was also about creating an exceptional shopping experience. The stores were well-organized, and the staff was trained to assist customers effectively. This combination of value and convenience attracted a loyal customer base. As DMart expanded its footprint, it retained the core principles of quality, affordability, and efficiency. The company maintained its focus on the basics of retail while adapting to changing market dynamics. This unwavering commitment to its philosophy has made DMart one of the most trusted and sought-after retail chains in India.

The success of DMart's business model did not go unnoticed. Radhakishan Damani's vision and execution inspired the retail industry in India and laid the groundwork for further expansion.

DMart continued to grow, opening stores across India. The company's initial public offering (IPO) in 2017 was met with overwhelming demand, highlighting the confidence investors had in the brand. The IPO's success solidified DMart's position as a major player in the Indian retail industry.

What sets Radhakishan Damani apart is his low-profile leadership style. He is known for keeping a low public profile and avoiding media attention. His focus has always been on the business and its growth rather than seeking the limelight.

In spite of his immense success, Damani remains grounded, reflecting the values he imbibed from his family. He maintains that his wealth is not for personal extravagance but for reinvestment in the business and philanthropic endeavors.

While Damani is known for his business acumen, he is also a dedicated philanthropist. He is actively involved in various charitable initiatives, with a focus on healthcare and education. Through his foundation, he has contributed significantly to causes aimed at improving the quality of life for underprivileged individuals.

Damani's commitment to giving back to society reflects his belief that business success should be a force for good. His philanthropic initiatives are a testament to his desire to create a positive impact on the world beyond the world of business.

**DAMANI'S DMART:
MORE THAN JUST A
STORE - A LIFESTYLE**

In the tapestry of life, there are threads of transformation and resilience that weave the stories of exceptional individuals. Prof. Dimple's life journey embodies these threads, showcasing the extraordinary power of courage, resilience, and following one's passion. Her story demonstrates how personal challenges and profound experiences can shape a passionate and empathetic educator.

Prof. Dimple's journey in education commenced at the tender age of 10. While she wasn't done overcoming the loss of her father at the age of seven, four years later she had to witness her elder brother drown in front of her eyes.



Seeing such a thin line between life and death shook her. She had an existential crisis and lost the motivation to live further. However, soon she realised there must be some super power playing this game, and had her first conversation with God, leading to something magical. She became strong at academics and started helping kids in their studies. Watching the sparkle in their eyes and confidence when they grasped the concepts brought joy and meaning to her life. At the age of twelve, parents started approaching her for regular tuitions. She was excited as she could learn more while teaching, contribute her knowledge, utilize her time, and also earn in the process to fund her education and support her single mom. Her experiences, challenges, and personal growth forged the empathetic and compassionate educator she is today.

With an innate passion for teaching that began informally at the age of 10, she realized her true vocation lay in the field of education. After pursuing an MBA and briefly venturing into the corporate world, her inner calling led her to make a life-altering decision – to embark on full-time B.Ed teacher training.

This leap marked the beginning of a lifelong commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering a love for learning.

DR. (PROF) DIMPLE

**Changing the Face of
Education Across the
Globe**

With four postgraduate degrees and numerous prestigious awards under her belt, including an honorary Doctorate and Ambassador for education, Prof. Dimple has consistently pursued excellence in education. Her career spanned various Indian educational boards, including CBSE, ICSE, State Board, NIOS and BMS. However, for the past 19 years, she has exclusively devoted herself to the International Board of IB and Cambridge curricula.

After spending so many years in the field of education, she realized that 'Real Education' was actually missing in this rat race of competition and comparison, and the reason why she ventured into teaching was not giving her fulfillment in the current system. This marked the inception of 'EduVoyage – Pioneer in coaching international curriculum.' Its mission is to serve as an academic parent to each child, offering unrelenting support to them on their educational journey. Starting with just a handful of students around her dining table in 2004, she has now successfully served over 5,000 IB and Cambridge students, while producing Global Toppers from India who have reached IVY League Universities. Reflecting on this journey, she acknowledges the profound contributions of her dedicated team of teachers who were handpicked based on a shared passion and intention, adding tremendous value to each child's journey.

EduVoyage goes beyond traditional teaching. It aims to instill a deep passion for subjects and motivate students to strive for excellence. Proven by a commitment to education, the academy boasts a remarkable 90% of admissions from referrals, a testament to the trust and admiration it has garnered from parents. Her belief in the Uniqueness of each child's educational journey and that 'one size can't fit all' led her to Pioneer another revolutionary concept over a decade ago – Homeschooling / Unschooling.

This groundbreaking approach empowers students to select subjects aligned with their

interests, work at their own pace, and passionately pursue their individual talents. Prof. Dimple's personalized approach extended to each student, allowing them to unlock their full potential. Notably, she guided and supported many celebrity children through homeschooling, recognizing the need for flexibility and individualized attention in unconventional schedules.

Taking this mission a step further, Prof. Dimple initiated the creation of a 'Super School', which is a revolutionary concept in education, an Unconventional Alternative Education system in hybrid mode designed to foster the holistic development of children. This visionary concept aligns students' Emotional, Mental, and Physical well-being with their Spiritual connection, helping them discover their true Purpose (IKIGAI) and lead towards happy and fulfilling lives. At the heart of Prof. Dimple's educational philosophy is a formula for nurturing a happy and successful child - Right Academic Subjects + Passion + Right Skills + Self-Aware and Conscious Being.

She believes no grades/marks can define unlimited human potential and every child has beautiful gifts and a genius inside, they need to be nurtured with love and support, accepting who they are and right guidance. Her mission is to develop a new generation of students who are not only academically proficient but emotionally, mentally, and spiritually equipped to thrive in an evolving world.

Going further, Prof. Dimple aims to expand IB and Cambridge centers, use online platforms to assist distant students globally, provide counseling workshops for parents and students, and through 'Super School' promote holistic homeschooling and skill-building to help students reach their highest potential. She is on a mission to empower children to pursue their dreams and lead fulfilling lives, driven by her soul calling to make a significant impact on young minds and make this world a better place. Prof. Dimple's journey exemplifies the transformative power of education, as she works tirelessly to change the existing educational system and promote holistic learning, impacting the lives of numerous students and parents with her love, care and compassion.

Sushmita Sen, the epitome of grace, beauty, and audacity, stands as a testament to the idea that the path to success is often marked by a journey less travelled. Her inspiring success story transcends the world of glamour, touching upon uncharted territories, unapologetic choices, and unbreakable spirit.

In 1994, at the age of 18, Sushmita Sen made history by becoming the first Indian to be crowned Miss Universe. Her confident poise, intelligence, and a magnetic aura captured hearts and secured her place in the global beauty pageant hall of fame. But her journey was only beginning, and it was destined to be much more than skin-deep. Sushmita's path to stardom was marked by a series of unconventional decisions.



In a society where marriage and motherhood often come as an endpoint to a woman's career, Sushmita Sen embraced motherhood at a young age. In 2000, she adopted a baby girl, Renee, and later in 2010, another one, Alisah. Her choices were not just personal but symbolic. She redefined societal norms, sending a powerful message that a woman's worth is not measured by her marital status.

The world of Bollywood, too, couldn't escape the gravitational pull of this unapologetic beauty. Her debut in the film "Dastak" was a stepping stone to an illustrious career on the silver screen. Movies like "Biwi No. 1," "Aankhen," and "Main Hoon Na" solidified her position in the industry. However, it wasn't just her on-screen talent that set her apart; it was her audacity to challenge conventions.

Sushmita Sen was unafraid to play roles that defied stereotypes, often portraying strong, independent women. Her characters were bold, confident, and unapologetically modern. In her off-screen life as well, she broke barriers, leading with an air of self-assuredness that inspired women across the country.

Beyond the realm of acting and motherhood, Sushmita Sen carved her own path by diving into entrepreneurial ventures. She founded the production company Tantra Entertainment and explored her creative prowess. Her diverse portfolio continued to grow with her foray into fitness, opening up a chain of fitness studios called "I AM."

SUSHMITA SEN

**A Trailblazing Journey to
Stardom and Beyond**

Sushmita's life has been an unwavering quest for personal freedom and self-discovery. She's unafraid to speak her mind and has consistently advocated for equality, women's rights, and self-empowerment. Her story is a testament to the belief that beauty is not just skin deep but rooted in one's character, values, and choices.

While her journey hasn't been devoid of challenges and personal tribulations, Sushmita Sen has consistently overcome obstacles, emerging stronger and wiser. Her life serves as a symbol of resilience and her unwavering commitment to living life on her own terms, unapologetically different from the norm.

In the heart of the glamour and glitz of the film industry, Sushmita Sen has remained grounded, authentic, and determined to make a difference. Her involvement in various philanthropic endeavours, including child welfare and education, showcases her compassionate side and dedication to making the world a better place.

Sushmita Sen's success story is a beacon of hope for those who dare to be different, for those who choose the road less travelled, and for those who believe in the transformative power of self-belief. She reminds us that true success lies in staying true to oneself and in being fearless in the pursuit of one's dreams. Her journey from the ramp to the screen, from being a beauty queen to a successful entrepreneur, and from unconventional choices to societal change embodies the essence of an extraordinary life.

Sushmita Sen is more than just a Bollywood star; she's an inspiration and an icon for women everywhere, exemplifying what it means to be unapologetically unique and fabulously real.

In an industry known for its stereotypes and conformity, Sushmita Sen stands tall, her journey a testament to the idea that success comes to those who dare to be themselves, no matter how unconventional or audacious that may be. Her story is a celebration of the human spirit's resilience, a beacon for aspiring individuals who dare to challenge norms and strive for a life lived authentically. Sushmita Sen is not just a star; she is a guiding light, showing us the way to be unapologetically ourselves.





OYO'S MAESTRO

Ritesh Agarwal's

Unconventional Odyssey

In the ever-evolving landscape of entrepreneurship, there are those who not only dream big but also have the audacity to transform their dreams into reality. Ritesh Agarwal, the founder and CEO of OYO, stands out as one of the brightest stars in the firmament of young, dynamic leaders. His inspiring journey from a small town in India to the global hospitality industry's forefront is a testament to unyielding determination, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to reshaping the way the world experiences travel and accommodation.

Born on November 16, 1993, in Bissam Cuttack, a small town in Odisha, India, Ritesh Agarwal exhibited an entrepreneurial spirit from a young age. His insatiable curiosity and love for technology and business set him on a path to explore and redefine the world of hospitality. At the age of 17, Ritesh left his hometown to pursue his dreams. Armed with a modest capital and a vision to create a new era in the hospitality industry, he embarked on a journey that would change the way the world looked at budget accommodations.

Ritesh's vision gave birth to OYO, which stands for "On Your Own." The idea was simple yet revolutionary: To transform the budget accommodations into quality stays that travelers could rely on.

OYO's model was built on the foundation of offering standardized, affordable, and comfortable rooms for travelers across India.

What set OYO apart was its focus on bringing budget hotels up to a certain quality standard, ensuring a consistent experience for guests. Ritesh and his team worked closely with hotel owners, providing them with the necessary tools and technology to elevate their offerings.

The success of OYO in India soon caught the attention of the global hospitality industry. Ritesh's vision and the disruptive business model of OYO resonated with travelers, hotel owners, and investors worldwide.

Under Ritesh Agarwal's leadership, OYO expanded beyond India's borders, venturing into international markets. The company made strategic acquisitions and partnerships, solidifying its presence in countries such as China, the United States, and Europe. OYO's rapid global expansion transformed it into one of the world's leading hospitality brands.

Ritesh's relentless pursuit of innovation became the driving force behind OYO's success. The company introduced technology-driven solutions that streamlined the booking process, improved the quality of stays, and ensured a seamless experience for guests. OYO's mobile app, in particular, became a game-changer, allowing travelers to book rooms with ease and providing real-time assistance.

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Ritesh Agarwal's journey was not without its challenges. The global COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the travel and hospitality industry, testing the resilience of businesses. However, Ritesh's adaptability and forward-thinking approach allowed OYO to pivot and adapt to the changing landscape.

The company introduced "Sanitized Stays" and "Contactless Check-Ins" to address safety concerns and enhance the guest experience during the pandemic. OYO's ability to respond swiftly to the crisis showcased Ritesh's leadership in navigating adversity.

Ritesh Agarwal's success has not just been about building a business empire; it's also about making a positive impact on society. He has been actively involved in philanthropic efforts, with a focus on education and entrepreneurship.

Through initiatives like the "Ritesh Agarwal Foundation," he supports budding entrepreneurs and offers scholarships to underprivileged students. Ritesh's dedication to empowering individuals to achieve their dreams extends beyond the world of business.

Ritesh Agarwal's success story has become an inspiration for countless aspiring entrepreneurs, especially in India. He actively mentors and guides young individuals who aspire to make their mark in the business world. His journey from a small town to the global stage serves as a beacon of hope for those who dare to dream beyond boundaries.

Under Ritesh Agarwal's visionary leadership, OYO continues to expand and innovate. The company's commitment to quality, affordability, and technology remains unwavering. Ritesh envisions OYO as a comprehensive ecosystem that caters to various aspects of travel and stay, from accommodations to experiences.

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MANOJ GUPTA

**A Business Leader,
An Author and Founder
of CONSCIOUSPRENEUR™**



Manoj Gupta's journey, originating from the modest streets of towns in Madhya Pradesh, is a tale of resilience, hard work, and determination. His childhood was marked not only by frequent relocations due to his father's job but also by his own burgeoning talents and ambitions. A top student, a state and national level cricket player, a skilled debater, and an environmental enthusiast, Manoj was a multi-faceted personality from a young age. His diverse talents and contributions to his community earned him the title of 'Outstanding Young Person of Gwalior' in 1996.

At the age of ten, a pivotal moment occurred when the erstwhile Prime Minister visited his town, Bilaspur. Overwhelmed with excitement to see his first airplane, Manoj embarked on a 15-kilometer bicycle ride in the scorching heat. This first encounter with an airplane planted a seed in his mind, a dream to one day fly in one himself. Fifteen years later, while working at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), this dream became a reality.

Manoj's academic prowess shone through during his studies in Electrical Engineering at MITS Gwalior, where he graduated as the top student, winning a Gold medal. He furthered his education with a Master's degree in Electronics & Controls Engineering from BITS Pilani.

His professional journey took him to London, where he spent ten years climbing the corporate ladder. Despite achieving material success, including a high-profile job, international travel, and financial security, Manoj felt an inner void, a sense of something missing.

**'Change is the only constant.
Who we were
Who we are
and
Who we will be
Are three different People'**

After having read several management books and not able to find answers, Manoj turned to ancient literature, including the Bhagwat Gita, Vedas, and Upanishads. It was an eight-year journey of exploration and self-discovery led to an epiphany: the need for a new management philosophy.

This realization inspired Manoj to write his first book, 'New York to NEW YOU'. Published in 2020, the book is a unique blend of ancient wisdom and modern insights, focusing on Leadership & Business with an emphasis on Management, Motivation, and Mindfulness. Unlike traditional management books, it was written in a narrative style, allowing readers to connect with its teachings. The book quickly achieved Amazon #1 bestseller status within its first 90 days of publication.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Manoj faced a near-death experience following his first vaccine jab. This experience, coupled with his time in the hospital, led to profound insights that formed the basis of his second book, 'The Consciouspreneur'. This book introduces a new breed of leaders who balance spiritual richness with financial wealth. It achieved Amazon #1 bestseller status within its first week of release.

Manoj's vision for 'The Consciouspreneur' extends beyond the book. He sees it as a new paradigm in Business and Leadership, especially pertinent in the era of Industry 4.0. He believes that Consciouspreneurs, with their holistic approach, will be the marathon

winners in the long run, adeptly navigating the complexities of the future.

Manoj's distinguished 30-year career as a Transformative Technology & Business Leader has seen him in various senior leadership roles at Qualitest Group, HCL Technologies, TCS, and Hexaware. He played a pivotal role in TCS and HCL's growth, contributing to their achievement of the \$10 billion milestone. His leadership has been recognized with several awards, including the 'Value leader' at TCS, 'Transformer award' and 'Long term value creator' awards at HCL, and the 'European Software Testing awards' at Qualitest Group.

While achieving great heights in his career, holding high-pressure senior management roles, Manoj simultaneously conducted research and wrote his two influential books. This balancing act between his full-time job and his passion for writing showcased the same qualities he had developed as a child – resilience and determination.

His belief in empowering people and his innovative approach have turned around several global businesses, establishing him as a visionary leader in the corporate world. His story is not just one of professional success but also of personal growth and the relentless pursuit of one's passions, even in the face of demanding circumstances.



Diversity, Innovation, and Leadership

Roshni Nadar's *Guiding Light*



In the constellation of India's business landscape, there are stars that shine with a brilliance of their own, guiding others with their extraordinary achievements. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, the Chairperson of HCL Technologies and the Executive Director of HCL Corporation, is one such radiant luminary. Her remarkable journey from a budding heiress to a powerful leader and philanthropist is a testament to unwavering determination, innovative thinking, and a commitment to creating a positive impact on the world.

Born on March 11, 1982, into the illustrious Nadar family, Roshni Nadar was destined to inherit a legacy steeped in business acumen. Her father, Shiv Nadar, is the founder of HCL Technologies, one of India's leading IT services and consulting companies. However, her parents ensured that she received a well-rounded education and upbringing, emphasizing the importance of humility, empathy, and a strong work ethic.

After completing her schooling in India, Roshni went on to study communication at Northwestern University in the United States, a decision that would shape her understanding of business, media, and communication.

Roshni's journey into the corporate world began with stints in leading media organizations, including Sky News and CNN. These experiences allowed her to cultivate her skills in communication, an invaluable asset for a future leader.

In 2009, Roshni joined HCL Corporation, a holding company for HCL Technologies and HCL Infosystems, as part of her family's business empire. Her initial role was in the corporate affairs department, where she was responsible for communication, brand promotion, and strategic initiatives. Roshni quickly established herself as a capable leader with a knack for innovation and an uncanny ability to steer the ship towards uncharted waters.

Roshni Nadar's ascent within HCL Technologies and HCL Corporation is a testament to her commitment to excellence and her vision for the future. In 2013, she was appointed as the Executive Director and CEO of HCL Corporation, responsible for the strategic direction of the company.

Under her leadership, HCL Technologies has witnessed remarkable growth and transformation. The company has expanded its service offerings, explored new technologies, and secured a global footprint. Roshni's forward-thinking approach has positioned HCL Technologies as a leader in the IT services industry.

Roshni Nadar has made a significant impact on the corporate culture at HCL Technologies. She is a staunch advocate for diversity and inclusivity, actively working to create an environment that values differences and provides equal opportunities to all. Her initiatives have led to increased gender diversity within the organization and the creation of programs that empower employees to achieve their full potential.



While her leadership at HCL Technologies is commendable, Roshni's commitment to philanthropy is equally inspiring. She founded the VidyaGyan initiative, which aims to provide world-class education to talented rural children in Uttar Pradesh, one of the most populous states in India. VidyaGyan identifies students from underprivileged backgrounds and nurtures their academic and leadership skills, offering them a chance to excel in various fields.

The initiative has been transformative, offering opportunities to students who might not have had access to quality education otherwise. Roshni's dedication to social change and her belief in the power of education are the driving forces behind VidyaGyan's success.

Roshni Nadar's interests extend beyond the corporate world and philanthropy. She is a well-known patron of the arts, with a deep appreciation for art and culture. Her contributions to the art world include support for exhibitions, museums, and cultural institutions.

As the Chairperson of HCL Technologies, Roshni Nadar continues to chart the course for the company's future. Her vision includes further global expansion, investment in cutting-edge technologies, and a commitment to sustainable practices. She is dedicated to ensuring that HCL Technologies remains at the forefront of innovation and maintains a strong sense of corporate responsibility.

Roshni Nadar's journey is a testament to the transformative power of leadership, vision, and a commitment to creating a positive impact on the world. Her achievements inspire not only those within the corporate world but also young individuals who aspire to make a difference through their work.

Her story exemplifies the idea that success is not limited by one's background but by their determination, commitment, and ability to envision a brighter future. Roshni Nadar's contributions to business, philanthropy, and the arts continue to shine brightly, guiding others on their own paths to excellence.

In the dynamic world of entrepreneurship, there are stories that shine like beacons, illuminating the path for others. Ghazal Alagh, the founder of Mamaearth, is one such luminary. Her remarkable journey from being a young mother with a vision to revolutionising the world of natural and toxin-free baby care products is a testament to unwavering determination, innovative thinking, and the relentless pursuit of her dreams.

Ghazal Alagh's story is a testament to the extraordinary potential that can be unlocked when passion and purpose converge. Born and raised in a family that valued education and entrepreneurship, she imbibed the values of hard work and resilience from a young age.

After completing her education, Ghazal worked in the corporate sector, gaining valuable experience in marketing and business development. However, life took a transformative turn when she became a mother for the first time.

The birth of her first child inspired Ghazal to reevaluate the products she was using on her baby's delicate skin. Concerned about the harmful chemicals and toxins present in many conventional baby care products, she decided to take matters into her own hands.

One of the key differentiators for Mamaearth is its dedication to creating products that are not only safe but also effective. Ghazal Alagh recognized the importance of scientific research and development to ensure that Mamaearth's products met the highest quality standards.

Under her leadership, Mamaearth embarked on a journey of innovation, combining the power of traditional remedies with modern scientific expertise. This approach resulted in a range of products that are gentle on the skin and free from harmful chemicals, making them suitable for babies, children, and even adults.

Ghazal Alagh understood that in the world of natural and toxin-free products, trust and transparency were paramount. Mamaearth became one of the first brands in India to get its products certified by international organizations, assuring customers of their safety and quality.

Balancing Motherhood and Entrepreneurship:

**GHAZAL
ALAGH'S**
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The brand's stringent quality control and commitment to sustainable practices have earned it several certifications, including "Made Safe" and "All-Natural." Mamaearth's products are also "PETA-Certified" cruelty-free, reflecting the company's commitment to ethical practices.

Ghazal Alagh's journey as a mompreneur is a testament to her ability to balance the demands of motherhood with the challenges of entrepreneurship. She recognized the need for products that mothers could trust and effortlessly incorporate into their daily routines.

Mamaearth's products cater not only to the needs of babies but also to the concerns of mothers. This dual perspective, as both a mother and an entrepreneur, gave Ghazal a unique insight into the market's demands and allowed her to create a brand that resonates with mothers around the world.

Under Ghazal Alagh's visionary leadership, Mamaearth quickly gained recognition and expanded its reach beyond India's borders. The brand's commitment to natural and toxin-free products found resonance not only with Indian consumers but also with those around the world.

Mamaearth's products are now available in multiple countries, including the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. Its global footprint reflects the universal appeal of products that prioritize safety and efficacy.

Ghazal Alagh's commitment to creating a brand with a positive impact goes beyond the products themselves.

Mamaearth is dedicated to sustainability and environmental responsibility. The brand's "Plant Goodness" initiative underscores its pledge to minimize its carbon footprint and maximize its positive impact on the planet.

Mamaearth's efforts to use sustainable packaging, reduce plastic usage, and support social initiatives have earned it accolades as a responsible brand. The company's commitment to ethical business practices sets a benchmark for the industry.

Ghazal Alagh's journey with Mamaearth has been recognized with several awards and accolades. The brand has received numerous awards for its product quality, innovation, and sustainability efforts. It has also been acknowledged for its growth trajectory and impact on the market.

Ghazal Alagh's success is not only about building a thriving business; it is also about inspiring other women to follow their dreams. Her journey as a mompreneur sends a powerful message: that motherhood is not a barrier to entrepreneurship but a source of inspiration.

Ghazal Alagh's story serves as a beacon for women who aspire to be both mothers and entrepreneurs. It underscores the idea that with passion, determination, and a supportive ecosystem, women can balance their roles and succeed in the world of business.

As Mamaearth continues to grow, Ghazal Alagh's vision extends beyond products. She envisions Mamaearth as a brand that fosters a sense of trust, safety, and care among consumers. The brand's commitment to natural and toxin-free products will remain at its core as it expands its offerings and reaches more families around the world.

Mamaearth's Toxin-Free Revolution: THE GHAZAL ALAGH WAY

With a vision of achieving ethical, sustainable, and high-quality poultry farming, Dr. Rajesh Reddy S set his foot in the industry. As the driving force behind SRAF Proteins, a prominent poultry company in India, Dr. Rajesh holds a strong commitment to producing top-quality poultry without the use of antibiotics or hormones. His journey into the industry began early in his childhood as he grew up in a family of poultry farmers. There, he imbibed a deep understanding of both, the potential, and the challenges within the poultry sector.

Dr. Rajesh's interest in poultry farming ignited in his early years as he watched his father, Shankar Reddy, Director of Monarch Hatcheries, tirelessly dedicate himself to the welfare of farmers. His relentless pursuits became a cornerstone of Rajesh's own values and work ethic. Additionally, Kishore Kumar Hegde, the visionary behind Lifeline Feeds, significantly influenced Dr. Rajesh's aspirations and achievements. Inspired by their diligence, innovation, and compassionate approach, he embarked on a mission to positively impact the poultry industry, society, and the environment.

In 2011, Dr. Rajesh founded SR Agro Farms, an initiative aimed at supporting local farmers by providing them with healthy chicks, top-quality nutritious feed, and comprehensive training in bird care, adhering to industry standards. This initiative has grown to support a network of over 100 farmers, all dedicated to producing nutritious and high-quality chicken. Dr. Rajesh's vision was rooted in empowering these farmers and bolstering the rural economy through sustainable poultry farming. Moreover, expanding into institutional sales, he led SRAF Proteins towards wholeheartedly embracing the farm-to-table concept, with full control over the entire production process, from breeder farms and hatcheries to feed mills, processing plants, and retail stores. This guaranteed the delivery of fresh and nutritious poultry products directly to the consumer.

DR. RAJESH REDDY S

**Pioneering
Ethical and
Sustainable
Poultry Farming**





In 2023, Dr. Rajesh elevated his commitment to nourishing communities by introducing SR's Daily Nutrition, a chain of retail outlets in Bengaluru. This concept ensured that fresh and nutritious poultry products reached consumers directly, emphasizing the farm-to-table approach. The COVID-19 pandemic reinforced the importance of quality protein, strengthening the connection between health, immunity, and SR's Daily Nutrition.

Dr. Rajesh, with his company, is not only dedicated to producing high-quality poultry but also to being responsible citizens. Together, they have incorporated eco-friendly practices such as rain harvesting and solar energy usage, reducing their carbon footprint and minimizing plastic waste. In recognition of his contributions to business administration and social services, he was also honored with an honorary doctorate from the World Human Rights Protection Commission. This award serves as a reminder of the immense positive impact he has made in the world of poultry farming and beyond.

Along with winning multiple noteworthy awards, Dr. Reddy has also been recognized internationally. In 2023, SRAF Proteins achieved the esteemed Business Excellence Award for Poultry Company of the Year, a recognition presented by the Honorable Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan. He, with his company, has been prominently featured in Forbes India's February issue, celebrated for antibiotic-free poultry products enriched with essential nutrients. He has been recognized as one of the Top 10 iconic leaders of 2023 by Indian Express and has gained substantial media attention from ANI news and The Print.

His international impact is further acknowledged with the Asia-UK Business Excellence Awards received at the Parliament House of Commons in London, UK. Moreover, they have been honored with the MSME Government of India Award for Best Poultry Company of the Year and the Best Entrepreneur Award of the Year from the MSME Business Award. To cap it all, SRAF Proteins has been distinguished with the Best Poultry Company Award of 2023 at Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's inspirational awards, an accolade presented by esteemed individuals such as Shri Prakash Javadekar, Ms. M C Mary Kom, Shri Syed Shahnawaz Hussain, and many more. All these accolades culminate in SRAF Proteins' feature in Fortune India's August issue.

After creating a substantial hold across the country, Dr. Rajesh aims to become a leading and influential force in the global poultry industry, upholding ethical and sustainable poultry farming practices while ensuring that communities have access to affordable, high-quality protein sources across the world. He aspires to introduce ready-to-cook food solutions and empower even more local farmers. His vision extends to promoting health and nutrition, setting industry standards for quality, transparency, and traceability while embracing innovation and social responsibility.

Dr. Rajesh Reddy's vision goes beyond business; it's about making a positive impact on the poultry industry, society, and the environment. Therefore, his commendable work towards ethical and sustainable poultry farming went from a dream to a reality that is transforming the way we approach the food we consume.



INDRA NOOYI

THE WOMAN BEHIND THE PEPSICO EMPIRE

Indra Nooyi, the former Chairperson and CEO of PepsiCo, is an embodiment of inspirational success. Born in Chennai, India, on October 28, 1955, Nooyi's journey from a young girl in India to one of the most powerful women in the global business landscape is a remarkable tale of perseverance and visionary leadership.

Nooyi's career began in India, where she worked for Johnson & Johnson and later joined a management consulting firm. Her pivotal moment came when she decided to pursue a Master's in Public and Private Management at Yale University, a decision that took her to the United States. This move marked the beginning of her journey to the summit of corporate leadership.

In 2001, Indra Nooyi joined PepsiCo, one of the world's largest and most iconic food and beverage companies. Her visionary leadership and strategic acumen propelled her through the ranks, and she became the CEO in 2006, making her the first woman of color to lead a Fortune 500 company.

Under Nooyi's leadership, PepsiCo saw significant growth and diversification, focusing on healthier food and beverage options, sustainability, and corporate responsibility. She was a trailblazer for gender diversity in corporate leadership and her commitment to innovation and social responsibility made her a role model for leaders worldwide.

Nooyi's incredible journey, from a young woman in India to a globally renowned business leader, is a source of inspiration for aspiring professionals, particularly women and minorities. Her story underscores the transformative power of education, hard work, and unwavering determination in achieving remarkable success in a rapidly globalizing world. Indra Nooyi's legacy continues to motivate individuals to dream big and reach for the stars, regardless of their background or circumstances.

In the dynamic realm of technology and business, few stories are as inspiring as that of Vishal Sikka, the visionary founder and CEO of Vianai. His odyssey from a humble Indian town to the helm of a cutting-edge AI company in Silicon Valley stands as a testament to his unwavering resolve, innovative thinking, and visionary leadership. Sikka was born in 1967 in Shajapur, India, where his journey began. Despite modest beginnings, his innate curiosity and fervor for technology fueled his drive for excellence. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Chennai. Subsequently, he embarked on a transformative journey to the United States, pursuing a Ph.D. in Computer Science at Stanford University. Upon the completion of his doctoral studies, Sikka's career trajectory took a significant turn as he joined Xerox's research division. There, he delved into cutting-edge technologies,

resulting in several patents. His tenure at Xerox immersed him in the world of innovation and entrepreneurship, laying the foundation for his future successes. In 2002, Sikka embarked on a new chapter by joining SAP, a global titan in enterprise software. He assumed the role of Chief Technology Officer and later ascended to the position of an Executive Board member. Sikka's contributions played an instrumental role in propelling SAP's innovation initiatives, most notably in the creation of SAP HANA. This groundbreaking in-memory database system heralded a revolution in the enterprise software industry.

In 2014, Sikka undertook the mantle of CEO and Managing Director at Infosys, one of India's foremost IT services companies. His appointment marked a historic moment, as he became the first non-founder CEO of the company. His mandate was clear: to rejuvenate Infosys and lead it into the digital era. During his tenure, Sikka championed innovation, fostered a culture of entrepreneurship, and restructured the company's services to align with the evolving demands of the digital age. His initiatives encompassed investments in new technologies, collaborations with leading universities, and the establishment of innovation centers. Sikka's journey didn't culminate with Infosys, however. In 2017, he embarked on a new venture, founding Vianai, a Silicon Valley-based startup devoted to advancing artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning technologies. Vianai's mission is to develop cutting-edge AI solutions for multifaceted challenges across various sectors, including healthcare, finance, and supply chain management. Sikka's decision to establish Vianai underscores his unwavering commitment to pushing the boundaries of technology in order to address real-world issues. The company has already attracted top talent in the AI field and secured substantial investments to fuel its research and development endeavors.



VISHAL SIKKA

From Humble Beginnings to Global Success

Training our minds to extract the highest amount of productivity is something we all aspire to do. As the Founder and Chairman of the esteemed 'Sudarshan Group of Companies,' Sudarshan Sabat has mastered the art of doing so and trained people to achieve it as well. He has not only built a business empire around it but has also garnered a vast and fervent following across various social media platforms. The immense respect that he has garnered over the years stems from his incredible contributions to the worlds of entrepreneurship, knowledge, and social impact.

Sudarshan proudly calls himself an 'infopreneur,' a fitting term for someone who has spent over half a decade shaping the landscape of education and business. His impressive journey includes the establishment of 11 successful companies, the authorship of 24 enlightening books, and the reception of more than 50 national and international awards. However, his ambitions extend far beyond personal achievements.



He firmly believes that every life he touches has the potential for transformation and that, collectively, can catalyze the greater good of the nation.

Sudarshan Sabat's journey began in 1995 when he arrived in the bustling city of Mumbai. He brought with him an insatiable curiosity and a burning desire to explore and learn from the world around him. This innate curiosity is what proved to be his greatest asset, helping him acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for his ascent to success. Starting his career as a clerk with a meager monthly salary of Rs. 1,000, Sudarshan embarked on a path of continuous learning and evolution. He recognized that to succeed, one must evolve with the ever-changing market trends.

Over the years, his passion for 'Sales' became evident, and from 1999 to 2010, his hard work and dedication raised him to become the No. 1 Sales Executive, No. 1 Sales Team Leader, and the No. 1 Sales Manager. Not content with just individual success, Mr. Sabat ventured into franchise ownership in 2011, and once again, he excelled, becoming the No. 1 franchise owner for three consecutive years. His dedication and determination paid off, and it was at this point that he realized the power of complete commitment to a goal.

SUDARSHAN SABAT

Training Minds to
Achieve Triumph

As Sudarshan had always been driven by a deep desire to expand his horizons and share his knowledge, he transitioned into the training industry, dedicating his life to helping others achieve their full potential. The journey from here on was not just about acquiring skills but finding his inner potential and harnessing it to transform his life.

HE EMBODIES THE BELIEF THAT WITH THE RIGHT MINDSET, ANYONE CAN ACHIEVE GREATNESS

Through countless seminars, webinars, and workshops, he impacted the lives of thousands, creating over 250 trainers along the way. With over 50+ National and International Awards to his name, including the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi Puraskar, Most Admired Global Indians award, and titles like World's Best Mind Trainer, India's Best Mind Trainer, and Asia's Best Mind Trainer, his journey has been a true example of what can be achieved through sheer focus and strategic hard work. His accomplishments are not just limited to his professional achievements. He has authored 12 books in the Mind Series, titles such as 'Mind Winner,' 'World Winner,' 'Rich Mind Blueprint,' and 'Dare Your Mind To Think Beyond,' with another 12 books in the Success Series on the way.

Even with his extensive list of achievements, Sudarshan remains grounded. When asked about his success, he simply states, "He is just getting started!" For him, academic knowledge provides the foundation, but successful training shapes it into excellence.

He believes in learning from multiple sources and has mentored millions to help them unlock their true potential. His ultimate vision is to help 10% of the Indian population achieve financial freedom and find their inner strength.

Sudarshan's commitment to his craft gleamed brighter in the face of adversity when in 2019, while conducting his signature 8-day Train The Trainer Program, he learned of the unfortunate demise of his father. Despite the emotional turmoil, he chose to complete the program, managing to condense a 2-day program into one, all without sharing his personal situation with the participants.

Looking ahead, Sudarshan Sabat plans to create more than 1,000+ trainers over the next five years. These individuals will carry forward his mission to empower and inspire society. For the last six years, he has been on a mission to help people live extraordinary lives, using his mind-power techniques to guide them towards happiness, health, and inner peace. His story serves as an inspiration to all those who dare to dream, work hard, and remain committed to their goals.





MITHALI RAJ

India's Cricket Queen

Mithali Raj, a name that resonates with cricket enthusiasts around the world, is an inspiring success story that has left an indelible mark on the sport, especially in the women's cricketing arena. Born on December 3, 1982, in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Mithali's journey from a small-town girl to becoming the captain of the Indian women's cricket team is a testament to dedication, perseverance, and an unwavering love for the game.

Mithali's tryst with cricket began at a young age when she was just 10 years old. Her natural talent and dedication caught the eye of local coaches, and she quickly climbed the ranks, representing her state, Andhra Pradesh, and eventually earning her spot in the Indian national team at the age of 16. Her debut in 1999 marked the beginning of a remarkable career that has spanned more than two decades.

One of Mithali's most significant achievements was becoming the captain of the Indian women's cricket team. Her leadership qualities and ability to inspire her teammates set her apart. She led the team with grace, dignity, and unwavering determination. Under her captaincy, India reached the final of the 2017 ICC Women's World Cup, where they narrowly missed the title. Mithali's stellar performance in the

tournament and her leadership qualities won the hearts of cricket fans worldwide. Mithali Raj is not only a remarkable leader but also an outstanding batswoman. She is the highest run-scorer in women's One Day Internationals (ODIs) and has numerous records to her name. Her impeccable technique and ability to adapt to various playing conditions make her a formidable force on the field.

Off the field, Mithali's contribution to the growth of women's cricket in India cannot be overstated. She has been an advocate for the women's game, consistently pushing for greater recognition and opportunities. Her dedication has inspired a new generation of female cricketers in India and beyond.

Mithali Raj's journey is a testament to the fact that with determination, passion, and hard work, one can achieve greatness, no matter the odds. Her success story is not just about runs scored and wickets taken; it is about breaking barriers and inspiring countless young girls to dream big. Mithali Raj, with her grace and grit, has undoubtedly left an indelible mark on the world of cricket, and her legacy will continue to inspire generations of aspiring cricketers.

Mukesh Bansal, a name synonymous with innovation and entrepreneurship, is a shining example of an inspiring success story that encompasses multiple fields. Born in Chandigarh, India, his journey from a small-town boy to a pioneer in the world of wellness and e-commerce is a testament to vision, perseverance, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.

Bansal's career took off with his co-founding of Myntra in 2007, an e-commerce platform specializing in fashion and apparel. Under his leadership, Myntra became one of India's leading online fashion retailers, combining fashion with technology to create a seamless shopping experience. The platform was a game-changer, offering a wide range of clothing and accessories while incorporating innovative features like virtual try-ons.

His success with Myntra led to an acquisition by Flipkart, another e-commerce giant in India. Bansal played a pivotal role in building and expanding Flipkart as the Head of Commerce and Advertising Business.

From Myntra to Mindfulness

MUKESH BANSAL

His leadership helped shape the Indian e-commerce landscape and solidified his reputation as a trailblazer.

However, what sets Mukesh Bansal apart is his foray into the world of fitness and wellness. He co-founded CureFit, a holistic healthcare and fitness platform that combines physical and mental wellness with technology. CureFit has become a trailblazer in the wellness industry, offering a range of fitness classes, health services, and healthy meal plans. Bansal's vision is to promote healthier living and make wellness more accessible to the masses.

Mukesh Bansal's journey reflects his ability to adapt and excel in multiple industries. His success is a testament to his entrepreneurial spirit and unwavering commitment to quality and innovation.



TARUN ANAND

Shaping the AI VISIONARIES of Tomorrow



Tarun Anand is a visionary whose journey from door-to-door sales to the Chancellor of India's First AI University is nothing short of inspiring. His life story is a testament to the power of relentless dedication, unyielding passion, and a commitment to excellence that have reshaped the education landscape in India.

Along with executive education from prestigious international institutions like the Michigan Business School (USA), Tuck Business School (USA), and IE Business School (Spain), he successfully completed his MBA at the renowned SPJIMR in Mumbai.

As the youngest Chairman and Managing Director of Thomson Reuters in South Asia, Tarun achieved unparalleled growth rates across BRIC nations. His expertise led him to serve as the Global Head of Treasury, overseeing a substantial \$2 billion business across 136 countries.

Tarun's global perspective is reflected in his extensive international experience, having worked in financial hubs like London, New York, and Hong Kong and in over 50 countries across six continents.

In 2009, Tarun founded Universal Business School, India's 1st Green B-School, a groundbreaking institution that set new standards in environmental consciousness within the education sector. His commitment to innovation and education led to the establishment of Universal AI University in 2023, making history as India's 1st AI University, aptly located in the serene surroundings of Karjat, a perfect blend of nature and academia.

Universal AI University is the only university in India that is led by a global CEO and is established 'by the corporates for the corporates'. It has 60 CEOs onboard and stands out in the educational landscape for several reasons, but the biggest one is the focus on AI-driven curriculum. This curriculum prepares students for the AI future, no matter which field they belong to. Apart from adopting experiential learning methods, the institution boasts a diverse and distinguished board, ensuring that the guidance students receive is rooted in a wealth of global experience and wisdom.

Speaking about his vision for Universal AI University, Tarun Anand stated, "Education is not just about acquiring knowledge; it's about empowering individuals to transform the world. At Universal AI University, we don't just teach; we inspire. We don't just educate; we innovate. We are not just a university; we are a revolution." Also, the real-world CMAPS (Collaborative Multidisciplinary Approach to Problem Solving) projects by the university cannot be found anywhere else.

Tarun's dedication to education was not left unnoticed. He was honored with the title of "Education Evangelist of India" by Great Place to Study in 2020, recognizing his tireless efforts in shaping the future of education. In 2018, he was chosen as a Global Goodwill Ambassador, a testament to his global impact and commitment to making education accessible and impactful.

The unveiling of the university's logo, graced by the presence of banking legend, Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairperson of Salesforce and former Chairperson of the State Bank of India and Mr. Bharat Puri, Chairman of Pidilite Industries, stands as a prestigious moment for Universal AI University.

Tarun Anand believes that students are not just learners; they are innovators and pioneers. Therefore, the university's emphasis on AI-led education is set to ensure that graduates are equipped with skills that are not just relevant but essential in the rapidly evolving technological landscape that can assist them in their practical lives.

The institution's commitment to the environmental and social responsibility is evident through its ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) initiatives, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and embracing green thinking at every level. Universal AI University has been recognized as a growth champion by The Economic Times and has received numerous awards for

its innovative approach to education and sustainability. Universal AI University has been recognized as a growth champion by The Economic Times and has received numerous awards for its innovative approach to education and sustainability. The tranquil ambiance fosters a conducive environment for learning and personal growth, making it an ideal location for India's 1st AI university.



Universal AI University's commitment to providing international exposure is reflected in its placements around the world, offering students a global perspective and limitless career possibilities.

Nestled in the serene surroundings of Karjat, just 2 hours away from the heart of Mumbai, the capital city hub, Universal AI University offers the best of both worlds. The picturesque location provides an ideal backdrop for learning, fostering an environment where students can immerse themselves in education while being close to nature. Living on campus offers round-the-clock transformative experiences for students, with 50% of learning happening outside classrooms through diverse experiential activities.

Tarun Anand's diverse and accomplished background underscores his commitment to innovation, education, and global excellence. His leadership continues to drive Universal AI University towards unparalleled success, making a lasting impact on the future of education in India and beyond.

In the world of sports, few stories are as inspiring as that of Neeraj Chopra, a young athlete who has risen to international prominence as a javelin thrower. His journey from a small village in India to becoming an Olympic gold medalist is a testament to his unwavering determination, dedication, and the power of dreams.

Born on December 24, 1997, in the village of Khandra in Haryana, India, Neeraj grew up in a humble environment. It was during his formative years that he discovered his passion for athletics, and specifically, javelin throwing. Supported by his family, he began training in this field, driven by an unwavering determination to excel.

Chopra's first taste of success came at the national level, where he won numerous competitions and established himself as a rising star in the world of athletics. His dedication and hard work paid off when he won gold at the 2016 IAAF World U20 Championships in Poland, a significant milestone in his career. However, his journey to becoming a global sensation was not without its share of challenges. Neeraj faced injuries and setbacks, which tested his resolve. But it was during these tough times that his determination shone the brightest. He overcame these obstacles, displaying a level of resilience that would become a hallmark of his career.

The pinnacle of Neeraj Chopra's journey came at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Competing on the world's most prestigious stage, he not only represented his nation but also etched his name in history. In a stunning display of skill and strength, Neeraj won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw, becoming India's first-ever Olympic champion in athletics. His victory was met with jubilation and pride in India. Neeraj Chopra's success story became a source of inspiration for countless aspiring athletes across the country. He personified the notion that with unwavering dedication, talent, and the right support system, one can achieve the seemingly impossible.

Chopra's achievements extend beyond Olympic gold. He has broken multiple national records and continues to set high standards for himself and his sport. His success has brought much-needed attention to javelin throwing in India, encouraging more young talents to take up the sport.

Neeraj Chopra's journey from a small village to an Olympic champion is a remarkable testament to the power of dreams and the importance of perseverance. He serves as a beacon of hope for all those who dare to dream big and work hard to turn those dreams into reality. His story continues to inspire and reminds us that with determination and dedication, we can achieve greatness.





The Shining Star of India at Miss Universe
India's Pride: Harnaaz Sandhu's Miss
Universe Triumph

Harnaaz
Sandhu

Harnaaz Sandhu's recent victory at the Miss Universe 2021 pageant marked a historic moment not only for her but for the entire nation of India. She became the first Indian woman to be crowned Miss Universe in over two decades, an achievement that serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for young women worldwide. Harnaaz Sandhu's success story is one of unwavering determination, unyielding spirit, and a commitment to breaking barriers.

Hailing from a modest family in Chandigarh, India, Harnaaz Sandhu's journey to international stardom was marked by a dream that she nurtured since childhood. As a young girl, she aspired to become a role model for her peers and make a significant impact on her community and beyond. Her journey to the Miss Universe crown was not without its share of challenges, but it was her indomitable spirit and unwavering determination that carried her through.

Sandhu's first foray into beauty pageants was in 2019 when she participated in the Miss Diva pageant. Although she didn't win, she gained valuable experience and used it as a stepping stone to her future success.

Her initial setback served as a learning opportunity, reinforcing her resolve and sharpening her focus. She made a stunning comeback in 2021 when she participated in Miss India and clinched the coveted title. This achievement not only brought her the national spotlight but also the chance to represent India on the international stage at the Miss Universe pageant.

At the Miss Universe 2021 competition held in Israel, Harnaaz Sandhu showcased not only her grace and beauty but also her advocacy for gender equality and the importance of empowering women. Her poised responses during the Q&A rounds demonstrated her intelligence, charisma, and her commitment to making a positive impact.

Harnaaz Sandhu's journey and triumph at the Miss Universe pageant hold several lessons for all of us. It underscores the power of dreams, the value of resilience in the face of setbacks, and the importance of remaining committed to a noble purpose. Her victory signifies the evolving standards of beauty pageants, where it's not just about outward appearances, but about the depth of character and purpose-driven advocacy.

Sandhu's victory is more than just a personal achievement; it's a triumph for Indian women and a source of inspiration for young girls who aspire to break through barriers and shine on the global stage. Her journey, marked by passion, grace, and an unwavering commitment to empowering women, is a testament to the limitless potential that resides within each of us.

Sustainability is paramount in today's world as we face unprecedented environmental challenges. It is not just an ethical choice but a necessity for our survival and the well-being of future generations. Keeping this thought at the top of his endeavors, Sandeep Chatterjee has built his identity as a supply chain and sustainability leader. With a wealth of experience working with numerous illustrious enterprises, Sandeep's career boasts a rainbow of accomplishments. As a supply chain and sustainability leader at IBM Consulting, he doesn't just function as a force of innovation but also fosters sustainable advancement.

Sandeep Chatterjee's academic journey commenced with a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur, later earning a Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) in Finance and Marketing from the prestigious Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, showcasing his early interest in management and leadership. His focus on becoming a supply chain and sustainability luminary kicked in when he set out to acquire a Ph.D. in Operations Management from the All India Management Association (AIMA), specializing in the intricacies of operational excellence & sustainability. As his inquisitiveness grew in the field, he went on to pursue Business Sustainability Management at the University of Cambridge, equipping himself with a deeper knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the complex landscape of sustainability in business.

Sandeep's professional journey is an evident result of his genuine concern for the planet and an adhesion towards finding ways to protect it. Prior to his current role at IBM Consulting, he honed his skills and knowledge while working with some of the world's leading organizations. His elaborate body of work includes stints at Deloitte, KPMG, Tata Motors, Lafarge, Infosys, and Oracle Consulting, where he worked on extracting and demonstrating an unparalleled scope of innovation in the areas of supply chain management, business process reengineering, network optimization, and sustainability.



SANDEEP CHATTERJEE

‘ SHAPING the
FUTURE of supply
chains with
SUSTAINABILITY ’

His expertise extends across multiple industries and geographies, depicting his versatility and adaptability. Sandeep's contributions to academia are as noteworthy as his work in the corporate world. He has presented several academic and technical papers at international conferences, sharing his insights and knowledge with the global community. Furthermore, his adherence to education can be seen in his work in developing supply chain cases for esteemed institutions such as IIM Kozhikode, NITIE, XLRI Jamshedpur, and IIT Bombay. Sandeep also contributes to the education sector by serving as a board member at KARE School Hyderabad, where he plays a pivotal role in charting a sustainable roadmap for first-generation learners from underprivileged backgrounds. Additionally, he is a member of the Board of Governors at IIM Kozhikode, where he contributes to shaping the future of management education.

Sandeep's extraordinary efforts have not gone unnoticed. He has been the recipient of numerous accolades, including the prestigious 'Economic Times Inspiring Leader Award' in 2022. His contributions to the field have also been recognized with awards like the "Supply Chain Evangelist" and the "MTC Global Awards for Excellence" in the category of Consulting. Remarkably, Sandeep has been named among the "40 Under 40 Supply Chain Professionals," cementing his status as one of country.

the top 100 Supply Chain Professionals in the these accolades not only shed light on his excellence in the field but also serve as an inspiration to emerging professionals in the sphere of supply chain and sustainability.

As the CEO and Chairman of the International Supply Chain Education Alliance (ISCEA), Sandeep is on a mission to raise awareness about supply chain practices globally. He also serves as an Executive Member of the ISCEA International Standards Board, where he continues to champion sustainability in the supply chain. On top of it, he shares his expertise with management students and actively participates in interview panels for various management entrance exams and corporate recruitment drives. He is also a part of the coveted Member of Leaders Excellence Group, where he proclaims his leadership skills along with other industry experts.

In a world where sustainability is crucial but rarely prioritized, Sandeep Chatterjee stands tall, weaving sustainability into the fabric of supply chain management. His illustrious career, educational achievements, and his unrelenting pursuit to create a more sustainable future make him an inspiring figure for all those striving to make a positive impact on the world. His deep resolve toward sustainable growth serves as a reminder that true leadership encompasses not only corporate success but also the betterment of society and the preservation of our planet for future generations.

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In the vast expanse of Bollywood, where actors strive to carve a niche for themselves, Manoj Bajpayee stands tall as a thespian of unparalleled prowess. His journey from the dusty lanes of Bihar to the dazzling lights of the Indian film industry is an odyssey marked by raw talent, resilience, and an unyielding commitment to the craft of acting.

Born on April 23, 1969, in Belwa, Bihar, Manoj Bajpayee's early life was a tapestry woven with humble threads. The son of a farmer, his journey to stardom was not scripted in the conventional glamour associated with Bollywood. It was forged through the crucible of determination and a passion for acting that burned brightly within him.

Manoj's tryst with acting began with his involvement in street plays and theatre during his college days. The gritty realism of theatre laid the foundation for his distinctive acting style, characterized by an intense yet nuanced portrayal of characters. It wasn't long before his talent caught the eye of the critically acclaimed director, Barry John, who became his mentor.

The journey from the bylanes of Bihar to the heart of Mumbai's film industry was not without its challenges. Manoj Bajpayee's initial forays into Bollywood were marked by struggle and rejection. However, his perseverance paid off when he was cast in the role of Bhiku Mhatre in Ram Gopal Varma's seminal film, "Satya" (1998). The film became a turning point in Indian cinema, and Manoj's portrayal of the volatile gangster earned him widespread acclaim and a National Film Award.

What sets Manoj Bajpayee apart is not just his choice of roles but the depth he brings to each character. Whether it's the conflicted professor in "Shool" (1999) or the chilling portrayal of a psychopath in "Aks" (2001), Manoj infuses every character with a raw authenticity that resonates with audiences. His ability to seamlessly transition between mainstream and off-beat cinema has defined the trajectory of his career.

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Crafting Brilliance on the Silver Screen with Raw Intensity





The actor's journey is not confined to the boundaries of Hindi cinema; it extends to the global stage. His portrayal of Sardar Khan in Anurag Kashyap's "Gangs of Wasseypur" (2012) garnered international acclaim, showcasing that powerful performances transcend language and cultural barriers.

Manoj Bajpayee's versatility is evident not only in his choice of roles but also in the mediums he explores. His foray into the digital space with the web series "The Family Man" (2019) reaffirms his ability to adapt to evolving storytelling formats while retaining the essence of his craft. The portrayal of Srikant Tiwari, a middle-class man juggling family life with his job as a covert intelligence officer, further solidified Manoj's stature as an actor par excellence.

Beyond the glitz and glamour of the film industry, Manoj Bajpayee's humility and grounded nature add another layer to his persona. Despite his numerous accolades, including multiple National Film Awards, he remains an actor driven by the love for his craft rather than the pursuit of fame.

As Manoj Bajpayee continues to enthrall audiences with his performances, his journey remains an inspiration for aspiring actors. It's a narrative that celebrates the art of acting in its purest form – a craft that demands dedication, authenticity, and the courage to dive deep into the psyche of diverse characters.

From Bihar's hinterlands to the pinnacle of cinematic acclaim, Manoj Bajpayee's odyssey is a celebration of talent, resilience, and the transformative power of storytelling. His legacy is not just a series of memorable roles but a testament to the idea that true brilliance in acting lies in the ability to make every character, no matter how obscure or profound, an indelible part of the cinematic tapestry.

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MAJOR GAURAV ARYA

An Indian Voice of Reason
in Global Geopolitics

In a world characterized by information overload and sensationalism, the need for unbiased, fact-based reporting on geopolitics and national security is more significant than ever. Major Gaurav Arya, a former Indian Army officer, has risen to the occasion by founding Chanakya Forum, a digital magazine dedicated to providing insightful, balanced perspectives on these critical issues. His journey from the army to the corporate world and ultimately to the media has been one of great influence.

Major Gaurav Arya's journey began with his deep-seated patriotism and commitment to serving his country. He joined the Indian Army, a calling that shaped his life profoundly. For several years, Major Arya served with dedication, defending his nation's borders and upholding its sovereignty. His experience in the army instilled in him a sense of duty and a passion for India's national security. However, in 1999, Major Arya embarked on a new path, transitioning from the army to the corporate world.

Major Arya's exemplary leadership skills soon made him a valuable asset in the corporate sector.

Over the next 17 years, he worked with prestigious corporations like Wipro, Hutch (now Vodafone), and Ernst & Young, holding key positions that showcased his managerial acumen. Eventually, he became the CEO and President of a Singapore-based MNC.

Throughout his corporate journey, Major Arya accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience. He was not just an executive; he was a leader who understood the importance of strategic thinking and effective decision-making. Little did he know that his corporate career would become an essential stepping stone toward realizing his vision for a better-informed India.

In 2017, Major Arya made a bold decision to enter the media industry. He joined the Republic Media Network, one of India's leading media conglomerates, as the Senior Consulting Editor for Strategic Affairs. This move showcased his remarkable adaptability and unyielding commitment to his mission – to improve strategic awareness in India. It was here that his vision for Chanakya Forum began to take shape.

Founded in 2020, Chanakya Forum is Major Arya's brainchild, a centrist media platform with a singular focus on geopolitics and national security. It stands out in a crowded media landscape as non-partisan, factual reporting. The platform's mission statement is clear and unambiguous – to provide truthful, unbiased, and fact-based analysis of global affairs, serving both the Indian audience and those worldwide who seek to engage with India based on common interests and shared values.

Chanakya Forum embraces the idea that knowledge is power and that it should be democratized. Major Arya firmly believes that for real change to occur, knowledge must be accessible to everyone, not just a privileged few. The platform leverages social media and collaborates with renowned global think tanks and publications to disseminate reliable information and foster a deeper understanding of complex geopolitical issues.

Major Gaurav Arya's vision for Chanakya Forum is ambitious, reflecting his unshakable commitment to the platform's mission. In the short term, he aims to create a loyal reader and viewer base while generating a heightened interest in geopolitics and national security among the public. By providing an informed perspective, he aspires to empower individuals to engage with the world critically.

In the long term, Major Arya envisions Chanakya Forum becoming India's largest digital media platform specializing in national security and geopolitics. He hopes to establish the platform as a respected and trusted source of information, contributing significantly to shaping the nation's foreign policy and security discourse.

Major Arya's influence extends beyond the written word. As a dynamic public speaker, he addresses national and international corporate events, as well as institutional gatherings. He speaks on diverse topics such as leadership, motivation, team building, strategic affairs, and national security. His eloquent articulation and insightful perspectives have earned him invitations to various prestigious events. In October 2017, Major Arya was invited to speak at the UK Parliament on the Kashmir issue, a testament to his expertise in the realm of national security and geopolitics.



In a world fraught with misinformation and sensationalism, Major Gaurav Arya's journey shows that an individual's commitment to truth and accuracy can bring about a positive change, not only in the country but on a global scale.

RAHUL DRAVID

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The Wall of Indian Cricket



In the pulsating arena of cricket, where flair often overshadows resilience, one man emerged as a symbol of unyielding determination and unwavering commitment – Rahul Dravid. Known as "The Wall" for his impenetrable defense and rock-solid technique, Dravid's journey from a cricket-obsessed youngster to a legendary figure in the sport is a tale of grit, discipline, and the triumph of substance over style.

Rahul Sharad Dravid was born on January 11, 1973, in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India. From his early days, Dravid exhibited a passion for cricket that would later become the cornerstone of his illustrious career. His foray into the cricketing world was marked by an unassuming debut for Karnataka in 1991, but it didn't take long for the cricketing fraternity to recognize the exceptional talent that lay beneath the surface.

Dravid's journey to success wasn't without its fair share of challenges. In an era dominated by flamboyant stroke-makers, Dravid carved his niche as a bastion of classical cricket. His innings were a masterclass in patience, technique, and resilience. Despite facing initial skepticism for his unconventional batting style, Dravid persevered, letting his willow do the talking on the field.

The defining moment of Dravid's career came during India's tour of England in 2002. In a series where conditions favored the bowlers, Dravid emerged as a lone warrior, scoring centuries at crucial junctures. His marathon innings of 217 at The Oval, spanning over ten hours, showcased not only his technical prowess but also his mental fortitude. The series victory marked a watershed moment, and Dravid's name became synonymous with grit and determination.

His role in the historic 2001 Test series against Australia, famously known as the "Border-Gavaskar Trophy," further solidified his reputation. Dravid, along with VVS Laxman, orchestrated memorable partnerships, scripting one of the greatest comebacks in Test cricket history. The innings of 180 at the Eden Gardens and 233 at Adelaide showcased Dravid's ability to thrive under pressure and spurred India to a series victory.

Beyond his contributions on the field, Rahul Dravid epitomized the values of sportsmanship and leadership.

In 2003, he was appointed as the captain of the Indian cricket team, a responsibility he shouldered with grace and dignity. Dravid's captaincy was marked by a focus on team unity, discipline, and a strong work ethic. Despite the challenges, he led India to notable victories and instilled a sense of pride and professionalism in the team.

Dravid's impact extended beyond the international stage. In the Indian Premier League (IPL), he took on the dual role of captain and mentor for the Rajasthan Royals, guiding the franchise to an unexpected triumph in the inaugural season. His influence on young talents was profound, and his commitment to nurturing the next generation of cricketers earned him widespread respect.

As Dravid bid farewell to international cricket in 2012, the cricketing world celebrated not just the end of an era but the legacy of a true cricketing statesman. His statistics are impressive, but it is the intangibles – the grit, determination, and humility – that define Rahul Dravid's success. In a sport often driven by fleeting moments of brilliance, Dravid's enduring presence was a testament to the power of consistency and dedication.

Post-retirement, Dravid continued to contribute to Indian cricket in various roles. He took on the responsibility of coaching the Under-19 and 'A' teams, sculpting the talents of tomorrow with the same meticulous approach that characterized his batting. His commitment to the development of cricket at the grassroots level reflected a deep-seated passion for the game and a desire to give back to the sport that had shaped his life.

In the grand narrative of cricket, Rahul Dravid stands as a colossus – not just for his runs but for the values he brought to the game. His career is a lesson in perseverance, a story of how a quiet, unassuming boy from Indore became the backbone of Indian cricket. Rahul Dravid's legacy isn't confined to records; it lives on in the hearts of cricket enthusiasts who witnessed the fortitude of "The Wall" that stood tall against the tides of time.





LAKSHMI MITTAL

THE STEEL MAGNATE'S INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY

In the world of industry and commerce, where success often demands a blend of innovation, resilience, and foresight, one name that shines as a beacon of entrepreneurial triumph is Lakshmi Mittal. From humble beginnings to becoming the "Steel King," Mittal's journey is a testament to the indomitable spirit of a man who dared to dream big and transform those dreams into a global steel empire.

Lakshmi Niwas Mittal was born on June 15, 1950, in Sadulpur, a small town in Rajasthan, India. The Mittal family, like many others, faced financial constraints, but adversity only fueled the young Lakshmi's determination. His early exposure to the steel industry through his family's small steel business ignited a spark that would later blaze into an industrial inferno.

The turning point in Mittal's career came with the acquisition of the International Steel Group (ISG) in 2004. This marked the beginning of a series of strategic acquisitions and mergers that would propel Mittal Steel into the global limelight. The audacious takeover of Arcelor in 2006, creating ArcelorMittal, remains one of the most significant moments in the history of the steel industry. It was a

bold move that saw Mittal surmounting regulatory hurdles and orchestrating a complex financial deal to create the world's largest steel company.

At the helm of ArcelorMittal, Lakshmi Mittal showcased an uncanny ability to navigate the intricate landscapes of global business. His leadership style was characterized by a keen understanding of market dynamics, a focus on operational efficiency, and an unwavering commitment to innovation. Under his guidance, ArcelorMittal became a powerhouse, producing more steel than any other company on the planet.

Mittal's success is not merely defined by numbers and financial prowess; it's rooted in his visionary approach to sustainability. Recognizing the environmental challenges associated with the steel industry, he championed initiatives to reduce carbon emissions and enhance energy efficiency. Mittal's commitment to creating a sustainable future for the steel industry reflects a rare blend of business acumen and social responsibility.

His journey from a small steel business in India to the helm of a global steel giant exemplifies the transformative power of ambition. Mittal's success story is not without its share of challenges. The steel industry is inherently cyclical, subject to the ebbs and flows of global economic dynamics. However, Mittal's resilience and ability to adapt have allowed him to weather the storms, emerging stronger with each challenge.

Beyond his industrial pursuits, Lakshmi Mittal is recognized for his philanthropic endeavors. The Mittal family's charitable foundation has supported numerous causes, ranging from healthcare and education to community development. Mittal's commitment to giving back to society mirrors a belief that success isn't meaningful unless it creates a positive impact on the world.

As Lakshmi Mittal continues to steer ArcelorMittal through the ever-evolving landscape of global business, his legacy resonates as an inspiration for aspiring entrepreneurs. His journey underscores the significance of daring to dream, of persisting in the face of adversity, and of embracing challenges as opportunities for growth.

Lakshmi Mittal's life story is a reminder that with vision, unwavering determination, and relentless pursuit of one's goals, remarkable success can be achieved. He continues to be a shining example of how an individual's dreams, combined with hard work and innovation, can reshape industries and impact the world at large.

In the grand narrative of industry titans, Lakshmi Mittal's story stands tall, a testament to the transformative power of vision, determination, and an unwavering belief in one's abilities. His life echoes the sentiment that success isn't a destination but a continuous journey of innovation, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence. Lakshmi Mittal, the steel magnate, has not just shaped an industry; he has forged an enduring legacy of entrepreneurial brilliance.



Amid a world that often views divorce through a lens of stigma and cynicism, Sarita Salwan proves that it can be both dealt with and lived with much more positivity. Her journey, intricately woven with diverse experiences, reflects not just personal growth but a paradigm shift in perceiving divorce not as an end but as a transformative phase.

Born into a blend of Norwegian and Punjabi cultures, Sarita's upbringing instilled in her a deep appreciation for diversity. Her roots in Gurdaspur, Tejan Kalan, laid the foundation for an individual embracing both Eastern traditions and Western values. This confluence of cultures fostered a unique perspective that she now carries in her personal and professional endeavors. As an exuberant and driven individual, she cherishes her Indian roots despite being raised in Norway.

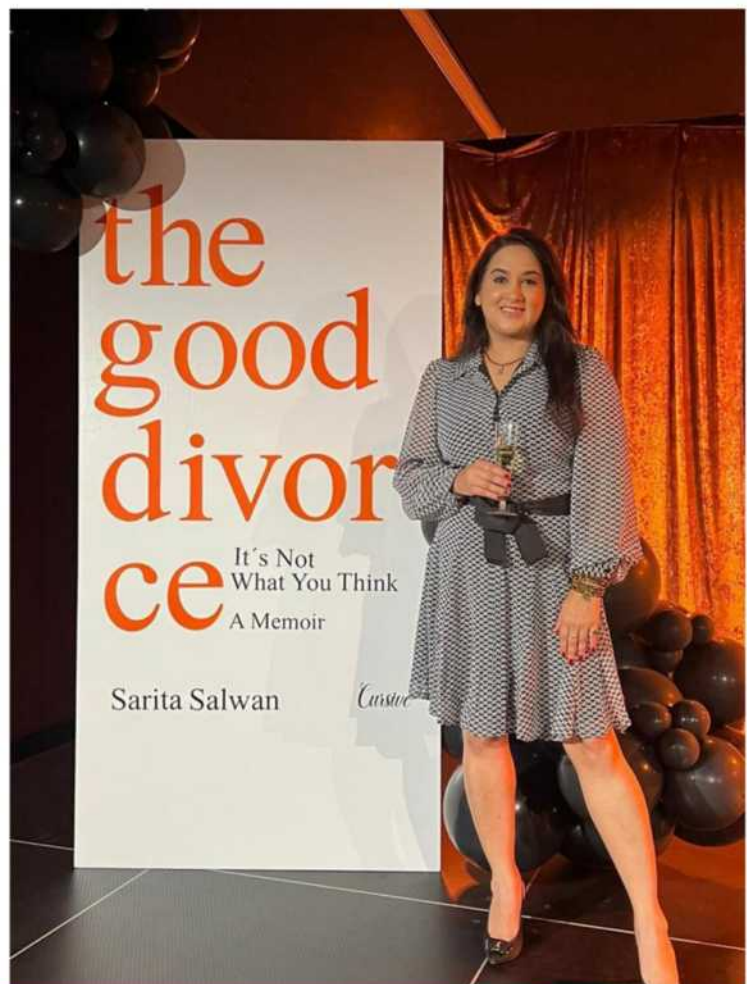
Drawing inspiration from her resilient father, she continuously explores fresh interests and concepts, now venturing into the realm of authorship alongside her other achievements.

Sarita treasures tranquility, and spirituality, and actively engages in her cultural traditions by taking part in religious festivities. Proficient in multiple languages and involved in diverse pursuits such as DJing and contributing to her father's travel enterprise, she advocates for women's autonomy while instilling fundamental principles in her daughter. With inexhaustible zeal and resolve, Sarita serves as a reminder to embrace life's opportunities with a resolute spirit and a contented mind.

Rooted in her academic prowess, Sarita's educational trajectory from Delhi University to obtaining a Master in HR and Marketing from IIPM Delhi laid the groundwork for her multifaceted persona. Her insatiable thirst for knowledge and diverse experiences propelled her beyond the confines of conventional education, nurturing a resilient spirit that thrives on continuous learning.

SARITA SALWAN

An author
challenging the
taboo of divorce



Sarita's professional odyssey commenced in 2008 when she embarked on a collaborative journey with her father in Reisehuset A/S, a family-operated travel company with a 40-year legacy. Working predominantly with clients from Africa and South America, she imbibed the nuances of the travel industry, cherishing the values of dedication, customer-centricity, and cultural understanding. Currently, she is one of the Board Members, and the Head of Marketing and Media at Coral Swans. However, Sarita's narrative transcended the realms of conventional career paths.

Sarita's recent milestone of authoring "The Good Divorce: It's Not What You Think" marks a courageous foray into uncharted territories. The book isn't merely a literary creation but a poignant piece of her own life experiences, written with a profound belief in redefining societal perceptions. Released in September 2023, her book aims to impart wisdom and empathy to the audience, advocating for a nuanced view of divorce. Sarita's thoughtful narrative navigates the complexities of separation, emphasizing that divorce isn't a failure but a chance for individuals to embark on a new journey of self-discovery and growth. She eloquently captures the essence of co-parenting, mental health, and the paramount importance of safeguarding children amidst marital upheaval.

Beyond her professional acumen, Sarita's ethos shines through. Her admiration for her father as an epitome of resilience reflects her indomitable spirit. Embracing diverse hobbies like DJ-ing and practicing Tarot Card reading, she exemplifies the spirit of exploring uncharted territories fearlessly. However, her most dedicated role is being a single mother and is the one that's closest to her heart. She emphasizes on instilling three core values in her daughter: self-belief, freedom of expression, and a deep respect for culture and parents. Through her actions and teachings, she embodies the essence of empowerment, inspiring not only her daughter but individuals at large.

The gist of Sarita's message extends beyond personal growth. It's a clarion call for societal evolution. Her vision for the future isn't just about celebrating her book's success but striving to dismantle the taboo around divorce. She ardently advocates for a society that doesn't judge or stigmatize divorce but sees it as a choice that enables individuals to pursue happiness without compromising their children's well-being. Her vision is clear: to advocate for mental health, self-realization, and respectful co-parenting. Sarita believes in prioritizing children and shielding them from the emotional toll of divorce. She staunchly expresses her discontent against society's inclination to demonize divorced parents, emphasizing that a healthy separation does not equate to enmity between former partners.

It is important to note that though written from a female perspective, Sarita's book isn't gender specific. She emphasizes the fact that men fear the same loss, go through a similar turmoil, and need the same care during such circumstances. The book clearly expresses that men might not be vocal about their sufferings but they are equally vulnerable.

Undoubtedly, Sarita Salwan's journey encapsulates a mosaic of resilience, empowerment, and compassion. Her life challenges societal norms, encouraging individuals to embrace change, along with fostering personal development for themselves, and their child. She fixates on living life with dignity and respect while maintaining an identity beyond any relationship status. Through her book and personal journey, Sarita's impact transcends boundaries, offering solace, guidance, and a ray of hope to those traversing the challenging terrain of divorce.





MARY KOM

The Unyielding Spirit of a Boxing Legend

Mary Kom, the indomitable "Magnificent Mary," is a name that has become synonymous with resilience, determination, and triumph. Her inspiring success story, both inside and outside the boxing ring, is a testament to her unwavering spirit and the countless barriers she has shattered to become a global icon.

In the enthralling arena of sports, where every punch tells a story of determination, grit, and passion, one name stands out as a symbol of indomitable spirit – Mary Kom. Hailing from the remote state of Manipur in Northeast India, Mary Kom's journey from a small village to becoming a global boxing icon is a saga of perseverance, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to breaking barriers.

Born as Chungneijang Mery Kom Hmangte on March 1, 1982, in Kangathei, Manipur, Mary Kom's early life was marked by financial constraints and societal norms that discouraged women from pursuing sports.

However, these challenges only fueled her determination. Introduced to boxing at a local sports academy, Mary found in the ring a canvas where she could paint her dreams with punches.

Mary Kom's prowess in the boxing ring quickly caught the attention of the national and international sports community. In a sport dominated by male athletes, she emerged as a trailblazer, breaking stereotypes and proving that gender is no barrier to excellence. Her first major breakthrough came in 2001 when she won a silver medal at the inaugural World Women's Boxing Championship. This marked the beginning of a storied career that would see her rewriting the history books.

The zenith of Mary Kom's career came at the 2012 London Olympics when women's boxing made its debut. Competing in the flyweight category, she defied all odds to win a bronze medal, becoming the first Indian woman boxer to achieve Olympic glory. Her achievement not only brought pride to her nation but also inspired a generation of young girls to dream beyond societal confines.

Mary Kom's success is not confined to the Olympics. With a total of six gold medals at the World Boxing Championships, she has etched her name as one of the most successful amateur boxers in the world.

Her ability to transition seamlessly across weight categories, coupled with her relentless work ethic, has solidified her status as a legend in the world of boxing.

Beyond the accolades, Mary Kom's journey is a narrative of resilience in the face of personal challenges. Balancing the demands of motherhood with the rigorous training required for elite-level boxing, she defied conventions and showcased the strength of a woman both inside and outside the ring. Her life is a testament to the idea that success is not just about winning medals but about conquering one's own doubts and limitations.



Beyond Boxing Gloves: The Inspirational Life of Mary Kom

In addition to her athletic achievements, Mary Kom's foray into politics and social causes further underscores her commitment to making a positive impact. As a Member of Parliament in India, she advocates for the rights of athletes and works towards the betterment of sports infrastructure in the country. Her efforts to empower women and uplift her community showcase a holistic approach to success that extends beyond personal accomplishments.

Mary Kom's story resonates not just in India but on the global stage. Her journey from a small village in Manipur to becoming a six-time world champion is an inspiration for aspiring athletes worldwide. In an arena where every punch is a statement, Mary Kom's life is a testament to the power of perseverance, the importance of breaking barriers, and the enduring spirit of a true champion.

As Mary Kom continues to defy age and expectations, her legacy grows, becoming a beacon of hope for those who dare to dream against all odds. In the dynamic rhythm of sports, she remains a melody of resilience, an anthem of empowerment, and a living testament to the philosophy that a determined heart knows no boundaries. Mary Kom, the pugilist from Manipur, has not just conquered the ring; she has conquered the hearts of millions, leaving an indelible mark on the canvas of sporting history.

Where flavors and aromas entwine to create memorable experiences, Chef Braj Lata adds her magic to the occasion by bringing authentic cuisines from around the world. She isn't just a curator of dishes that feel original to their real essence, but also creates fusions that you didn't know you needed. As an extraordinary chef, a promising entrepreneur, and a remarkable businesswoman, her journey from cooking Rajasthani food at home to celebrity weddings, and various important events across India is inspiring for women who think the taste in their hands only belongs to the kitchens of their own homes.

Chef Braj Lata's passion for the culinary arts ignited during her childhood in Jaipur, Rajasthan, a land known for its rich and diverse food culture.

She commenced her culinary voyage by mastering the art of crafting delectable Rajasthani dishes at a young age. Now, as the Head Chef and co-founder of VIP's Catering, she believes in the magic of simplicity when it comes to cooking. Her philosophy revolves around the idea that a great meal doesn't have to be overly complex – it just needs to be prepared with love and dedication.

Her brother being a professional bakery chef, one might say that cooking ran in the blood of Chef Braj Lata. Moreover, she was destined for a career in the culinary world as she married a fellow chef, Bhagat Singh. Her marriage marked the beginning of a new chapter, one where she embraced professional culinary education and ventured into the world of business by starting VIP's Catering alongside her husband. While both of them were living in Delhi at the time, fate had a different plan for them. Coincidentally, she started receiving work in Jaipur.



Chef

BRAJ LATA

**A connoisseur of
lip-smacking
cuisines**



As luck would have it, she landed 11 back-to-back events in May and June, catapulting her into the spotlight.

One of Chef Braj Lata's signature dishes is her Neapolitan pizzas, a flavorsome masterpiece that brings authentic Italian taste to the Indian palate. She employs Italian flour to craft the perfect dough, San Marzano tomato sauce imported from Italy, and fresh mozzarella cheese, resulting in a truly memorable dish. In a country where Italian cuisine is often reduced to pizza and pasta, Chef Braj Lata's menu extends far beyond, offering gourmet pasta, ravioli, risotto, baked dishes, live cooking, and an extensive European dessert selection. Not just Italian but her Mexican menu too, mirrors the authenticity found on the streets of Mexico, especially with the introduction of soft tacos. Her dips are an experience in themselves. Currently, Chef Braj Lata is setting her sights on Chaats and North Indian dishes, ensuring that the chaat she serves maintains its street food essence while elevating its hygiene standards.

Her North Indian dishes are deeply ingrained in the country's traditions, receiving a fresh twist with the introduction of dishes like mushroom, pumpkin, cheese, and artichoke kulchas, perfectly paired with dal makhani and raita. Fusion is the name of the game for her as she constantly innovates and upgrades her offerings. She's made subtle changes to her sushi and dim sum menu. However, the rest of her Asian spread remains authentic and exquisite. In a country where vegetarian cuisine often takes center stage at weddings and special events,

Chef Braj Lata and VIP's Catering offer a surprising twist that's hard to pass. Their non-vegetarian menu boasts delectable New Zealand lamb chops, lobsters, and jumbo prawns served at a pink Himalayan salt station.

Their seafood is always fresh, arriving via direct air cargo to their base kitchen. Some of her most beloved dishes include blue potato and sweet potato gnocchi, as well as the mouth-watering charcoal-grilled imported sweet potatoes – an indulgence that may be pricey but is unquestionably worth it for a special event.

Chef Braj Lata's VIP Catering takes pride in serving clients across India. They've worked their culinary magic at numerous events for well-known business families in cities like Mumbai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, and Jodhpur, and even graced the tables of a celebrity wedding in the enchanting land of Jaisalmer. When asked why she hasn't opened her restaurant, Chef Braj Lata calmly explains the differences in the dynamics of the catering and restaurant businesses, particularly in terms of risk and profitability. However, she eagerly awaits responses from potential investors, hinting at exciting news on the horizon.

With her commitment to authenticity and innovation, she continues to delight palates and leave a lasting mark on the guests at every event that she caters to. She's proof of what a woman can achieve when her heart, passion, and hard work, all are in the right place.

In the dazzling galaxy of Bollywood, where the spotlight often shines on actors and actresses, there exists a woman whose influence extends beyond the silver screen – Gauri Khan. As the wife of the legendary Shah Rukh Khan, Gauri has gracefully carved her niche as a designer, entrepreneur, and a symbol of understated elegance in the world of glamour.

Born on October 8, 1970, in New Delhi, Gauri Chhibber's life took a cinematic turn when she crossed paths with a young and ambitious Shah Rukh Khan in the early '80s. Their love story, marked by resilience and commitment, is as much a part of Bollywood folklore as the films themselves. However, Gauri's journey goes beyond being the wife of a megastar; it is a narrative of talent, creativity, and a commitment to personal and professional growth.

While her husband's career soared to unprecedented heights, Gauri Khan found her calling in interior design. Her inherent flair for aesthetics and an eye for detail led her to establish "The Design Cell," her interior design studio in Mumbai. Gauri's designs are a seamless blend of contemporary elegance and timeless charm, reflecting her own refined taste and style.

Gauri's foray into interior design catapulted her into the limelight as a tastemaker in the industry. Her impressive portfolio includes projects ranging from high-profile celebrity homes to commercial spaces, each bearing the signature touch of Gauri's design sensibilities. Her work has been featured in prestigious design publications, cementing her status as a creative force to be reckoned with.

The launch of Gauri Khan Designs marked a significant milestone in her entrepreneurial journey. The flagship store in Mumbai became a haven for connoisseurs of luxury home decor, offering a curated collection of furniture, lighting, and accessories. Gauri's ability to blend opulence with comfort has garnered praise from both clients and design enthusiasts, solidifying her position as a formidable name in the world of interior design.



From **Star Wife**
to **Successful**
Business
Woman

Beyond her professional endeavors, Gauri Khan is a symbol of grace and poise. Despite the constant scrutiny that comes with being a part of a high-profile celebrity couple, she has maintained a sense of privacy and dignity. Her public appearances, marked by understated elegance, make her a fashion icon in her own right. Gauri's sartorial choices are a reflection of her personal style – chic, sophisticated, and always on point.

As a mother of three and a pillar of support to Shah Rukh Khan, Gauri has mastered the delicate art of balancing family life with a thriving career. Her commitment to her children's well-being and her role as a hands-on mother add depth to the multifaceted persona that she embodies.



GAURI KHAN'S JOURNEY IS NOT JUST A TALE OF BEING THE WIFE OF A BOLLYWOOD ICON

It is a narrative of carving one's identity, pursuing passion, and leaving an indelible mark in the world of design and entrepreneurship. Her story resonates as an inspiration for women aspiring to make their mark in fields traditionally dominated by men.

In the grand tapestry of Bollywood's narrative, Gauri Khan is the quiet force that shapes not only homes but also the cultural landscape. Her journey is a testament to the idea that behind every successful person, there is often an equally successful and dynamic partner.

Gauri Khan, with her creativity, grace, and resilience, stands tall as a testament to the fact that in the world of glamour, elegance isn't just confined to the silver screen – it also finds a place in the design studios and entrepreneurial ventures of women like her.

In the illustrious realm of Indian cinema, where larger-than-life personas and magnetic screen presence define stardom, one name towers above the rest – Rajinikanth. The journey of Shivaji Rao Gaekwad from a humble bus conductor to the unrivaled "Thalaivar" of the South Indian film industry is a fable of perseverance, versatility, and an extraordinary connect with audiences that transcends geographical boundaries.

Born on December 12, 1950, in Bangalore, Karnataka, Rajinikanth's early life was far removed from the glitz and glamour of the film world. Raised in a modest household, he initially worked as a bus conductor in the Bangalore Transport Service. Little did the world know that behind the ticket puncher's uniform lay the makings of a cultural phenomenon.

Rajinikanth's tryst with acting began on the stage, where he participated in various plays organized by the Kannada Balaga, a cultural organization. His innate charisma and the ability to captivate audiences soon caught the attention of K. Balachander, a legendary director in the South Indian film industry. It was under Balachander's mentorship that Rajinikanth made his cinematic debut in the Tamil film "Apoorva Raagangal" in 1975.

However, it was the 1977 film "Bhuvana Oru Kelvikkuri" that marked a turning point in Rajinikanth's career. Cast as the antagonist, his unique style and screen presence began to draw attention. With subsequent successes like "Mullum Malarum" and "Aarilirunthu Arubathu Varai," Rajinikanth started carving a niche for himself, evolving into a formidable force in the Tamil film industry.

RAJINIKANTH

THE ICONIC JOURNEY

TO STARDOM



The 1980s witnessed the meteoric rise of Rajinikanth as a true "Superstar" with a string of blockbuster hits. From the iconic "Muthu" to the action-packed "Basha," his films became synonymous with unparalleled success. Rajinikanth's larger-than-life on-screen persona, characterized by his unique style, dialogues, and charismatic gestures, endeared him not only to the South Indian audience but also to fans across the globe.

One of the defining features of Rajinikanth's success is his versatility. He effortlessly transitioned from intense roles to comedic characters, showcasing a range that endeared him to a diverse audience. His ability to resonate with people from all walks of life, irrespective of age or background, is a testament to the universal appeal of his performances.

Rajinikanth's journey is not just about his acting prowess but also about his impact on popular culture. The term "Rajinikanthism" has become synonymous with a cultural phenomenon that goes beyond the silver screen. Fans mimic his style, emulate his dialogue delivery, and celebrate his every release as a festival. Rajinikanth is not just a star; he is a cultural icon whose influence extends to politics, philanthropy, and society at large.

In 1995, Rajinikanth made a brief foray into politics, expressing his political aspirations. Although his political career has seen various twists and turns, his influence in shaping public discourse is undeniable.



His philanthropic initiatives, such as the creation of the Rajinikanth Charitable Trust, further underscore his commitment to social welfare and community development.

As Rajinikanth gracefully steps into the later chapters of his career, his legacy remains firmly entrenched in the annals of Indian cinema. Beyond the glitz and glamour, his journey is a narrative of a man who, against all odds, rose from the anonymity of a bus conductor to become the "Thalaivar" – a term that means leader, mentor, and superstar rolled into one.

In the ever-evolving script of Indian cinema, Rajinikanth's life is a saga of cinematic grandeur, cultural resonance, and the enduring spirit of a man who transformed dreams into reality. The "Superstar" may have donned many roles on the silver screen, but it is his role as an inspiration to millions that truly defines the Rajinikanth phenomenon. As the curtains draw on each film, the aura of Rajinikanth continues to linger, echoing the sentiment that in the realm of stardom, there is only one true "Thalaivar."

A LEADER OF CHANGE IN BUSINESS AND SOCIAL IMPACT

MR. BIKASH AGARWAL



In a world that admires excellence, Bikash Agarwal's journey from a young entrepreneur to a highly respected business magnate and philanthropist stands as a testament to dedication, innovation, and the power of giving back. A prominent TEDx speaker, a doctorate holder from an esteemed American university, and a recipient of national and international awards, Bikash's life story is an inspiration for aspiring business leaders and philanthropists alike.

With over two decades of experience in the infrastructure industry, Bikash's dedication to his craft and passion for learning allowed him to make significant strides in his career. He entered the business world officially and began a journey marked by consistent growth and success. As the Chairperson and Whole Time Director of Shivohum Group, he oversees the company's diverse operational facets, including finance, departmental activities, and day-to-day operations.

The company has evolved as one of the most prominent real-estate and land developers in the North East and Eastern regions of India, known for its extensive range of sophisticated equipment and a highly skilled team of engineers, technicians, and management professionals.

Bikash's Shivohum Group, a Pvt Ltd company registered under the Company Act of 1956, focuses on construction and edifice.

The company is committed to not just meeting but exceeding customer expectations. Its clear vision includes delivering projects on time, within budget, and to the highest standards of workmanship. From the inception of the enterprise with a commercial construction project, Shivohum Group has expanded its operations to engage with all aspects of construction. Their diverse portfolio includes Civil Engineering Projects, Real Estate Development, and Eco-Tourism Ventures.

Beyond his extraordinary success in the corporate world, Bikash is a compassionate philanthropist with a heart for the underprivileged. He's the founder of Apni Roti, an initiative of the Shivohum Balaji Seva Trust. The trust has been providing free accommodation, food, and healthcare to those in need in West Bengal and Jharkhand since 2016. Shivohum Balaji Dharamshala, Shivohum Balaji Mandir, and Gaushala are other initiatives aimed at supporting communities and fostering well-being.

Bikash during his travel saw that most of the organizations distribute leftover food to the needy. He felt that everyone deserves a hot fresh hygienic meal and got inspired from that thought he started Apni Roti in January 2019. This innovative approach involves a specially designed vehicle equipped with a roti vending machine. Travelling across Kolkata, North Bengal, Assam, Bihar, and Jharkhand, Apni Roti serves fresh, hot rotis accompanied by organic pickles and sweets. The roti vending machine produces approximately 800 rotis per hour and operates for seven hours a day, providing food for around 1400 people.

The initiative dedicates each day to serving a different city area, with a strong focus on slum areas and outskirts. Additionally, Apni Roti extends its services to government schools, orphanages, old-age homes, and government hospitals.

Bikash Agarwal's remarkable journey from a humble beginning to his current position as a respected industry leader and philanthropist showcases the power of unwavering determination, dedication, and a commitment to improving the lives of those less fortunate. His contributions to both the business world and philanthropic endeavors make him an exemplary figure in today's society.

The legacy of Bikash and his unceasing commitment to bringing positive change in the world continues to inspire individuals to pursue their dreams while uplifting those in need.



In the intricate web of international relations, where the threads of diplomacy are delicately woven, one name resonates with gravitas and statesmanship – Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. His journey from a young diplomat navigating the corridors of foreign policy to becoming the External Affairs Minister of the world's largest democracy is a compelling narrative of intellect, dedication, and a profound commitment to advancing India's standing on the global stage.

Born on January 9, 1955, in New Delhi, Dr. Jaishankar inherited a legacy of service to the nation. His father, K. Subrahmanyam, was a distinguished strategic analyst and one of the foremost thought leaders in India's defense and security establishment. This familial backdrop instilled in Jaishankar a sense of responsibility towards his country, laying the foundation for a remarkable career in diplomacy.

The early chapters of Jaishankar's journey unfolded within the hallowed halls of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS). Graduating with a master's degree in Political Science and International Relations, he embarked on a diplomatic journey that would see him serve in key positions across the globe. His assignments included crucial postings in Moscow, Washington D.C., and Tokyo, where he honed his skills in navigating complex geopolitical landscapes.

The first significant chapter in Dr. Jaishankar's diplomatic odyssey unfolded when he was appointed as India's Ambassador to the United States in 2014. It was a pivotal time, with India seeking to redefine its strategic ties with the United States. Jaishankar's tenure in Washington marked a period of deepening cooperation, strategic dialogues, and a tangible strengthening of bilateral relations.

His adept handling of diplomatic intricacies did not go unnoticed. In January 2015, Dr. Jaishankar ascended to the position of Foreign Secretary of India. In this role, he became the chief architect of India's foreign policy, steering the ship through turbulent waters with finesse and sagacity. His tenure was marked by an assertive yet pragmatic approach, emphasizing the importance of strategic partnerships and economic diplomacy.



Dr. S. Jaishankar

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**A Diplomatic
 Maestro: Dr.
 Jaishankar's
 Inspiring Legacy**

One of the defining moments of Dr. Jaishankar's career came in 2017 when he played a pivotal role in negotiating the resolution of the Doklam standoff between India and China. His ability to engage in tough, strategic dialogues while preserving the delicate fabric of diplomatic relations showcased his acumen as a statesman.

In a historic move that underscored the government's trust in his capabilities, Dr. Jaishankar was appointed as the External Affairs Minister of India in May 2019. As the face of India on the global stage, he assumed the mantle at a time when the world was grappling with unprecedented challenges, from the COVID-19 pandemic to shifting geopolitical dynamics.

One of the key hallmarks of Dr. Jaishankar's tenure as External Affairs Minister has been his commitment to recalibrating India's foreign policy to reflect the nation's aspirations on the global stage. Emphasizing the principles of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family), he has actively engaged with counterparts worldwide, fostering partnerships and alliances that extend beyond conventional diplomatic norms.

His pragmatic approach to foreign affairs is evident in the deft handling of complex issues, such as the border tensions with China and the evolving dynamics in Afghanistan. Dr. Jaishankar's emphasis on the importance of India's role in a multipolar world has resonated globally, reinforcing India's standing as a significant player in international affairs.

Beyond the realm of geopolitics, Dr. Jaishankar is a staunch advocate for leveraging technology and innovation in diplomacy. His embrace of digital platforms and social media has not only made foreign policy more accessible to the public but has also facilitated more transparent communication on matters of national importance.

The success story of Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar isn't just about diplomatic triumphs; it is a testament to the values of integrity, strategic vision, and an unwavering commitment to serving the nation. His journey exemplifies the profound impact that individuals with a deep understanding of global affairs can have on shaping the destiny of a nation.

As the architect of India's diplomacy, Dr. Jaishankar continues to navigate the complex tapestry of international relations with finesse and foresight. In a world where the dynamics of power are constantly evolving, he stands as a beacon of inspiration for aspiring diplomats, leaders, and citizens who believe in the transformative potential of diplomacy to shape a more connected and harmonious world. Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar's success story is more than a chapter in the annals of Indian diplomacy; it is a living testament to the idea that thoughtful, principled leadership can redefine a nation's role in the global community.



Sagar Srivastava

A Catalyst Of Change In Educational Leadership



Sagar Srivastava's relentless pursuit of transformation with education consultancy has led him to be seen as an extraordinary leader. His journey from humble beginnings to pioneering success illuminates the path for aspiring entrepreneurs. His brainchild, EduDAG, birthed from a unique idea and fueled by an unwithered determination, has not only shaped the future of countless MBA aspirants but has also etched a profound impact on the education sector globally.

The inception of EduDAG wasn't premeditated. It was born out of an unexpected turn of events in Sagar's life. At the tender age of eighteen, a client's refusal to pay for his services left him with a debt of Rs. 3.5L. This incident, rather than being a stumbling block, catalyzed his entrepreneurial journey. It instilled in him an unyielding resolve to never be on the receiving end of such a situation again. This experience became the cornerstone of his philosophy: to be the one compensating others for their work.

Coming from an academic background in Electronics and Communication Engineering, with a valuable MBA degree from IIM Ahmedabad, Sagar started off by indulging in a brief stint at Accenture. However, his vision exceeded conventional boundaries.

He nurtured EduDAG like a devoted parent raising a child, investing boundless effort and time into its growth, navigating challenges, and expanding operations. As a leader, he heads an internal team comprising roughly 20-25 members, consisting of esteemed individuals like Board members, Vice Presidents, Assistant Vice Presidents, Subject Matter Experts, and internal company leaders. He also collaborates with representatives from outsourced organizations.

Moreover, externally, Sagar supervises a team of 150-200 professionals across various departments such as marketing, finance, HR, and operations. In the past year, under his leadership, his company had the privilege of serving over 800 clients, primarily focusing on smaller and mid-sized projects. What sets him apart is his specialized approach focused on specific domains like marketing and operations, actively engaging in initiatives that contribute to shaping the future.

Sagar's professional journey has been significantly influenced by the international exposure that he has received over the years.

This includes establishing office branches in countries like Kuwait, Bahrain, and Dubai, along with participating in educational programs in Berlin and Paris to gain hands-on business operations experience. Additionally, Sagar has also been invited to deliver speeches at esteemed institutions such as Oxford University.

His journey, studded with accolades and milestones, speaks of his efforts in the field. Being recognized as the "Best CEO in Education Institute" by SME -BIZZ star awards and receiving an honorary doctorate from California Public University are some of the many feathers in his cap. He was also listed as one of the "Top Iconic Leaders" by Indian Express. Moreover, EduDAG's inclusion as a case study at IIM-Ahmedabad further showcases its innovative approach and impact in the sphere of education consultancy.



As a seasoned professional, Sagar's career spans various impactful roles across diverse domains. As the CEO and Founder of EduDAG, based in New Delhi, India, since its inception in 2016, he has demonstrated remarkable leadership in the education sector. Beyond his entrepreneurial ventures, he has delved into the intricate landscape of Indian politics. He has been actively engaged in organizational politics within the Indian National Congress (INC) since 2017, serving as an Organizational Secretary and Vice-President in the New Delhi district since 2019.

Sagar's international footprint includes spearheading media, communication, and external affairs for the Indian Overseas Congress in Bahrain since 2020, exhibiting his prowess in global relations and diplomacy. Sagar's commitment to social causes is evident through his involvement as a Chapter Member at the All-India Professional Congress in 2020 and his tenure as Vice President at the International Foundation of Women in India from 2020 to 2021, where he championed gender equality and empowerment initiatives. His multifaceted experience reflects his versatility, and strategic acumen, in education and socio-political spheres.

Peering into the future, Sagar envisions a more impactful EduDAG. His strategic initiatives focus on team development, culturally relevant marketing, and heightened awareness about the importance of education. Furthermore, his vision doesn't stop at EduDAG's growth; it extends to making education universally accessible, eradicating time-related barriers, and fostering a global community dedicated to educational advancement.

As the founder and CEO of EduDAG, Sagar Srivastava is not just leading an organization, he is shaping the future of education. Through EduDAG, Sagar exemplifies how diligence married with resilience, and an unshakable resolve can carve a path toward thriving success.

In the realm of motivational speakers and leadership gurus, one name stands tall, resonating with millions across the globe – Shiv Khera. His journey from a small town in India to becoming an international motivational icon is a story of resilience, determination, and an unwavering belief in the power of positive thinking.

Born in a humble family in Dhanbad, Jharkhand, Shiv Khera's early life was marked by challenges that would become stepping stones to his future success. His family faced financial constraints, and he encountered educational hurdles. However, Khera's indomitable spirit propelled him to overcome these obstacles. His journey from a struggling student to a globally renowned motivational speaker mirrors the transformative power of a positive mindset.

The turning point in Khera's life came when he migrated to the United States in pursuit of better opportunities. There, he faced new challenges, but instead of succumbing to adversity, he embraced it as a catalyst for growth. It was during this time that Khera discovered his passion for motivational speaking and self-help, setting the stage for a career dedicated to empowering individuals to unlock their potential.

In 1996, Shiv Khera catapulted into international prominence with the release of his acclaimed book, "You Can Win." This literary masterpiece, translated into multiple languages, became a bestseller and a guiding light for individuals seeking personal and professional success. The book's principles, rooted in positive thinking, leadership, and self-motivation, resonated with readers from diverse backgrounds, making Khera a household name.

Khera's unique approach to motivation is grounded in practicality. He emphasizes the importance of taking responsibility for one's actions, setting clear goals, and maintaining a positive attitude even in the face of challenges. His philosophy encourages individuals not only to dream big but also to equip themselves with the skills and mindset necessary to turn those dreams into reality.

You Can Win: The Life and Legacy of

SHIV KHERA



Beyond the written word, Shiv Khera's impact is felt through his dynamic and engaging speeches. His electrifying presence on the stage, coupled with real-life anecdotes and relatable wisdom, has inspired audiences in corporate boardrooms, educational institutions, and community gatherings worldwide. Khera's ability to connect with people on a personal level has made him a sought-after speaker, sought by both aspiring individuals and established organizations.

Shiv Khera's success is not just measured by book sales or speaking engagements; it lies in the countless lives he has transformed. His teachings have empowered individuals to overcome obstacles, entrepreneurs to build successful businesses, and leaders to navigate the complexities of their roles with grace and purpose.

In addition to his work as a motivational speaker and author, Shiv Khera has been actively involved in social initiatives. His commitment to youth empowerment and education is evident through the numerous leadership programs and workshops he has conducted. Khera's belief in giving back to society aligns seamlessly with his message of making a positive impact on the world.

As Shiv Khera continues to inspire, his journey remains a beacon of hope for those navigating the challenges of life and business. His story is a reminder that success is not a destination but a continuous journey of self-improvement, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence.

In the grand tapestry of motivational speakers, Shiv Khera is not just a voice; he is an embodiment of the principles he espouses – a living testament to the idea that with the right mindset, unwavering determination, and a true commitment to self-improvement, anyone can win in the game of life.



"If we are not a part of the solution, then we are the problem."

In the ever-evolving landscape of e-commerce, there are trailblazers who define the industry with their vision and tenacity. One such luminary is Peyush Bansal, the founder and CEO of Lenskart, whose journey from humble beginnings to e-commerce mogul is a testament to unwavering determination, innovative thinking, and an unrelenting pursuit of his dreams.

Peyush Bansal's story is a remarkable one, characterized by his unquenchable thirst for innovation and a keen sense of business. Born and raised in a middle-class family in Churu, Rajasthan, Bansal's early life was rooted in simplicity and modesty. His journey from these modest beginnings to building one of India's most successful e-commerce companies is an inspiring tale of entrepreneurship.

After completing his engineering from McGill University in Canada and an MBA from the prestigious IIM Calcutta, Bansal ventured into the corporate world, working with Microsoft in the United States. However, his entrepreneurial spirit was not to be confined to the cubicles of a corporate office.

In 2010, Peyush Bansal took a leap of faith, founded Lenskart, and embarked on a journey that would change the way India sees – both literally and figuratively. His vision was to transform the eyewear industry in India by making quality eyeglasses accessible to all, while also embracing the digital realm of e-commerce.

Lenskart was not just about selling eyewear; it was about redefining the eyewear shopping experience. Peyush Bansal recognized that the eyewear market in India was plagued by a lack of innovation, limited

choices, and high prices. He aimed to revolutionize this market by offering a wide range of eyeglasses, sunglasses, and contact lenses at affordable prices, all while providing a seamless online shopping experience.

One of the defining features of Lenskart's success is the innovative concept of "Try and Buy" – a revolutionary approach in the eyewear industry. Peyush Bansal realized that many consumers hesitated to buy eyewear online because they couldn't try the frames on. To address this concern, Lenskart introduced the "Home Eye Check-Up" service, allowing customers to get their eyes tested at home and try a range of frames before making a purchase decision. This unique blend of online shopping convenience and in-person service was a game-changer. It not only removed the barriers of purchasing eyewear online but also enhanced the overall shopping experience, making Lenskart a preferred destination for millions of customers.

Peyush Bansal's journey was not without its challenges. The eyewear industry in India was largely unorganized, and Lenskart was entering a market with well-established players. However, Bansal's ability to identify and address gaps in the market, coupled with his relentless pursuit of excellence, allowed Lenskart to flourish.

He focused on building a robust supply chain, investing in cutting-edge technology, and fostering a culture of innovation within the organization. Lenskart's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and a team of skilled optometrists contributed to its success in delivering high-quality eyewear to customers.

CLEAR VISION

BRIGHT FUTURE:

Under Peyush Bansal's visionary leadership, Lenskart witnessed remarkable growth. The company expanded its product offerings, including prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, contact lenses, and eyewear accessories.

Lenskart's in-house brands, like Vincent Chase and John Jacobs, gained popularity for their stylish and affordable eyewear.

Lenskart also ventured into offline retail by opening brick-and-mortar stores across the country. This omnichannel approach provided customers with the flexibility to shop online or visit physical stores, making Lenskart a household name for eyewear needs. Peyush Bansal's story is a testament to

the fact that with unwavering determination, innovation, and an unwavering belief in one's vision, extraordinary heights can be reached. From a small town in Rajasthan to the helm of a revolutionary e-commerce venture, Bansal's journey is a shining example of the entrepreneurial spirit that can transform industries and improve the lives of millions.

Lenskart's success not only represents Peyush Bansal's achievements but also mirrors the potential of India's e-commerce industry. His relentless pursuit of innovation and his commitment to delivering quality products have changed the way India shops for eyewear.

As Peyush Bansal continues to steer Lenskart to greater heights, his story serves as an inspiration to budding entrepreneurs and business leaders. It reminds us that even in a fiercely competitive market, an unwavering commitment to one's vision, a passion for innovation, and a focus on customer needs can lead to unparalleled success.

In the story of Peyush Bansal and Lenskart, we find a remarkable fusion of innovation, determination, and an unwavering commitment to redefining an industry. His journey exemplifies how one individual's vision can shape an entire market and inspire a nation of entrepreneurs.

Beyond the realm of business, Peyush Bansal has shown a strong commitment to social causes. He is actively involved in various philanthropic initiatives aimed at creating a positive impact on society. Lenskart's "Look Good, Do Good" program, for instance, focuses on providing eyeglasses to underprivileged individuals who may not have access to vision correction.



CHRONICLES

PEYUSH BANSAL

A man of multiple trades- Mahesh Chand Sharma's journey in the world of technology began with a wide range of experiences across diverse domains, such as insurance, telecommunications, marketing, and IT firms. This eclectic background allowed him to develop a unique set of skills, establish industry connections, and keenly identify market gaps and opportunities. Over the years, he held significant positions within various organizations, including Sales Head, Product Manager, and Marketing Director. His journey through these roles equipped him with expertise in finance, marketing, operations, and technology.

Throughout his career, Mahesh built valuable relationships with mentors, industry experts, potential partners, and investors, which played a crucial role in his entrepreneurial journey.

He later founded and co-founded several startups, successfully turning them into thriving ventures. His contributions to the IT and blockchain industries are worth noting. Along with it, his educational accomplishments include receiving an Honorary Doctorate from Victorian University, USA, recognizing his relentless pursuit of innovation and technology.

Mahesh's entrepreneurial spirit is characterized by a willingness to take risks and explore uncharted territories. Mahesh possesses a clear vision of how technology and blockchain applications can address real-world problems and enhance existing processes. One of his distinctive talents is identifying problems and devising innovative technical solutions to solve them. His passion extends to emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, and decentralized applications. He demonstrates a profound commitment to continuous learning and adaptation within the rapidly evolving tech and blockchain landscape.



MAHESH CHAND SHARMA

A blockchain technology maven

He is also remarkably flexible in his approach, readily adjusting his strategies in response to market dynamics and new information. His ability to rebound from failures and transform them into valuable learning experiences is beyond comprehension.

The brainchild of Mahesh Chand Sharma, ValueBit IT Services Pvt. Ltd., embodies a commitment to delivering excellence in technology solutions. The company's mission is underpinned by a set of core values, including the provision of exceptional technology services, fostering long-term partnerships, driving innovation, and promoting ethical and sustainable practices. Mahesh believes in nurturing a culture of excellence and delivering uncompromising quality.

With his brand, Mahesh has curated a comprehensive range of services to offer to his clients, including IT Consulting, Cybersecurity Services, Software Development, Networking Services, Cloud Services, and Data and Analytics Services. His company also delves into blockchain-oriented services including Training and Education, Blockchain Platforms and Smart Contracts, Blockchain Consulting and Development, Consensus Algorithm Development, Blockchain Integration, and Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS).

Mahesh proved to be a wizard in deriving a competitive edge over its competitors by including specialization in emerging technologies, cost-effective solutions, customization, and scalability, along with exceptional customer support. The company's innovative research and development, global reach, proven track record, data analytics, diverse talent pool, and agile methodology make it one of the top players in the domain.

Mahesh Chand Sharma's remarkable contributions to entrepreneurship and technology have not gone unnoticed.

In 2022, he was honored as the "Best Entrepreneur" by the World Achievers Organization and recognized as one of the most impactful leaders of the year.

Mahesh has ambitious future goals for himself, and his company. As he currently focuses on driving the company's growth by completing critical software and technology development milestones, he is sure that they will serve as the foundation for the organization's success, ensuring that the product aligns with market demands. He aims to secure the necessary resources for expansion by engaging with potential investors or venture capitalists and bolstering the team's capabilities. Looking at a brighter future, his objective is to find key team members or even recruit co-founders while establishing an organizational structure to delineate responsibilities. The creation of a distinctive brand identity and curating an effective online presence to gain digital trust will further drive the company's success.

He predicts that geographic expansion will open new horizons for the company, increasing its reach and influence. He emphasizes product and service diversification to ensure that the organization remains adaptable and relevant in a dynamic market. Embracing evolving technology is a key part of his long-term vision, fostering customer-centric innovation and impactful partnerships that advance the company's mission. Mahesh also places great emphasis on education and skill building, as well as mentorship and knowledge sharing, to contribute to the broader community's growth. Mahesh's goals are not just about business growth; they also encompass a broader objective for societal progress and ethical business practices.

‘ Mahesh envisions a future marked by expansion, innovation, and impact. ’

Deepika Padukone

The Reigning Queen of Bollywood's Silver Screen

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In the dazzling world of Indian cinema, where dreams unfold on the silver screen, one name has emerged as a beacon of grace, talent, and sheer cinematic brilliance – Deepika Padukone. Her journey from a talented model to the reigning queen of Bollywood is a narrative of perseverance, versatility, and an unyielding commitment to excellence.

Born on January 5, 1986, in Copenhagen, Denmark, Deepika Padukone hails from a family with sports and entertainment connections. Her father, Prakash Padukone, is a renowned former badminton player, and her mother, Ujjala Padukone, worked as a travel agent. Despite her lineage, Deepika's entry into the world of showbiz was marked by her own passion and talent.

Deepika's tryst with the limelight began in the modeling world, where her striking looks and towering height quickly garnered attention. Her breakthrough moment came when she appeared in the music video for Himesh Reshammiya's song "Naam Hai Tera." This paved the way for a successful career in modeling, with Deepika walking the ramps for prestigious fashion designers and featuring in prominent advertising campaigns.

However, it was in Bollywood that Deepika Padukone would carve her niche as an unparalleled actress. Her debut film, "Om Shanti Om" (2007), opposite Shah Rukh Khan, not only marked a sensational entry into the industry but also earned her the Filmfare Award for Best Female Debut. Deepika's dual role in the film showcased her acting prowess, captivating audiences and critics alike.

The ensuing years saw Deepika Padukone's star rise meteorically. Her filmography boasts a diverse range of roles, from the vivacious Shantipriya in "Om Shanti Om" to the emotionally nuanced Piku in "Piku" (2015). Deepika's ability to effortlessly transition between genres, coupled with her dedication to character portrayal, has earned her acclaim in an industry known for its demanding standards.

A watershed moment in Deepika's career came with the release of "Padmaavat" (2018), directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali.

Her portrayal of the legendary queen Padmavati not only showcased her acting mettle but also solidified her status as a leading lady in Bollywood. The film's success and her stellar performance earned her accolades, including the Filmfare Award for Best Actress.

Beyond her on-screen brilliance, Deepika Padukone is a trailblazer off-screen as well. Her candid discussions on mental health, her own struggles with depression, and her role as the founder of the Live, Love, Laugh Foundation have helped destigmatize mental health issues in India. Deepika's advocacy work reflects her commitment to using her influence for positive societal change.

In addition to her acting career, Deepika Padukone has ventured into Hollywood with films like "xXx: Return of Xander Cage" (2017), where her performance garnered international acclaim. Her crossover success has further cemented her status as a global icon.

As a style icon, philanthropist, and powerhouse performer, Deepika Padukone's journey is a celebration of womanhood and artistic brilliance. Her influence extends beyond the silver screen, making her a role model for aspiring actors and young women across the globe.

In the ever-evolving narrative of Bollywood, Deepika Padukone continues to reign supreme, not just as an actress but as a symbol of resilience, versatility, and the enduring spirit of cinematic magic. Her journey serves as an inspiration for those who dare to dream, breaking barriers and leaving an indelible mark on the canvas of Indian cinema. Deepika Padukone, the reigning queen, stands tall as a testament to the transformative power of talent, determination, and the pursuit of cinematic excellence.



Chai, the iconic beverage of India, holds profound cultural significance as a symbol of hospitality, social bonding, and tradition. Beyond its role as a simple tea, chai serves as a communal ritual, bringing people together in homes, offices, and street-side stalls, fostering relationships and a sense of belonging. At the heart of this ritual, making this bond stronger is Balaji Subudhi, a Chai-preneur who hasn't just laid the foundation of multiple tea houses but also championed social change through his business. As the Director of several ventures, including Speaking Tea, Retro Chai, CoffeTea, Local Monkeys, and Oatey beverages, he has become a testament to the power of innovation, ethical business practices, and the belief that simplicity can lead to significant impact.

Balaji began his educational journey as an engineer specializing in electronics and telecom, which provided him with a strong foundation in modern technology and problem-solving. However, his thirst for knowledge did not stop there. He pursued a double master's in Robotics and AI from IIT Pune and in Business Analytics from Praxis Business School. This diverse educational background laid the groundwork for his varied approach towards entrepreneurship, leading with the required technical prowess in business.

Before venturing into entrepreneurship, Balaji established himself as a data scientist with 15 years of experience across various renowned companies.

A Data Scientist turned Entrepreneur

BALAJI SUBUDHI



He thrived in the field of data-driven product development and consulting in retail analytics. His work with prominent clients such as ABnB, Lowe's, Ralph Lauren Corporation, and Zee TV showcased his ability to understand complex problems and find innovative solutions. Throughout his career, his role primarily revolved around growth and marketing, where he achieved rapid growth at the lowest possible cost. Currently, as the lead data scientist at Mojro, a company specializing in last-mile logistics planning, he leverages his expertise in data analytics and product development to bring unprecedented success.

One might wonder what inspired Balaji to venture into the world of chai, a seemingly simple product in a complex business landscape. "Even the simplest offerings can bring about a significant change in society when thoughtfully produced and presented with compassion," he says. For years, Balaji and his team have remained committed to delivering the best-in-class tea at the lowest possible cost. What sets them apart is their ethical approach to sourcing. They procure tea directly from small farmers, ensuring fair compensation for their hard work. Through his companies, Balaji aims to support small tea farmers by enabling them to sell their produce directly to Tea and Coffee Houses.

In addition to his chai-preneurship, Balaji has given wings to various startups. Marked by a pivotal shift led by Balaji, the emerging startup FlavingredProducts pivoted into a product-driven brand in March 2023. Balaji remained instrumental in spearheading the company's evolution, emphasizing the development and distribution of plant-based, clean-label, and nutritious products. This strategic shift reflected FlavingredProducts' intent of enriching communities, satisfying shareholders, and contributing positively to the environment, all while bringing innovative and quality products to consumers.

Operating remotely across India, with its head office in Mumbai and a shared lab in Coimbatore, FlavingredProducts is uniquely positioned to create, process, and market ingredients and plant-based food products. Balaji's impact on the company's growth is undeniable, as his business acumen has facilitated its expansion, product development, and market exploration.

Balaji Subudhi's journey extends beyond his ventures. His portfolio includes various companies, each with a unique mission and vision. He is dedicated to creating more entrepreneurs in the ecosystem, providing alternative earning opportunities through franchises. Several of his initial employees have now become franchise owners. His vision is to invest in over 200 small and struggling companies and support them in their growth. By 2025, he aims to establish 5000+ franchises or businesses with the help of his ventures.

Balaji's journey from an engineer to a data scientist and ultimately to a pathbreaking entrepreneur is an inspiring tale of evolving with time and innovating to bring positive change. His ventures are not just about tea and coffee but about uplifting communities, creating opportunities, and fostering ethical business practices.

His story is a reminder that simplicity can be the catalyst for deep transformation and entrepreneurship can be a powerful force for social good.

In the sprawling tapestry of educational technology, Byju Raveendran's story unfolds as a narrative of ingenuity and transformative success. Hailing from a small village in Kerala, Byju's journey from an engineer to the founder of the globally acclaimed Byju's learning app is nothing short of inspirational. Byju's foray into the world of education began with an unconventional teaching approach. While working as an engineer, he discovered his knack for simplifying complex concepts, a skill that would later redefine the contours of edtech. The pivotal moment came when he started tutoring friends preparing for the CAT exam. Emphasizing on practice, & conceptual understanding over rote memorization.

In 2011, Byju Raveendran took a bold step and founded Byju's, envisioning a platform that would revolutionize the learning experience. His goal was clear: to make quality education accessible and engaging for every student. The turning point came in 2015 with the launch of the Byju's learning app, an innovative blend of technology, content, and pedagogy.

The app's success was meteoric, transforming Byju's into a unicorn with a valuation surpassing a billion dollars. Byju's innovative use of technology, interactive video lessons, and adaptive learning modules set a new standard for edtech platforms globally. The app's gamified approach made studying not just effective but enjoyable, resonating with students across age groups.

Beyond financial success, Byju Raveendran's journey serves as a beacon for edtech enthusiasts and educators. It underscores the transformative power of visionary leadership in identifying and addressing gaps in traditional education. Byju's story is a testament to the idea that passion, coupled with a clear vision and unwavering dedication, can revolutionize the way we learn and teach.

As Byju Raveendran continues to propel Byju's into new frontiers, his story remains an inspiration for those believing in the potential of technology to reshape education. From a small village to the global forefront of edtech innovation, Byju Raveendran's impact echoes the belief that revolutionary change in education is achievable through passion, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

BYJU RAVEENDRAN



**Breaking Boundaries:
The Unconventional
Rise of Byju's Learning
App**

SHRADHA SHARMA

Trailblazing the Future of Digital Storytelling

In the dynamic realm of digital media and entrepreneurial prowess, Shradha Sharma's narrative emerges as a tale of innovation and transformative success. From her roots in a small town to the founding of YourStory, one of India's leading media platforms, Shradha's journey exemplifies the power of passion, resilience, and a visionary approach to storytelling.

YourStory, founded in 2008, became a trailblazer in the digital media landscape under Shradha's leadership. The platform provided a voice to entrepreneurs, startups, and change-makers, celebrating their journeys and contributions. Shradha's vision was clear – to bridge the gap between untold stories and a global audience hungry for inspiration.

The success of YourStory mirrors Shradha Sharma's commitment to authentic storytelling. Her platform became a launchpad for countless entrepreneurs, offering insights, guidance, and a spotlight on their achievements. By leveraging the power of digital media, Shradha redefined the narrative around entrepreneurship, turning it into a dynamic and accessible conversation.

Shradha's ability to adapt to the evolving media landscape is evident in YourStory's diverse content formats, from articles to videos and podcasts. The platform became a go-to resource for anyone seeking inspiration, knowledge, or a glimpse into the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Shradha's leadership transformed YourStory into a dynamic community that fosters connections, collaborations, and the exchange of ideas.

Beyond the success of YourStory, Shradha Sharma stands as a symbol of resilience and leadership in the entrepreneurial landscape. Her journey can be viewed as a testament to the transformative power of digital media when harnessed with a vision to empower and inform.

As Shradha continues to steer YourStory into new horizons her story remains an inspiration for aspiring entrepreneurs and storytellers who want to create impact. From a small town in Bihar to the forefront of digital media innovation, Shradha Sharma's impact underscores the belief that authentic storytelling can shape perceptions, inspire change, and pave the way for a more inclusive and dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem.



Govind Balakrishna Raju



A Multi-preneur Driving Growth with Sports

As the Founder and CEO of AllSportsFit, Co-Founder of 10infinite Drones, and EAH, Govind Balakrishna Raju has not only embraced his love for running startups but also dedicated himself to mentoring and fostering growth in diverse domains. Govind's journey is an inspiring success story that showcases his commitment to the betterment of society through innovative initiatives.

His entrepreneurial spirit is rooted in his desire to create a positive impact. With the same intention, he co-founded 10infinite Drones, a company that provides solutions for agriculture, defense, and civil applications. The company's services span product manufacturing and research and development across multiple sectors.

AllSportsFit, another venture led by Govind, aims to be the world's largest grassroots multisports service provider. Their custom Physical Education (PE), sports programs that cater to children in schools, extending wellness and fitness opportunities to a broader audience. Through AllSportsFit, Govind seeks to foster a culture of active living and holistic well-being.

Moreover, EAH, a direct-to-consumer wellness products brand specifically designed for women, is another of Govind's passion projects for promoting a healthier lifestyle. This brand focuses on providing wellness solutions tailored to women's unique needs.

Govind's leadership extends beyond his role as an entrepreneur. He serves as a mentor for startups at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), where he imparts his knowledge and experience to aspiring entrepreneurs. Additionally, he holds the position of Vice President at an international forum dedicated to projects, further solidifying his commitment to fostering growth on a global scale.

With AllSportsFit, Govind created core offerings revolving around custom multi-sport PE programs for children from kindergarten to 10th grade and beyond. These programs extend to after-school sports initiatives, multisport academies, and sports events.

What sets AllSportsFit apart is their holistic approach to talent scouting, support, and continuous improvement.

Through the use of technology, they provide comprehensive game, player, and team analysis, helping build future athletes and champions at scale.

The company's extensive network includes local and global partners, covering a wide range of sports such as football, basketball, tennis, cricket, and badminton and other sports. Their ongoing tie-ups with legendary athletes and sportsmen, both from India and around the world, enrich the sports experience for the children. Govind was aware that the COVID-19 pandemic had revealed a significant gap in addressing the fitness needs of children, particularly in the Kg 10th grade category. Govind with this vision recognized this challenge and took a stand. envisioned a roadmap to provide a solution that would address this issue at scale. Simultaneously, Govind's aspiration to become a professional sports man in his youth fueled his determination to create opportunities for the younger generation.

The long-term vision for Govind's venture is nothing short of inspiring. AllSportsFit aspires to become the world's largest grassroots multisports company, impacting over 250-300 million children, both in India and globally, within the next few years. This vision is underpinned by a commitment to inclusive technology, ensuring that children from all backgrounds have access to quality sports and fitness programs.

Govind's efforts have been widely recognized by various platforms. Govind's contributions to the wider global ecosystem strategic projects were acknowledged with the "Excellence Award" from the one of the Offices of His Highness in the UAE region in 2021,

He has been named as one of the "30 under 30" in 2022 and as "Top 20 successful change makers of India" featured in Times of India in 2023.

His work with 10infinite Drones has earned recognition as one of the "Top 10 drone startups" in association with Intel, Amazon, and the World Economic Forum, all in 2022 by Thub . His involvement in international forums has resulted in creating a substantial global impact, with millions of media impressions from across the world, adding more luster to his profile.

Govind aims to expand into global markets, reaching beyond indian markets to go global in a few years starting from 2024. His goal is to be the world's largest player in grassroots sports, impacting millions of children in India and across the globe. In the coming years, He aspires to reach and positively influence over 250 - 300 million children and beyond, offering them access to quality multisport programs and wellness services. His commitment to creating a global impact with his programs is not just a business goal but also a personal mission to make his family and his country, India, proud. With his unique vision and hard work, it wouldn't be a shock if the country witnesses him becoming the next Elon Musk or similar leaders of his industry, who is one of his idols building disruptive & diverse companies.

Govind Balakrishna Raju's journey from a startup enthusiast to a leader making waves in youth sports and wellness is proof of his vision, dedication, and passion. Through his companies and mentorship, he is not only creating successful ventures but also fostering a culture of holistic well-being and sportsmanship that will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

In the dynamic landscape of Indian media and entrepreneurship, one name stands out as a trailblazer who reshaped the contours of the industry – Subhash Chandra. His journey from a small town in Haryana to becoming a media mogul and visionary entrepreneur is a saga of tenacity, innovation, and an unyielding commitment to transforming the Indian media landscape.

Raised in a family engaged in the rice and oil trade, he imbibed the values of hard work and determination from a young age. Little did he know that these values would become the driving force behind his extraordinary entrepreneurial journey.

The first significant chapter in Subhash Chandra's career unfolded when he launched Zee Telefilms in 1992. This marked a paradigm shift in Indian television, as Zee became the country's first private cable channel. Chandra's foresight in recognizing the potential of satellite television in India played a pivotal role in transforming the media landscape and bringing entertainment to millions of households.

Under Chandra's leadership, Zee Telefilms evolved into a media conglomerate with diverse interests, including television broadcasting, film production, digital media, and more. The launch of Zee TV, the flagship channel, marked the beginning of a revolution in the way Indians consumed entertainment. Zee's innovative programming and commitment to quality content resonated with audiences, establishing it as a household name.

One of the defining moments in Subhash Chandra's career came with the establishment of Zee News in 1999. With a commitment to unbiased journalism and a focus on news with a national perspective, Zee News became a trusted source of information for millions. Chandra's vision of providing a platform for diverse voices and perspectives in media underscored his belief in the democratic power of information.



SUBHASH CHANDRA



**Media Mogul and
Entrepreneurial
Visionary**



Chandra's success is not merely measured in business accomplishments; it also extends to his foray into politics. In 2016, he was nominated to the Rajya Sabha, bringing his entrepreneurial acumen to the legislative arena. His engagement in public service reflects a commitment to contributing to the nation's development beyond the realms of business.

Beyond business and politics, Subhash Chandra is also a thought leader and author. His book, "The Z Factor: My Journey as the Wrong Man at the Right Time," provides insights into his entrepreneurial journey, leadership philosophy, and the challenges he faced in reshaping the Indian media landscape.

As a pioneer in the media industry and a visionary entrepreneur, Subhash Chandra's journey is a beacon of inspiration for aspiring business leaders. His ability to foresee trends, embrace innovation, and navigate the complexities of diverse industries reflects a rare blend of strategic vision and hands-on leadership.

In the evolving narrative of Indian entrepreneurship, Subhash Chandra's legacy endures as a testament to the transformative power of media, the spirit of enterprise, and the unwavering belief in the potential for change. His life's work echoes the sentiment that true success isn't just about building empires; it's about leaving an indelible mark on industries, societies, and the collective imagination of a nation.

Subhash Chandra, the media maestro, continues to stand tall as a symbol of entrepreneurial brilliance and the enduring spirit of innovation.



Bomi Doctor, a luminary in strategic consulting, training, coaching, and authorship, embodies the quintessence of an inspirational figure fostering growth and success in the corporate landscape. With an illustrious career spanning diverse sectors, Bomi's journey towards becoming a distinguished strategist and mentor commenced with his academic endeavors at St. Mary's High School, Mumbai, followed by a B.Sc. from Jai Hind College and a Master's in Marketing Management from JBIMS (Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies), Mumbai. Bomi's professional journey started with esteemed organizations such as Bradma of India (Division of Forbes), NELCO (Tata Group), and Ion Exchange India Ltd. His roles as an Area Sales Manager, Regional Sales Manager, and General Manager saw him spearhead pivotal initiatives, including the launch of three pioneering concepts in India, some of which transcended borders to achieve international recognition.

The genesis of Bomi's impactful legacy lies in his brainchild, Konzept Marketing Consultants, where he assumes the mantle of Proprietor, Chief Strategic Consultant, Trainer, Coach, and Author. Under his adept guidance, Konzept Marketing Consultants has emerged as an influential name in the market offering bespoke marketing strategies and tailored training programs, catering to the distinctive needs of various industries and companies. Bomi's skills have been sought after by the likes of renowned brands including De Beers, JoyAlukkas, Ambuja Cement, Bank of India, Mahindra Group, and GJEPC among others. The specific people development areas he addresses involve Attitudinal issues, Conflict Resolution, Mentoring, Decision Making, Team Building, Leadership, and Executive Excellence for senior-level professionals.

Bomi's expertise extends beyond corporate boardrooms. He is a revered member of the Bombay Management Association and an esteemed faculty member at prominent institutions like the Management Development Institute of the Bank of India and the Indian Institute of Jewellery Training (IJ). Notably, his collaboration with IJ led to a comprehensive overhaul of their Retail Selling Programme, aligning it perfectly with the nuanced requisites of the Indian retail landscape.



BOMI DOCTOR

Empowering Leaders
and Systems with
Strategies

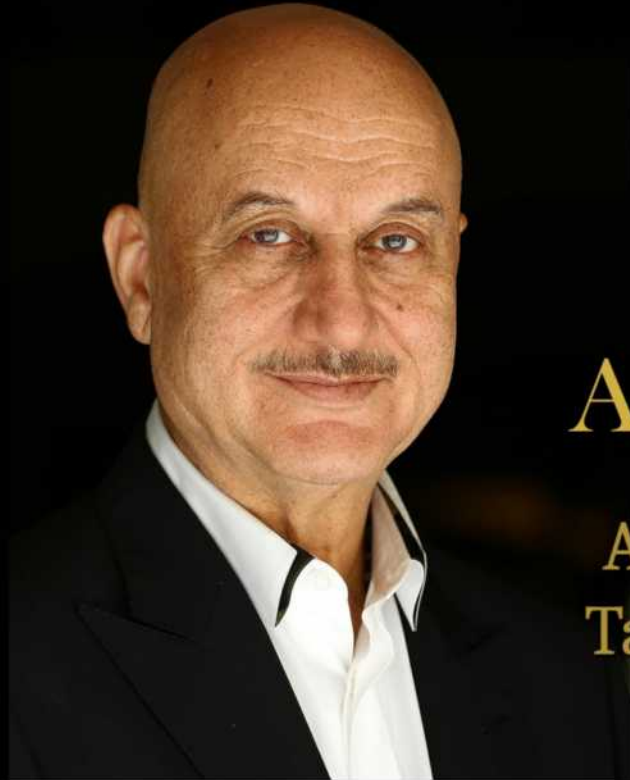
Recognized for his insightful perspectives on strategic marketing, Bomi has been honored with the opportunity to deliver the Keynote Address at the Strategic Marketing Summit 2011. His impassioned discourse on 'Strategic Marketing - The Need of the Hour' resonated profoundly with the audience, displaying his profound understanding of market dynamics. At the core of his philosophy lies an unrelenting belief in the role of strategy, leadership, and motivation in navigating the competitive business terrain. His training programs, ranging from Leadership Development to Sales Skills enhancement and Team Building, are tailored to unlock latent potential within individuals across hierarchical levels, transforming them into high-performing assets for their organizations.

Bomi's impact in transforming individuals across various professional strata is unparalleled. Through his guidance, he has empowered countless individuals, from frontline sales personnel to seasoned senior managers, unlocking their latent, untapped potential. His unique ability to identify and nurture hidden skills has been instrumental in raising them toward excellence. Bomi's expertise lies in his capability to instigate positive changes in attitudes and personalities effectively while cultivating a winning mindset among his mentees. Among his array of specialized programs, 'Develop the Killer Instinct' stands out, designed to draw out innate talents. Additionally, his trilogy of programs, 'Get That Winning Edge,' tailored for Salesmen, Managers/Leaders, and teams, serves as a roadmap to success in their respective domains. Rooted in proven methodologies, Bomi's teachings in leadership and motivation impart practical



and effective strategies that resonate with individuals striving for success. Bomi's literary contributions stand as a testament to his wealth of experiences and insights. His acclaimed books, 'The Leadership Handbook - Your Path to Growth and Success' and 'I Believe- I Will and I Can', have garnered acclaim for their empowering narratives, drawing from Doctor's personal triumphs over professional challenges and even health setbacks, including his battle with cancer. 'I Believe - I Will and I Can,' Bomi's latest offering, transcends the boundaries between success and failure, illuminating the path to overcoming obstacles and fostering self-belief. Through this thoughtful book, Bomi offers a compelling roadmap to harness inner strength and resilience, crucial components for achieving personal and professional triumphs.

Empowering individuals and enterprises with strategic acumen, transformative training methodologies, and inspirational literature solidifies Bomi's stature as a guiding light and motivation in today's ever-evolving management and leadership landscape. His dedication to driving holistic growth continues to enlighten those fortunate enough to benefit from his wisdom and expertise.



ANUPAM KHER

A Versatile Maestro in the Tapestry of Indian Cinema

In the sprawling landscape of Indian cinema, Anupam Kher stands as a seasoned maestro, his journey spanning over four decades and embodying the true essence of versatility and acting brilliance. Born on March 7, 1955, in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, Anupam's trajectory from a small town to the heart of Bollywood is a testament to his exceptional talent and unwavering dedication.

Anupam Kher's foray into acting was not a predestined path but rather a leap of faith guided by his passion. After completing his dramatics studies at the National School of Drama in Delhi, Anupam Kher embarked on a journey that would redefine the contours of Indian cinema. However, his breakthrough came with Mahesh Bhatt's "Saaransh" (1984), where his portrayal of an elderly man dealing with tragedy earned him critical acclaim and a Filmfare Award for Best Actor.

What sets Anupam Kher apart is his ability to seamlessly blend into a myriad of roles across genres. From the affable and endearing father in "Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge" (1995) to the spine-chilling portrayal of a terrorist in "Karma" (1986), Anupam Kher's range is a testament to his acting prowess.

Beyond the silver screen, Anupam Kher's contributions extend to the global stage.

His work in international projects, including the acclaimed series "New Amsterdam," showcases his ability to transcend cultural boundaries and connect with audiences worldwide. Anupam Kher's journey is not just a narrative of cinematic success but also a story of resilience and reinvention. As he ventured into film production, direction, and authored motivational books, he demonstrated that his creativity knows no bounds.

In addition to his artistic contributions, Anupam Kher's affable personality and insightful perspectives have made him a revered figure off-screen. His presence on social media, where he shares nuggets of wisdom and engages with his audience, reflects a genuine connection with people beyond the characters he portrays.

As Anupam Kher continues to grace the screen with his presence, his journey remains an inspiration for aspiring actors and artists. It is a tale that celebrates not just the triumphs but also the transformative power of passion, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to the art of acting. Anupam Kher's legacy is etched not only in the annals of Indian cinema but also in the hearts of those who recognize and appreciate the sheer brilliance of his craft.

In the dynamic realm of technology-driven entrepreneurship, Deepinder Goyal's journey stands as a testament to the fusion of culinary passion and technological innovation. The co-founder and CEO of Zomato, a global restaurant discovery and food delivery platform, Deepinder's narrative weaves together the threads of entrepreneurial brilliance, tenacity, and a profound impact on how the world experiences dining.

Deepinder's journey into the entrepreneurial landscape began in 2008 when he co-founded Zomato, then known as Foodiebay. The platform started as a restaurant discovery service in the bustling city of Delhi, India. However, under Deepinder's visionary leadership, Zomato evolved into a global powerhouse, changing the way people explore, order, and experience food.

The pivotal moment in Zomato's trajectory came with the expansion of its services to include food delivery. Under Deepinder's guidance, Zomato transformed into a comprehensive platform catering to every aspect of the culinary journey.

Zomato's success is not only measured in its widespread user base but also in its strategic acquisitions and global expansion strategy. Deepinder's leadership style, marked by a relentless pursuit of excellence and an eye for innovation, has steered Zomato through the complexities of the ever-evolving tech landscape.

Beyond the entrepreneurial triumphs, Deepinder Goyal's commitment to fostering a culture of openness and innovation within Zomato is noteworthy. The company's work ethos reflects his belief in the power of technology not just as a business tool but as a means to enhance human experiences, particularly when it comes to something as universal and cherished as food.

As the global food-tech industry continues to burgeon, Deepinder Goyal's vision remains instrumental in shaping the narrative. His journey from a startup in Delhi to the helm of a global tech giant mirrors the transformative power of combining passion with technological acumen.

DEEPINDER GOYAL

Orchestrating Culinary Innovation and Tech Triumphs



Umesh Yellaboina, widely known as the founder of Vibhaga Group today, was a driven computer science engineering student when he found early inspiration in Mark Zuckerberg. Fueled by the ambition to create a global impact akin to the tech mogul, he started his first venture, “Stylish Hyderabad” in the 2nd year of college, and tasted his first success. Umesh’s determination to chart his own path in entrepreneurship, rather than working under someone else, kept him dedicated to the business. The innovative fusion of event management and online magazine that he had created, swiftly gained momentum, soaring to impressive heights with sales reaching a remarkable figure of Rs. 20,00,000/- in a notably short timeframe.

Umesh’s adeptness at harnessing the power of social media platforms became evident through the company’s Facebook campaigns, amassing a dedicated following of over 13,000 individuals and significantly bolstering sales. His astute utilization of these online avenues played a pivotal role in the unprecedented growth witnessed by the company from its inception. However, his family ethics, along with his uncle’s teachings drove him towards changing his path. His resolve to not promote materialistic pleasures and a culture of addictions led him to shut down the immensely successful-Stylish Hyderabad.

UMESH YELLABOINA

An Entrepreneurial
Maverick Headlining
Digital Innovation

After the dissolution of his first venture, Umesh went on to work for multiple conglomerate giants. At Aliens Group, for example, he was the assistant to the marketing head and manager of events marketing. The success of the marketing strategies he oversaw during his tenure was greatly aided by his proficiency in strategic planning and event marketing. After moving to Bhagyalaxmi Industries Group, Umesh took on the vital position of Head of Digital Marketing. His strategic acumen and pathbreaking leadership were crucial in driving digital initiatives across the conglomerate’s diverse companies. His creative digital marketing techniques were highly advantageous to businesses such as RoboTouch, HerbHair, and Bhagyalaxmi Electroplast Private Limited. With his skills, he managed to take RoboTouch to the position of No.1 company in its domain within a span of two years.





Umesh's raging success in his career was accompanied by his growing interest in spirituality, precisely Sanatan Dharma. By reading ancient texts like Shivapurana, and listening to spiritual gurus like Dr. Vineet Aggarwal, he accumulated a deep knowledge of the world and the connection of spirituality with human purpose. Umesh decided to inculcate the same understanding in his business and take it forward in its most creative, and organic form. Therefore, ever since its inception in 2016, Vibhaga Group has been on a mission to redefine the digital landscape, championing innovation and inclusivity while upholding the profound wisdom of Sanatana Dharma.

The choice of the name "Vibhaga" is deeply intertwined with the company's commitment to India's cultural heritage and unity. Embodying the Sanskrit concept of division and parts, Vibhaga symbolizes a unified platform that embraces diversity while staying true to its roots. Umesh's profound reverence for Sanatana Dharma culture is evident in the company's mission to spread awareness and preserve India's rich cultural legacy. Ignited by an impassioned vision to position India as a global frontrunner in the digital realm, Umesh envisioned Vibhaga as a platform equivalent to industry titans like Google and Alibaba.

At the core of Vibhaga Group lies a robust objective that transcends mere commerce. Umesh and his team have diligently established Vibhaga as an all-encompassing portal, revolutionizing technology accessibility and simplifying lives. The vision extends beyond business success to create a vibrant knowledge ecosystem, fostering unity in diversity and amplifying the principles of Sanatana Dharma on a global scale.

Vibhaga Group's diverse product portfolio caters to multifaceted domains. From OEM NEWS and OEM Factories to Temples Vibhaga Portal, Jobs Vibhaga, News Vibhaga, and Digital Vibhaga, the company's offerings span across varied interests and necessities. However, its strength doesn't lie merely in these offerings but in the personalized attention and dedication it provides to its clients in its Digital Marketing, Web Design, and software Development services.

Along with leading his brainchild, the Vibhaga Group, Umesh continues to hold the esteemed position of Director in Digital Marketing at V Business Enterprises. By overseeing the digital marketing landscape of its brands such as V Cinema, Cosmic Pharmacy, Cosmic Beauty, and Cosmic Meadows, he plays a critical role in formulating and executing comprehensive digital strategies for each entity, cementing their digital footprint in their respective industries.

While accolades are not the primary measure of success for Vibhaga Group, the company takes pride in nurturing and supporting emerging businesses. Mentoring ventures like Mayu Interiors, Visual Byte, and Forever Beauty (a wing of EarthCon Group) exhibit Umesh's adhesion towards fostering a culture of entrepreneurship. With his roots in Sanatan Dharma, Umesh has proved to be a catalyst for change in the digital revolution of India, exhibiting India's potential in the contemporary technology-driven era. With innovation, inclusivity, and cultural preservation at its core, each of his endeavors stands capable of winning the global market.

SMRITI IRANI

A Journey of Resilience and Political Fortitude



In the grand tapestry of Indian politics, few narratives resonate with the essence of resilience, tenacity, and transformative leadership as does the story of Smriti Irani. From her early days as a model and television actor to her current role as a prominent political figure, Smriti Irani's journey stands as a testament to the spirit of reinvention and the ability to defy conventional expectations.

Born on March 23, 1976, in Delhi, Smriti Zubin Irani's early life bore no semblance to the corridors of political power. Her initiation into the public eye began in the world of entertainment, progressing from a model to becoming a household name with her iconic portrayal of Tulsi Virani in the popular television soap opera "Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi."

The transition from the glitzy world of showbiz to the complex realm of Indian politics was far from ordinary. In a move that surprised many, Smriti decided to enter the political arena, joining the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Her decision was met with skepticism and, at times, even ridicule, as critics questioned her political acumen and the transition from being a television star to a political leader. However, Smriti Irani's indomitable spirit and determination soon silenced the naysayers.

Her foray into politics was marked by an innate ability to connect with people, coupled with a deep understanding of grassroots issues. In 2004, she contested the Lok Sabha elections from the Chandni Chowk constituency in Delhi, although the results did not tilt in her favor.

Beyond her role as a parliamentarian, Smriti Irani's entry into the Narendra Modi-led government in 2014 as the Union Minister for Human Resource Development was a significant milestone. Her unyielding commitment to education, coupled with a hands-on approach, showcased her dedication to transforming the education sector.

The political landscape, however, is not devoid of challenges, and Smriti Irani faced her fair share. The ups and downs, the victories and defeats, all became threads in the rich tapestry of her political journey. Her ability to weather storms, respond to criticism with grace, and maintain a strong connect with the people has been a hallmark of her political persona.

In 2019, Smriti Irani took charge of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, further expanding her impact on critical areas of governance. Her focus on issues related to women, children, and social welfare demonstrated a comprehensive approach to policy-making, emphasizing inclusivity and the well-being of vulnerable sections of society.

Smriti Irani's political journey is not just about holding ministerial portfolios or winning elections; it is a narrative of empowerment and breaking glass ceilings. As a woman in Indian politics, she has defied stereotypes and paved the way for others to follow. Her presence and influence extend beyond the political realm, making her a role model for aspiring women leaders across the country.

Off the political stage, Smriti Irani's persona as a multifaceted individual adds layers to her story. A mother, a social media influencer, and a vocal advocate for causes close to her heart, she showcases the diverse facets of modern leadership. Her active engagement with the public through social media platforms reflects a new-age approach to politics, fostering direct communication and transparency.

The narrative of Smriti Irani's journey is not just a chronicle of personal achievements but a story of evolving leadership in Indian politics. Her trajectory from the world of television to the heights of political power is a testament to the idea that individuals can transcend their pasts, challenge conventions, and redefine their destinies.

In the complex arena of Indian politics, where every move is scrutinized, Smriti Irani's journey reflects the dynamics of change and the power of resilience. Her story is a reminder that leadership is not confined to predetermined paths; it can emerge from unexpected quarters, driven by the passion to contribute to the greater good.

As Smriti Irani continues to navigate the labyrinth of politics, her story remains an inspiration for individuals aspiring to create an impact beyond the roles society assigns them. In her journey, the realms of television, politics, and social advocacy converge, creating a narrative that transcends boundaries and reinforces the idea that true leadership knows no confines – it is a force that shapes, transforms, and paves the way for others to follow.





An Anaesthetist and a Philanthropic Marvel

Dr. Meenakshi Shyamapada Tripathi

Meenakshi Shyamapada Tripathi might be an anesthetist by profession but is a philanthropist by heart. Her journey from an orthodox Gujarati family to the pinnacle of medical success, and at the top of her social efforts is inspiring in every way.

Born as the eldest in a traditional Gujarati household, Dr. Meenakshi's journey began with a passion for medicine. She pursued her medical education at Kem Medical College, demonstrating remarkable dedication and perseverance. After completing her studies, she embarked on a transformative journey to England to practice her expertise in anesthesiology. It was there that she met the love of her life, Dr. Shyamapada Tripathi, a Bengali surgeon, whose generosity and humility mirrored her own.

The couple made a conscious decision not to have children, channeling their love and resources towards helping each other's families and, more importantly, the community they belonged to. Dr. Meenakshi's illustrious career spanned four decades, during which she earned numerous accolades, including the honor of meeting royalty such as Queen Elizabeth and King Charles. However, Dr. Meenakshi's true legacy lies in her philanthropic

endeavors. What sets Dr. Meenakshi apart is her steadfast belief in giving back to society. One of her notable endeavors is the donation of equipment for a cardiac ambulance to Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune. These ambulances play a critical role in ensuring the swift transportation of cardiac patients, offering them a lifeline in times of medical emergency. In addition to these life-saving vehicles, she also sponsored the construction of a fully air-conditioned auditorium at the same hospital, providing a state-of-the-art facility for doctors to engage in continuous medical education, enhancing their skills and knowledge. She has also been a part of an "Artificial limbs camp" organised by Mahavir Jain Institute in Kem Hospital.

Dr. Meenakshi's commitment to education and the dissemination of medical knowledge is further exemplified by her support for the creation of a digital library in memory of her late husband, Dr. Shyamapada Tripathi. This digital library serves as a valuable resource for medical professionals, researchers, and students, fostering advancements in the field of medicine.

Furthermore, she has sponsored the establishment of an Ayurveda Center at Deenanath Hospital, recognizing the importance of holistic healthcare and the traditional healing methods of Ayurveda. This initiative provides patients with access to complementary therapies for their well-being.

Recognition becomes obsolete when one leads a life of giving, while expecting nothing in return. Dr. Meenakshi's philanthropic spirit proves the same, and extends beyond the medical field. She was honored by the G.S. Ambedkar Society on World Anaesthetist Day in 2019 for her significant contributions to the field of anesthesiology. In memory of her parents, Mrs. Pushpaben Choksi and Mr. Avantilal Choksi, she established an Ayurveda Center, ensuring that their legacy lives on through the betterment of healthcare. She conducts free eye check-ups for hundreds of individuals at Ramkrishna Vivekananda Mission in Tamluk every year, providing essential eye care services to those who might not otherwise have access.

With an earnest dedication toward community health, Dr Meenakshi opened a charitable dental clinic in Tamluk. This clinic offers dental care services to the local community, ensuring that people have access to essential dental treatments and oral health education. Moreover, she has been involved in organizing camps, such as the one at Nair Hospital, where artificial limbs are provided to individuals in need. These efforts help those with physical disabilities regain mobility and independence, improving their quality of life.

Dr. Meenakshi's philanthropic contributions encompass a wide range of healthcare and community initiatives. Despite her ability to indulge in luxury, she leads a simple life and directs her resources towards helping the needy. For her, the measure of a meaningful life is not in extravagance but in the positive impact one can create. Her generosity has left a lasting impact on medical institutions, individuals in need, and the broader community. She embodies the idea of giving and serves as a shining example of how one person's dedication and kindness can make the world a better place. Dr. Meenakshi's unrelenting commitment to both her profession and her philanthropic work reminds us of the positive difference we can all make in the lives of others, leaving a significant mark on the tapestry of humanity.



In a world that often compartmentalises creativity and commerce, there emerges an inspiring figure who seamlessly fuses these seemingly disparate realms. Masumi Mewawalla, a name that resonates with innovation and elegance, has carved a unique path in the world of fashion, art and entrepreneurship. At the tender age of 21, her heartfelt gesture of gifting a custom saree to celebrate her mother's wedding anniversary laid the foundation for her own brand, Pink Peacock Couture, now renowned as Masumi Mewawalla. Little did she anticipate that this act of love would sow the seeds of a remarkable journey.

Masumi's early foray into the world of entertainment as a child actress in popular television shows like "Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi," "Kutumb," and "Kusum" imbued in her a deep appreciation for aesthetics, presentation and a string work ethic.

These formative experiences later served as a rich tapestry upon which her career would be woven. Her artistic evolution led her to the world of dance choreography, where she masterfully blended tradition with innovation, a hallmark of her creative pursuits.

Armed with diverse talents and a career trajectory that transitioned from entertainment to fashion and beyond, Masumi is a role-model for budding individuals in creative and entrepreneurial domains. Her journey commenced with academic pursuits, culminating in a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Commerce from HR College, solidifying her business acumen. Complementing this foundation, she obtained a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification from the Financial Planning Academy of India, showcasing her commitment to honing her skills. Intrigued by the splendour of weddings, she delved into wedding planning, further expanding her repertoire of expertise.



**An Ingenious Entrepreneur
at the Intersection of Art
and Business**

**Masumi
Mewawalla**

Her unwavering entrepreneurial spirit led her into the culinary world, venturing into the catering industry. Yet, it was her profound love for fashion and design that birthed Pink Peacock Couture, a brand celebrated for its opulent bridal and couture attire. Masumi's creations are a marriage of age-old embroidery techniques with contemporary silhouettes, characterised by distinctive 3D embroidery and the enchanting rose gold hue, a pioneering concept she introduced to the bridal runway.

The very name 'Pink Peacock Couture' is an embodiment of her personal connection and vision. 'Pink' reflects her favourite colour, symbolising grace and beauty, while the 'Peacock' resonates with royalty and carries profound cultural and religious significance, particularly in its association with Lord Krishna. The name encapsulates the essence of her brand, merging elegance, beauty, and cultural richness. Despite humble beginnings – a small-scale, home-based manufacturing setup, a single skilled artisan, and limited resources – Masumi Mewawalla's relentless determination propelled her forward.

Masumi's impact in fashion transcended traditional wedding wear, leading to the launch of Emblaze, a high-street fashion brand that redefined modern fashion with its quality materials, trendy designs, and innovative approach. Today, the Masumi Mewawalla brand thrives beyond its origins, housing both

Masumi Mewawalla and Emblaze, supported by a dedicated team of approximately 120 individuals. These brands have not only graced India's renowned runways but also made a global impact.



Masumi Mewawalla excels in harmoniously merging Indian couture with modernity, offering a fusion that appeals to those who appreciate traditional designs' timeless elegance and the contemporary flair of modern fashion. The cornerstone of Masumi Mewawalla's distinction is their pioneering craftsmanship. They've set new standards in design with their signature rose gold hue and embroidery, creating a remarkable fusion of tradition and innovation.

Beyond her thriving entrepreneurial ventures, Masumi's commitment to education and mentorship is noteworthy. She actively engages with colleges, sharing her wisdom and expertise, leading entrepreneurship cells, and nurturing the aspirations of emerging talents across diverse fields. Her dedication has not gone unnoticed, as evident from her numerous awards and accolades, including "Indian Affairs Most Promising Designer 2021" and "Visionary Indian Leaders Of The Year 2023." She was also the youngest designer to represent India in international fashion weeks like Dubai Fashion Week and India International Jewellery Fashion Week.

Today, Masumi stands as an inspiration for those seeking success in the realm of artistic entrepreneurship. She embodies the idea that with creativity, determination, and a fervor for preserving tradition while embracing innovation, one can achieve boundless success. Masumi Mewawalla, a true artistic force in the world of business, continues to shine as a beacon of inspiration for all.

EISHWAR MAANAY

Fostering Leadership in the Future of IT



At the heart of Bengaluru, one of the most eminent IT cities in the country, Eishwar Maanay- the dean of B.N.M. Institute of Technology (BNMIT) shines as an enlightening figure for the future of the IT industry. The prestigious educational institution BNMIT is well-known for its revolutionary pedagogy. Eishwar Maanay, a visionary dean whose life's work is dedicated to securing the futures of burgeoning talents of the domain, is leading this transforming experience. Eishwar's educational philosophy defies convention since it is based on the idea that success in the complex and dynamic world of today requires both creativity and comprehensive growth.

Eishwar Maanay's leadership revolves around developing skill sets and applying contemporary approaches. He has fostered strategic partnerships with professionals in the field, giving students priceless practical experience that equips them for the complex problems that they may have to face in the contemporary world. Under his direction, BNMIT has developed into a center for innovation and experiential learning, where students are taught how to apply knowledge successfully in real-world settings in addition to receiving knowledge itself. Graduates have the knowledge and attitude needed

to succeed in their chosen fields because of this nuanced strategic learning.

Through experiential learning, Eishwar believes that students can have a profound comprehension of their subjects and be empowered to think critically. A dynamic learning environment that promotes creativity, independent thought, and logical reasoning has resulted from his way of mentoring his students.

Beyond his scholarly work, Eishwar Maanay is a multifaceted individual. He is an enthusiastic photographer who offers a distinct viewpoint on life and its beauty by capturing the complexities of the world via his lens. His commitment to protecting the environment is also commendable, as he works to raise awareness of environmental issues among academics. His love of gathering plants demonstrates a strong bond with nature, encouraging the youth to value and preserve the environment. Under the creative leadership of Eishwar, BNMIT embodies his ideas of holistic development and excellence.

This method equips students for a world that is changing quickly, one in which flexibility and problem-solving abilities are crucial.

Furthermore, BNMIT's commitment to research and development is reflected in Eishwar's goal of offering a well-rounded educational experience. This is bolstered by a variety of clubs, modern facilities, and scholarship opportunities. The goal that unites Eishwar Maanay and his group is to symbiotically integrate modern education with India's rich cultural legacy. He gained invaluable knowledge and abilities to continue the institution's legacy under the direction of his parents, Shri. Narayan Rao Maanay, Chairman of BNM Educational Institutions, and mother Vaishali Maanay, Director of BNM Montessori House of Children. This legacy is based on a solid base of moral principles, ethics, and a dedication to developing graduates who are accountable and socially conscious.

Along with an autonomous status, the able leadership team of BNMIT has helped the institution receive esteemed accreditations from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and the National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

In the All India TIMES survey of 2022, which listed the top 100 private engineering institutions in India, it came in at number 25. Furthermore, QS I-GAUGE recognized BNMIT in the Diamond category for Excellence in Academic Digitization and Online Education in recognition of the institution's dedication to innovation and academic digitization.

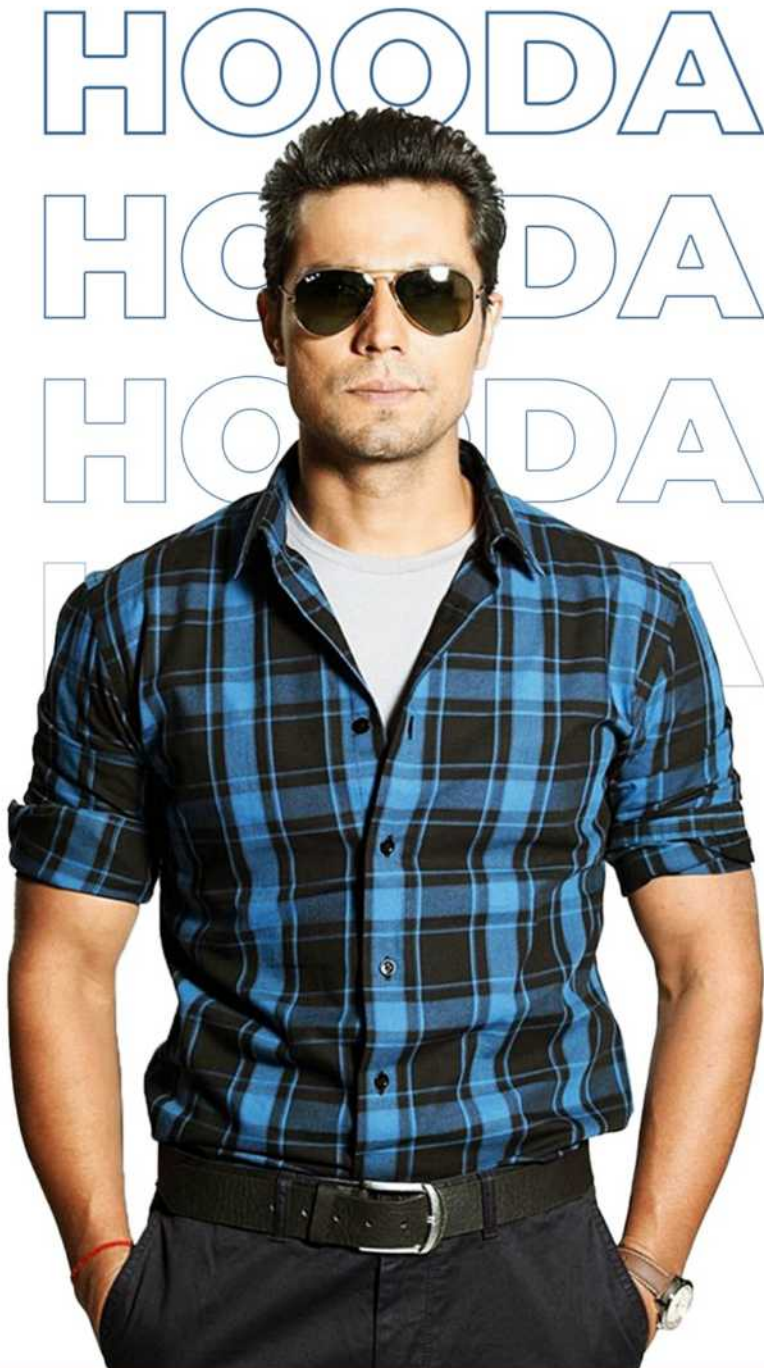
Eishwar Maanay hopes to further establish BNMIT's reputation for academic excellence, encourage innovation, and guarantee a well-rounded education. In the end, he sees BNMIT as a worldwide leader in research and education, turning out flexible graduates and encouraging game-changing cross-border partnerships. His innovative methods are influencing not only the lives of students but also the direction of education in India and abroad.

BNMIT has become better and better with time, molding the leaders of the future with a unique blend of creativity, tradition, and a great regard for the natural world. Under Eishwar's dynamic leadership, the institution shines with advancement, fostering students' potential and paving the path for upcoming leaders in a world that is constantly changing. In addition to changing students' lives, Eishwar Maanay's commitment to innovative teaching methods, holistic education, and a close relationship with nature is laying the groundwork for a more promising and sustainable future.



RANDEEP HOODA

The Maverick Actor's Odyssey from Theater to Bollywood Brilliance



In the glitzy realm of Bollywood, where dreams are spun under the arc lights and talent takes center stage, one actor has carved a distinctive niche for himself – Randeep Hooda. His journey from the theaters of Delhi to the silver screen is a saga of passion, versatility, and an unrelenting pursuit of cinematic excellence.

Born on August 20, 1976, in Rohtak, Haryana, Randeep's early years were steeped in academic pursuits. However, the allure of the stage beckoned, and he found himself drawn to theater. Delhi became the canvas for Randeep's initial foray into the world of acting, where he honed his skills and nurtured a love for the performing arts.

The transition from theater to Bollywood was not a seamless one for Randeep Hooda. The early days in the film industry were marked by auditions, rejections, and the grind that many aspiring actors know all too well. However, his breakthrough came with the film "Monsoon Wedding" (2001), where he showcased a glimpse of the raw talent that would later define his career.

Randeep's journey took a significant turn with the critically acclaimed film "D" (2005), where he portrayed the role of a brutal but compelling assassin. The film not only earned him accolades but also positioned him as an actor unafraid to delve into unconventional roles. This fearlessness in choosing diverse and challenging characters would become a hallmark of Randeep's filmography.

The pivotal moment in Randeep Hooda's career came with "Once Upon a Time in Mumbai" (2010), where he played the complex character of ACP Agnel Wilson. The film marked a turning point, earning him widespread acclaim and establishing Randeep as an actor with the ability to bring depth and authenticity to his roles.

What sets Randeep Hooda apart is not just his acting prowess but his commitment to immersing himself completely in the characters he portrays. Whether it's the brooding Mahabir Bhati in "Highway" (2014) or the stoic Sarbjit Singh in "Sarbjit" (2016), Randeep brings an intensity and authenticity that transcends the screen.

The actor's journey is not limited to the glitz and glamour of Bollywood; it extends to the lesser-explored realms of parallel cinema. Films like "Laal Rang" (2016) and "Main Aur Charles" (2015) showcase his versatility and willingness to explore narratives beyond the mainstream.

Beyond the cinematic world, Randeep Hooda's commitment to social causes reflects a depth of character that goes beyond the roles he plays on screen. He has been actively involved in environmental conservation, disaster relief, and various philanthropic initiatives. His advocacy for animal rights and environmental sustainability adds another layer to the persona of this maverick actor.

As Randeep Hooda continues to evolve as an actor and a conscientious individual, his journey remains a testament to the resilience required to make a mark in the competitive landscape of Bollywood. It's a narrative that celebrates the unconventional, applauds versatility, and underscores the idea that success in the film industry is often shaped by the courage to embrace challenges and the commitment to craft.

Randeep Hooda's tale is an inspiration for aspiring actors, a reminder that the journey to cinematic brilliance is a mosaic of diverse roles, each adding a unique hue to the canvas of one's career. From the theaters of Delhi to the silver screen, Randeep Hooda's odyssey is a celebration of the art of acting, the courage to chart one's path, and the transformative power of unwavering passion.



Calton Pereira, a seasoned globe-trotter with a passion for exploration and cultural immersion, is a name synonymous with excellence and innovation. As a Professional Traveler, his journeys have taken him to the far reaches of the globe, allowing him to connect with people, places, and stories that enrich his narrative with diverse tales and invaluable insights. Simultaneously, as the Founder & CEO of The Chronicle Factory, he has demonstrated extraordinary leadership skills in the fields of consultancy, IoT, and talent management, carving out a niche for his company at the intersection of technology and client-centric services.

Calton's journey as a Professional Traveler began in March 2017 when he joined Veean World as a Tour Manager. In this role, he expertly planned and executed a wide range of domestic and international tours, meticulously designed to meet the diverse needs and interests of guests.



Calton's attention to detail ensured that every itinerary, from accommodations to transport, was tailored to guest preferences, providing them with the utmost comfort and satisfaction. His commitment to excellence extended to managing all aspects of travel logistics. Calton conducted thorough research on destinations, guaranteeing that each tour offered genuine and immersive cultural experiences, allowing guests to connect with the places they visited on a deeper level. He prioritized guest safety and satisfaction, promptly addressing any issues and adapting plans to enhance the travel experience as needed.

Calton's leadership extended to building and maintaining positive relationships with local partners and negotiating favorable terms to provide guests with exceptional value and authentic experiences. He also directed and motivated teams of travel assistants and guides, ensuring they were well-equipped to provide superior service and create a memorable experience for all guests. At the core of his responsibilities was budget management, and Calton managed tour budgets with exacting care, balancing cost-effectiveness with the provision of high-quality services.

The commitment shown by Calton towards continuous improvement was evident as he leveraged guest feedback to perpetually elevate tour quality, aspiring to excel in every facet of the journey.

CALTON PEREIRA

Balancing Passion and Profession with Power

By not restricting himself to leading Veean World's tours, Calton represented the company at industry gatherings, including events organized by the Ministry of Tourism, showcasing the company's innovative offerings and maintaining relevance with current travel trends. His collaborations with the Ministry of Tourism aimed to elevate the profile and appeal of key destinations, further growing his influence in the travel industry.

In April 2018, Calton embarked on another entrepreneurial adventure as he founded The Chronicle Factory. The company holds an extensive portfolio of digital solutions designed to cater to the modern landscape of business and media. At the Chronicle Factory, Calton spearheaded the launch and set the strategic direction and vision for the company, overseeing its growth from inception to its current standing.

Under his leadership, The Chronicle Factory has become a dynamic entity with operations spanning software publishing, multimedia production, talent management, and comprehensive IT services. The software publishing division delivers modernized business applications and operating systems designed for efficiency and scalability. The multimedia production division manages the production and postproduction of television programs and commercials, ensuring output that reflects the latest digital media trends.

Calton's vision extends to motion picture and video distribution, where he has adopted innovative strategies for content dissemination. In the IT consultancy and computer services wing, he has delivered specialized solutions in software development, system security, and IT infrastructure. The company's capabilities in data processing and hosting have been advanced, implementing scalable solutions for data analytics and cloud services. Furthermore, it has developed sophisticated web portals facilitating comprehensive databases and search functionalities to cater to diverse web user needs.

A portrait of Calton Pereira, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue patterned tie. He is standing in front of a background of vertical, textured panels, possibly a modern building facade. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a slight smile.

Calton has also pioneered the upcoming launch of sknama.com, an ambitious domain registration and hosting venture that aims to become a one-stop shop for online business needs, including e-commerce solutions, SSL certificates, professional business emails, and an intuitive website builder. Calton Pereira's dual careers as a Professional Traveler and Founder & CEO of The Chronicle Factory showcase his versatility and ability to excel in multiple arenas simultaneously. His journey, fueled by a profound understanding of technology's transformative potential and the universal language of creativity, continues to inspire those who seek to navigate the digital world with accessible and advanced solutions. TCF's mission to deliver user-centric innovation and brilliance mirrors Calton's belief in the importance of understanding and serving the unique needs of every client. Just as his varied roles and expertise allow him to connect with a diverse range of individuals and ideas, The Chronicle Factory is designed to connect with a spectrum of businesses, helping them navigate the digital world with services that are as accessible as they are advanced. In both his roles, Calton Pereira remains an ingenious leader whose passion for exploration and innovation has helped him reach significant heights in the industries he operates in.

The Adhlakha Brothers are a dynamic duo redefining entrepreneurship across various realms. Dr. Vaibhav Adhlakha steers his success through strategic investments while Dr. Kshitij Adhlakha showcases an unwavering commitment to pioneering solutions in digital security and IT. Together, they propel their collective journey to the forefront of the global entrepreneurial landscape while staying true to their Indian roots.

Dr. Vaibhav Adhlakha stands as a highly accomplished entrepreneur who holds an honorary doctorate in blockchain technology from the US. With a wealth of experience in financial planning, investments, and business management, Dr. Vaibhav is a prominent name in the private sector. His professional journey commenced with a position at Ameriprise, one of America's top financial services firms. This early exposure to the financial sector laid the groundwork for his knowledge, subsequent accomplishments, and his multifaceted expertise in the domain. Fuelled by his financial acumen, Dr. Vaibhav steers his path to success. His journey is marked by strategic participation as a shareholder in diverse enterprises, encompassing lifestyle, cloud kitchen, and online library domains, along with his brother Dr Kshitij.

Dr. Kshitij Adhlakha is a distinguished entrepreneur who holds an honorary doctorate in blockchain technology and uses innovation as the driving force for his ventures. In 2010, he commenced his entrepreneurial trajectory when he explored the digital security and IT solutions sector, with the establishment of Secugenius. Under his guidance, the business proliferated and gained recognition, earning the trust of numerous clients seeking reliable alternatives to safeguard their digital assets.

In 2012, Dr. Kshitij took on the role of Director at Harksh Technologies, an organisation that provided IT solutions to small and medium-sized enterprises. This move, further, bolstered his reputation as a key player in the arena of IT solutions. With his entrepreneurial excellence paving the way up front for his business ventures, he ascended to prominence in the digital realm. Building upon the success of his endeavours, Dr Kshitij in collaboration with his brother Dr Vaibhav, also a maverick in his field, embarked on a journey of continued entrepreneurship.

THE ADHLAKHA BROTHERS



Both brothers combined their technical prowess and commitment to innovation to identify lucrative opportunities across a wide array of industries. With a vision to reach unprecedented heights, they secured substantial ownership stakes in ventures such as The New Shop, Dubai Muscle Cars and several other companies. Catalysing on their adaptability and versatility, over the years, the Adhlakha Brothers have acquired an impressive portfolio of outstanding investments.

With a dedication to excellence, in 2020, the brothers established RiSEOO, a company that provides natural and result-oriented lifestyle products featuring authentic and ancient Indian ingredients. This affiliate marketing company is poised to redefine the whole industry. Currently at the helm as the COO and the CEO, the Adhlakha brothers are leading the charge as RiSEOO becomes the beacon of innovation. They incorporate cutting-edge technological advancements to propel RiSEOO to new heights.

Over the past 3 years, RiSEOO has successfully extended its operations in a staggering number of over 60 countries around the Middle East and North Africa, thereby, establishing its strong foothold in the dynamic business domain. The brothers have presented RiSEOO as a platform that helps millions of people across the world to transform their financial dreams into their reality. RiSEOO has facilitated the creation of an ecosystem that supports skill development, knowledge sharing and networking opportunities that contribute to the overall success of the marketers involved.

This dynamic pair goes beyond their business ventures, channelling their entrepreneurial spirit into organizing initiatives to help aspiring entrepreneurs.

Both the brothers actively participate in these drives as they strive to nurture and empower the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Their efforts go beyond the conventional business mentorships as they adopt an all-encompassing approach to helping aspiring entrepreneurs. Through the passing down of their personal experiences, insights, and invaluable lessons gained along the road, the Adhlakha brothers help build a framework that encourages creativity, adaptability, and strategic thinking.

The Adhlakha brothers boast an impressive track record of success, evidenced by their many commercial endeavours and individual accolades. Among their many exceptional achievements is that they have been featured in more than 250 esteemed business journals, including Outlook, Business Standard, Business World, Forbes, and many more. Demonstrating their significance beyond typical commercial awards, the brothers have amplified their influence as thought leaders and keynote speakers at several national and international business conferences. Their popularity on the speaker circuit is a reflection of their status as industry experts and their willingness to share insights and knowledge with a broader audience.

In their entrepreneurial journey, the Adhlakha Brothers have left an indelible mark, weaving together financial prowess, technological innovation, and marketing acumen. Beyond business, the brothers actively nurture aspiring entrepreneurs, fostering creativity and strategic thinking.

A COLLECTIVE JOURNEY OF AN ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

In the grand tapestry of human existence, woven with the threads of seeking, striving, and finding, Guru Gopal Das stands as a luminary, casting light on the ancient corridors of spiritual wisdom and illuminating paths toward purposeful living. His journey, an odyssey from a small town in Maharashtra to the global stage of spiritual leadership, is not just a personal narrative but a universal saga resonating with the collective yearning for inner peace, profound understanding, and spiritual awakening.

Born into the fabric of traditional values and familial bonds in Maharashtra, India, Guru Gopal Das's early life unfolded against a backdrop of simplicity and cultural richness. However, the echoes of a deeper calling reverberated within him, steering him toward a spiritual quest that would redefine the contours of his existence. This journey led him to the doors of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), marking the initiation into a profound exploration of Vedic wisdom and devotion.

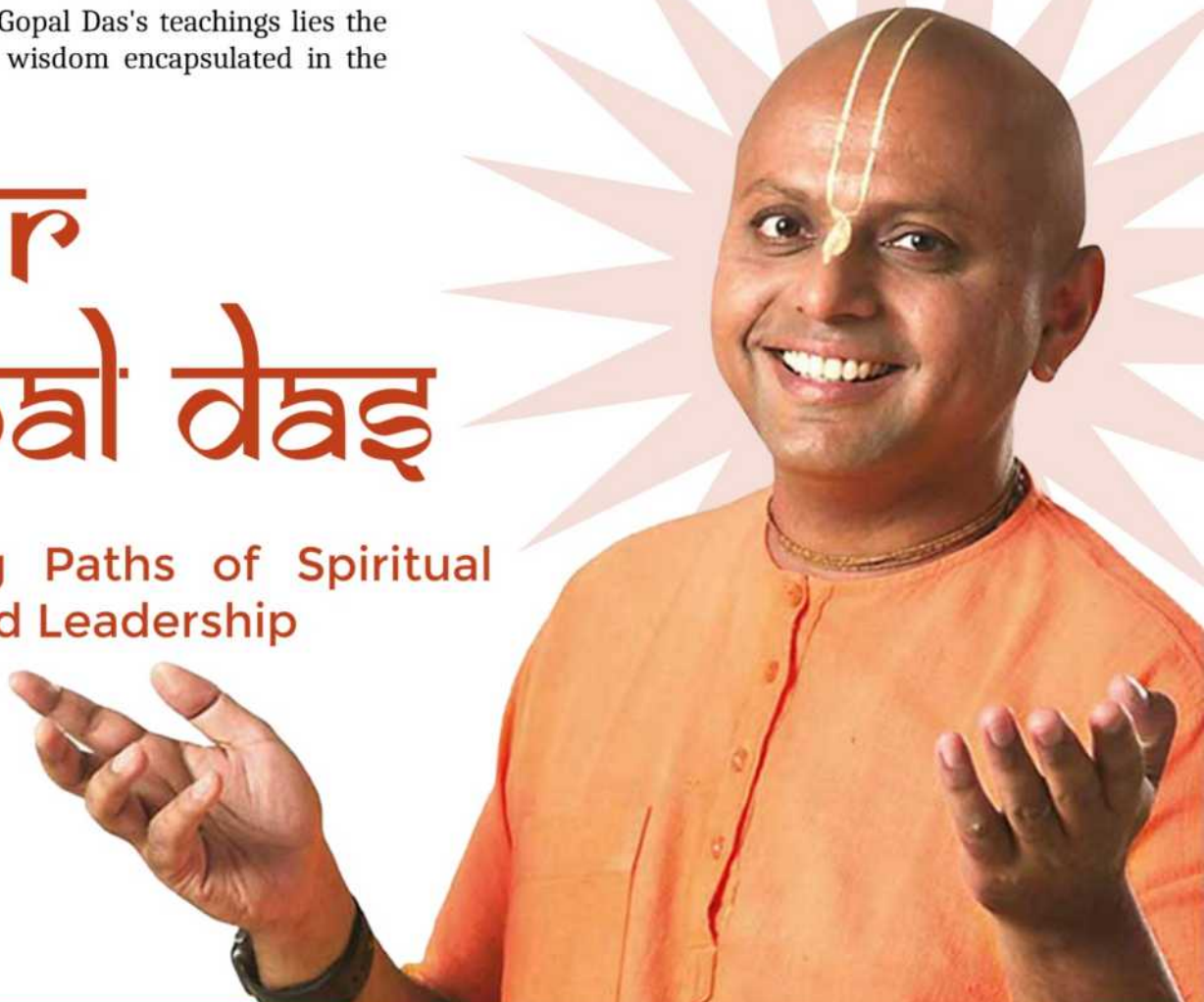
At the heart of Guru Gopal Das's teachings lies the timeless reservoir of wisdom encapsulated in the Bhagavad Gita.

This sacred scripture, revered for its philosophical depth and practical insights, became the compass guiding his spiritual sojourn. His unique ability to distil profound truths into digestible and applicable lessons has made the ancient text not only accessible but profoundly relevant to a diverse global audience.

In an era where the cacophony of modern life often drowns out the whispers of the soul, Guru Gopal Das serves as a bridge between the ancient and the contemporary. His teachings are not abstract doctrines but pragmatic applications of spiritual principles for navigating the complexities of the human experience. The relevance of his message lies in its ability to address the challenges faced by individuals in their everyday lives, offering tangible solutions rooted in mindfulness, gratitude, and compassion.

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Illuminating Paths of Spiritual
Wisdom and Leadership



What sets Guru Gopal Das apart is not just the depth of his teachings but the relatability of his message. Through engaging discourses, he delves into the intricacies of modern existence, weaving spiritual principles into the fabric of the mundane. Concepts that might seem esoteric become, under his guidance, practical tools for leading a more meaningful and balanced life.

In an age where connectivity is digitised, Guru Gopal Das has harnessed the power of technology to amplify his spiritual message. His talks, available on various online platforms, have garnered millions of views, transcending geographical barriers and resonating with audiences globally. The universality of his teachings is evident in the diverse array of individuals who find solace, inspiration, and guidance in his words, irrespective of cultural or linguistic differences.

Beyond the realm of spiritual discourse, Guru Gopal Das is an active participant in humanitarian endeavours. His commitment to social service manifests in initiatives ranging from education to healthcare, reflecting a belief that spirituality should translate into tangible contributions to societal well-being. In this, he exemplifies the holistic nature of true spiritual leadership, where compassion and selfless service are integral aspects of the journey.

As a spiritual guide, Guru Gopal Das's influence extends far beyond traditional settings. His presence is felt on global stages, where he shares insights on spiritual leadership, mindfulness, and the art of balanced living. Invitations to speak at corporate events, educational institutions, and international conferences underscore the relevance of his teachings in diverse spheres of life. Guru Gopal Das's popularity transcends the realm of spiritual seekers; it speaks to a broader hunger for meaning and purpose in a world often characterised by material pursuits.

His ability to connect with individuals from all walks of life, from students seeking direction to corporate professionals navigating the complexities of the modern workplace, underscores the universal appeal of his message—a message that transcends the boundaries of faith and speaks to the shared humanity that binds us all.



The legacy of Guru Gopal Das is not confined to the impact of his teachings; it is a testament to the transformative power of a dedicated spiritual journey. From a seeker grappling with the fundamental questions of existence to a global spiritual leader, his evolution mirrors the collective quest for a deeper understanding of life's mysteries. In the vast expanse of spiritual leadership, Guru Gopal Das's journey stands as an inspiration—a call to individuals seeking purpose, a reminder of the timeless wisdom that resides within ancient texts, and an embodiment of the profound impact one individual can have on the collective consciousness. As he continues to illuminate paths toward spiritual awakening and purposeful living, Guru Gopal Das remains a guiding force in the quest for a more harmonious and enlightened world. His life's narrative is a testament to the enduring power of spiritual wisdom to transcend time, offering solace and guidance to generations seeking a deeper connection to the essence of life itself.

ROHIT SHARMA

The Hitman's Journey from Talent to Triumph

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In the thunderous world of cricket, where the crack of the bat reverberates through stadiums and the cheers of fans echo, one name stands tall – Rohit Sharma, the Hitman of Indian cricket. His journey from a young lad with dreams in Mumbai to the vice-captain of the Indian cricket team is a tale of perseverance, talent, and unyielding determination.

Born on April 30, 1987, in Bansod, Nagpur, Rohit's tryst with cricket began at an early age. His uncle's influence, who happened to be a coach, ignited the spark that would later blaze a trail in the cricketing world. The bustling streets of Mumbai, the breeding ground for cricketing dreams, became the backdrop for Rohit's early years in the sport.

Rohit's talent was evident from the start, catching the attention of scouts and coaches who saw in him the raw potential to become a cricketing sensation. His journey, however, wasn't a straight shot to stardom. The early days were marked by challenges, and the road to success was paved with grit and perseverance.

The breakthrough came in 2006 when Rohit Sharma made his debut for the Indian cricket team during the inaugural ICC T20 World Cup in South Africa.

While the tournament itself was a rollercoaster, Rohit's performance hinted at the brilliance that would unfold in the years to come. A calm demeanor under pressure and the ability to read the game marked him as a player to watch.

The true turning point in Rohit's career, however, came with a strategic move that would redefine his role in the team. In 2013, during the Champions Trophy in England, he was promoted to open the innings in ODIs. It was a masterstroke that would not only alter the course of his career but also reshape the dynamics of Indian cricket.

As an opener, Rohit Sharma found his rhythm and, more importantly, his consistency. The cricketing world witnessed a string of impressive performances, with Rohit becoming the first player in history to score three double centuries in ODIs. The Hitman moniker was aptly bestowed upon him, signifying his ability to demolish bowling attacks with finesse and power.

Beyond the statistics and records, what makes Rohit Sharma's story truly inspiring is the resilience he displayed during the challenging phases of his career. Injuries, setbacks, and periods of inconsistency tested his mettle, but each time, Rohit emerged stronger, evolving into a leader on and off the field.

In 2019, he was appointed as the vice-captain of the Indian cricket team, a position that affirmed not just his cricketing prowess but also his leadership qualities. Under Rohit's vice-captaincy, India witnessed success in various formats of the game, showcasing a seamless transition from talent to leadership.

Off the field, Rohit Sharma's commitment to philanthropy and social causes adds another layer to his inspiring persona. He has been actively involved in initiatives aimed at supporting cancer patients, promoting animal welfare, and contributing to disaster relief efforts. His role as a responsible and compassionate global citizen amplifies the impact of his success story beyond the boundaries of the cricket field.

As Rohit Sharma continues to script new chapters in his cricketing journey, the essence of his story lies not just in the runs he scores or the matches he wins. It's in the journey from a young boy with a cricket bat to the vice-captain of the Indian cricket team. Rohit's journey is marked by unwavering determination, the audacity to dream, and the resilience to overcome challenges.

Rohit Sharma's tale is a beacon for aspiring cricketers, a narrative that illustrates that success is not an overnight phenomenon but a journey of evolution, growth, and continuous self-belief. The Hitman's legacy extends beyond the boundaries of the cricket field; it is a testament to the power of talent, hard work, and the unyielding spirit that defines a true champion.





With the second edition of Inspiring India 2023, we continue to unveil the extraordinary stories of individuals who have overcome challenges, broken the glass ceiling, and achieved unparalleled success through their vision, hard work and dedication. The booklet aims to continue sharing and honoring stories of exceptional achievement. Within this edition, we present the stories of individuals who have not only carved their own paths to success but have also empowered communities with their diligent efforts.

Believing fervently in the transformative potential of every person, our exploration across various arenas of development in the country has led us to encounter personalities who have challenged societal beliefs and redefined the concept of progress. By delving into the lives of these awe-inspiring people, our objective is to kindle a fire within every reader—an ember that motivates them to strive towards their highest potential.