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It was our Third Edition of India-UAE Business & Social Forum 2017, and we were able to successfully spellbind an unprecedented power-packed gathering of the top global decision makers of Asia & the GCC. The business and social impacts of their connections would be evident in the times to come.

The Forum was held at Turf Lounge, The Meydan Hotel, Dubai overseeing the breathtaking and gigantic Meydan Racecourse, and highlighted the winning moments of each World's Greatest Leader & Brand, as we Celebrated the Spirit of Asia with Process Reviewers: PricewaterhouseCoopers P.L.

It's time again for our AsiaOne Person of the Year Cover Story, and our illustrious winners are Ms. Angela Merkel, Ms. Melinda Gates, Mr. Yohan Poonawala, Mr. K D Singh, Mr. Dharmendra Deol, Mr. J C Chaudhary, Mr. Praveen Nedungadi, Ms. Manjula Pooja Shroff, Ms. Jayshree Periwal and Madam Grace Pinto.

Some distinguished names that made invaluable associations with us during the Forum include Fujairah Free Trade Zone, Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, CEO Club Networks UAE, IBPC Dubai, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Dubai Chapter, Jagran Social Welfare Society, Yes Bank, Cathay Pacific Airways, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, Dabur International Ltd., and many more.

To help us explore Beyond Oceans and Deserts, the Ambassador of Norway – His Excellency Jens Eikaas, the Consul General of Bulgaria – His Excellency Dr. Bogdan Kolarov, and the Charge D'Affaires of Serbia – His Excellency Milos Perisic have fashioned our Cynosure in this issue.

AsiaOne 50 Most Influential Indians Under 50 and the World's Greatest Leaders make our Special Feature in which we have chronicled their inspiring achievements, insights and triumphs.

One of the strongest knights in the army of Shri Narendra Modi, the Union Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Justice; and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Shri P P Chaudhary Ji had a Heart-to-heart Talk with us when we interviewed him on several matter of national importance.

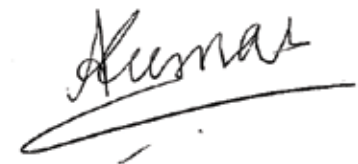
Making concerted contributions towards children in a bid to give back to the society, several corporates have been consistently making an effort to make a difference in the lives of the underprivileged. We have offered an opportunity to read and experience the Gift of Giving by these corporates, next.

In addition, experience the culture, cuisine and celebrations of the Majestic Maharashtra as it beckons every domestic and international traveller.

As the bilateral relations between India and the UAE are getting sturdier with each passing year, we have analysed the Deepening Dimensions of an Age-old Relationship, which is fast evolving and transforming for everyone's betterment not only in the region, but also in the world economy.

A Readers' Page is being introduced in our subsequent issues. We want to keep it an open arena, where we expect our readers to pour their hearts out on any topic of regional, national, international or personal importance (social, economic,

political or emotional). You may send your articles to me for the Reader's Page and then some constructive feedback on our endeavours and the stories. I'm available at [anam@asiaone.co.in](mailto:anam@asiaone.co.in) for all that you feel is valuable and want to share.



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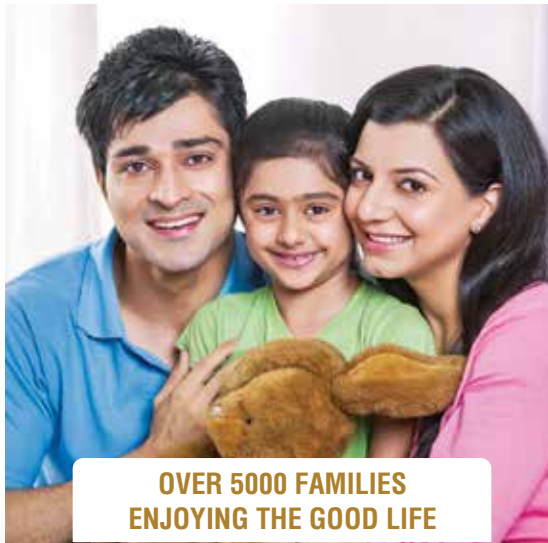


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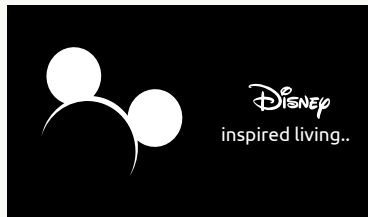
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## INDIA ROLLS GST – THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD

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Owing to its easy compliance, uniformity of tax rates and structures, removal of cascading, improved competitiveness and providing remarkable gains to manufacturers and exporters, the GST will prove to be beneficial for the business and industry.

India has selected the Canadian model of dual GST, where the Centre and states have the powers to levy and collect taxes. At a maximum of 28%, the Indian GST is the highest.



## BRITAIN'S BIGGEST WARSHIP

**H**MS Queen Elizabeth, the 65,000-tonne aircraft carrier, is Britain's most advanced and biggest warship. It was built at the cost of £ 3.0 billion (3.4 billion Euros, USD 3.8 billion) in a project employing 10,000 people and will be the country's future flagship. It is currently conducting sea trials, ahead of her commissioning in 2018.



## CHINA IS THE WORLD LEADER IN SOLAR POWER PRODUCTION

**C**hina is the world's largest solar energy producer as per the International Energy Agency (IEA). It installed more than 34 gigawatts of solar capacity in 2016, which is more than double the figure for the US and nearly half of the total added capacity worldwide that year. The country has added another eight gigawatts in the first quarter of 2017.

Heymi Bahar (IEA) considers it to be a "huge market," as more than 60% of the world's solar cells are made in China and Taiwan. The country deserves the credit of recently opening the world's largest floating solar farm, in Huainan, Anhui Province.

## SAUDI ARABIA – CHINA PACT

**S**audi Arabia – the world's largest oil exporter – signed 14 agreements with China – the world's second-largest economy. Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud oversaw the signing of deals worth a potential of \$65 billion during his state visit to Beijing.

China is also the world's second-largest oil market, and Saudi Arabia has decided to boost its oil sales to China.





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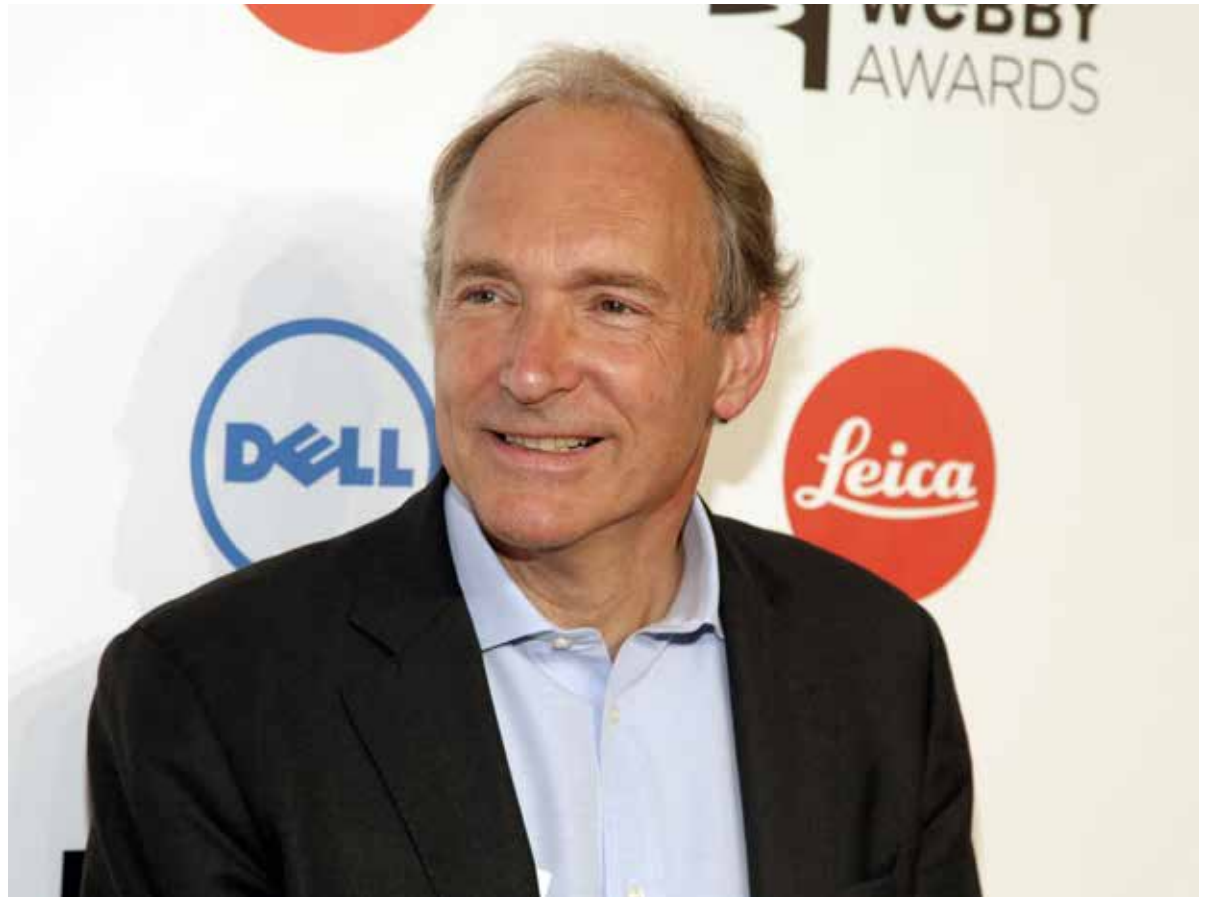
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## SCIENTISTS FOUND WAY TO GET DNA FROM DIRT

Scientists dig up some of the most amazing and bewildering theories that leave us stunned.

Recently, the scientists have found out a way to extract human DNA from the dirt if there is no bone available. According to a study published in the journal 'Science', this technique can help scientist in "reconstructing human evolutionary history".



## INVENTOR OF WORLD WIDE WEB WINS COMPUTING NOBEL PRIZE

The inventor of the first-ever web browser, the World Wide Web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has been honored with the ACM A.M. Turing Award for his great invention. The event took place on April 4, 2017 and also marked the 50th anniversary of the ACM A.M. Turing Award, which is often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Computing".

The award, given by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), is named after English computer scientist Alan Turing, whose revolutionary work with early computers and artificial intelligence helped crack Nazi Germany's codes during World War II. The award which carries a \$1 million prize is sponsored by Google Inc.



## INDIA'S GROWTH TO BOUNCE BACK IN 2018 SAYS IMF

After demonetization in the Indian Economy, a wave of strong opinions had erupted about its pros & cons. This had shook the nation and had impacted its economic growth.

Now, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reported that India's annual growth forecast was downgraded by 0.4 percentage points to 7.2% for 2017, citing the impact of demonetization. However, recently, IMF has once again made a statement that India's growth projection will bounce back to 7.2% in fiscal year 2018 and further to 7.7% the next year.



## IRANIAN PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED FOR THE SECOND TERM

Iran's president, Hassan Rouhani, has been re-elected with a landslide victory in presidential elections. The jubilant Rouhani said Iranians had chosen re-engagement with the outside world over "extremism and violence". One of the reasons of his popularity is Iran's historic nuclear deal with world powers during his first term.

Mr. Rouhani sealed victory with 57% of the vote against his hard-line opponent, Mr. Ebrahim Raisi - a senior cleric who was running for office for the first time and had garnered 38.5% votes. The poll delivered a decisive victory for pro-reform groups.

## WORLD'S FIRST MALARIA VACCINE

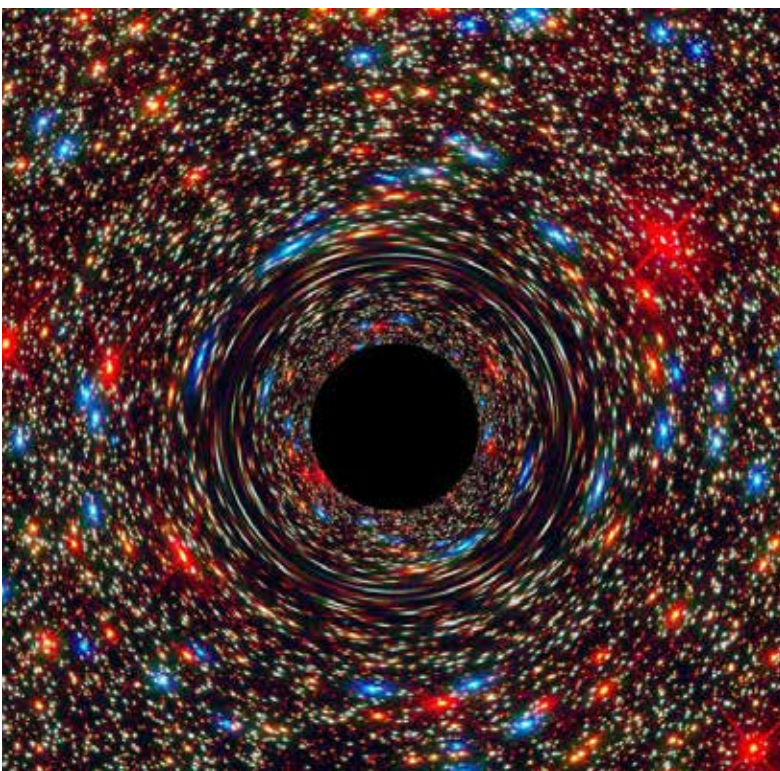
Taking constructive steps towards eradicating the destructive effect of malaria from the world, the World Health Organization (WHO) is all set to begin its pilot program in three countries, namely, Ghana, Kenya and Malawi, for the world's first malaria vaccine. The program, which will be introduced in 2018, is in the alignment of WHO's vision to completely eliminate malaria by 2040.

The pharmaceutical company, GlaxoSmithKline, has developed the malaria vaccine which will train the immune system to attack the malaria parasite spread by mosquito bites.

## NASA PLANS SPACEPORT

In a bid to understand the deep secrets of the space, NASA has made an announcement that it will "establish a crewed spaceport near the Moon that could serve as a gateway to the lunar surface & deep space destinations including Mars."

This would provide insights into the space's deep secrets helping us to get access to the other parts of the solar system.



## SCIENTISTS CREATE LIQUID WITH NEGATIVE MASS

Turning a new leaf in the sphere of Physics and leaving people bewildered, scientists of Washington State University have created an unusual fluid that has "negative mass". The liquid exhibits a weird property, that is, on being pushed it accelerates backwards instead of moving forward.

According to Isaac Newton's second law of motion, any object will accelerate towards the direction in which the force is exerted. "That's what most things that we're used to do," as per Michael Forbes, a physicist at Washington State University and co-author of the paper, which shows that normal intuitions do not always apply to physics experiments.

However, this new fluid pushes back against the force. This phenomenon is called "negative mass" that occurs in fluids known as Bose-Einstein condensates. The result is published in the journal, Physical Review Letters. Just as electric charge can be either positive or negative, matter could, hypothetically, have either positive or negative mass.





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## RIL REPLACES TCS AS MOST VALUABLE COMPANY

**A**midst the stir caused by the record-breaking success of its newly formed telecom network Reliance Jio, Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) has earned the title of the most valuable company of India in terms of market capitalization in intra-day trade. The Mukesh Ambani-led conglomerate has replaced IT giant Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), which had surpassed RIL's position back in the year 2013. At close of trade on 24th April 2017, RIL commanded a market capitalisation (m-cap) of Rs 4,66,599.69 crore, which was Rs 1,450.62 crore more than TCS' Rs 4,65,149.07 crore valuation. The shares of RIL ended flat at Rs 1,435, while Tata Consultancy Services fell to close at Rs 2,360.65 on BSE.

RIL's position could be accredited to the changing factors of the establishment, Jio's customer response being an important one in that list. The company has acquired about 11 crore customers within 8 months of its launch. Since Jio's launch on September 5, 2016, the stock has gained nearly 39% to Rs 1,416.



## UK HAILS QATAR'S CALL FOR GULF CRISIS TALKS

**U**K Foreign Secretary, Mr. Boris Johnson, has praised the Qatari Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani's willingness for dialogue to resolve the ongoing diplomatic dispute with Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain and Egypt. These countries cut diplomatic ties with Qatar on 5th June 2017 and imposed a sea & land blockade. The dispute is the worst to hit the Gulf since the formation of the GCC in 1981.



## THE HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARDS OF INDIA – PADMA AWARDS 2017

**I**n a bid to honor some of the best dignitaries across various fields, the President of India presents Padma Awards every year in a ceremony that takes place at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Padma awards, the highest civilian awards of the nation, are conferred in three categories – Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri – in decreasing order of importance. While “Padma Vibhushan” is awarded for exceptional and distinguished services, “Padma Bhushan” is granted for distinguished services of high order. “Padma Shri” is given for distinguished services in any field.

## THE INDIAN PM'S HISTORIC TRIP TO ISRAEL

**N**arendra Modi is the first Prime Minister from India to visit Israel in the last 70 years. As a gesture of cordiality, the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu along with his entire cabinet went to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport to receive him. The three-day visit was marked by signing of significant agreements between India and Israel on science, space, agriculture and technology which could be beneficial to both the countries in the long run.

The Indian PM also received a warm reception from the Israeli President, Reuven Rivlin, in Jerusalem. Mr. Modi summed up the Indo-Israel relations with an “I for I”, meaning “India for Israel and Israel for India.”





# *Beyond Oceans and Deserts*

*It's a wonderful world! Of course, both countries and the people inhabiting them make it wonderful. There's so much to learn and revel in the knowledge of everything around us. To help readers of AsiaOne magazine understand the beauty and heritage of some special countries in Europe, the Ambassador of Norway, the Consul General of Bulgaria and the Charge D'Affaires of Serbia have exclusively shared their thoughts with us*



**BULGARIA**  
***RICH ANCIENT HERITAGE***

*Bulgaria is known for its organized prehistoric cultures that began developing on the current Bulgarian lands as early as the Neolithic period. However, human activity in the lands of modern Bulgaria can be traced back to even Paleolithic period. Its ancient history has seen various famous clans and tribes: Thracians, Greeks, Persians, Celts, Romans, Goths, Alans and Huns. With beautiful topographical features such as the Danubian Plain, the Balkan Mountains, the Thracian Plain, the Rhodope Mountains, the highest point of the Balkan peninsula, Musala, and relaxing Black Sea resorts attract many visitors. Its geographical beauty is further accentuated by the Srebarna Nature Reserve – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.*



**By His Excellency Dr. Bogdan Kolarov, Consul General of Bulgaria to the UAE**



I am extremely happy to be able to give you and your readers an idea about Bulgaria – one of the oldest European States with over 13-century-old history and traditions. And not the least, a great tourism & investment destination, and a gateway to Europe.

Together with the excellent climate, natural scenery, food and hospitality, Bulgaria can offer stable political environment & low country risk, macroeconomic & financial stability, highly skilled multilingual work force, Europe's lowest operational costs, free movement of capital, no restrictions on after-tax repatriation of profits and Government financial support for priority investment projects.

The Government has a number of steps to encourage investment. Bulgaria has one of the EU's most favourable taxes, including 10% corporate income tax rate (0% in high-unemployment areas); 10% flat tax rate on personal income; and 2-year VAT exemption for imports of equipment for some projects. To mention a couple more – Government assistance through providing information and faster administrative servicing; preferential treatment; financial support for vocational training of employees for the needs of the investment project, and in some cases reimbursement of labor costs paid by the employer and, as mentioned previously, priority investment projects benefit from the special incentive package provided by the Government.

Bulgaria's strategic geographic location serves as a bridge between the EU and the rapidly growing markets of Russia, Turkey, the Middle East and CIS countries, placing the country in the centre of transit between these regions. Furthermore, five pan-European corridors pass through our territory.

The agenda of the Government includes emphasis on the modernization of infrastructure in the coming years, placing the country

in a pole position for attracting new investors interested in expanding their businesses in these geographies.

The focus areas for us are the food and agriculture, IT & outsourcing, energy & telecom, electronics, healthcare & medical tourism, BPO, transport & logistics, and chemical & related industries.

#### **AMITY WITH THE UAE**

Effectiveness, transparency and benefits for our partners in business, culture and political cooperation. These are the three main principles my team follows in our work.

Our main priority is to create the necessary conditions for steady bilateral growth in economic exchange and investments, tourism and cultural exchange, while upgrading on the bilateral political achievements and cooperation that will bring added value and a better quality of life for both Bulgaria and the UAE.

Due to our efforts in the last 2 years, we now observe a rapid increase in the levels of bilateral trade, as well as in the representation of Bulgarian companies willing to enter the regional market through establishing regional offices in Dubai. A number of Emirati companies are setting up businesses in Bulgaria. Last year, Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri, the UAE Minister of Economy highlighted the opening of a new chapter in economic relations between the two countries by leading the first official business and Government delegation to Sofia, comprising more than 40 representatives of the biggest UAE companies. The parallel Business Forum improved the bilateral interest for increasing the business ties between our countries.

On the political vector, 2017 is also a breaking year as both the UAE and Bulgaria are setting up embassies in Sofia and Abu Dhabi by the end of the year. Work is in progress, and high-level visits will follow. This move sends a strong political message and should

help encourage further economic and trade relations by providing institutional support.

I am also very satisfied that during my stay here I was able not only to open fully the doors of Bulgaria to the Emirati business, but also to share our unique Bulgarian culture and art with the people of this country through many cultural events organized by the Consulate.

#### **STRENGTHENING TIES WITH INDIA**

Indo-Bulgarian ties have traditionally been close and friendly. We do have a steady interest in further development and expansion of this cooperation built upon partnership. We can provide a solid base for Indian investors to enter the European market. Priority is given to strengthening the trade and economic ties, attracting Indian investment and stimulating the tourist flow from India. Aside from the general trend, I can focus on the significant number of Indian students in our medical universities, the Indian IT companies operating from Bulgaria and the Indian investments in the pharmaceuticals sector to Bulgaria.

#### **STEADILY MAKING A STATEMENT**

Over 8.2 million of foreign tourists visited Bulgaria in 2016. Our commitment is to furthering these results and making this a sustainable trend. By the end of this year, Bulgaria expects a 10% growth to these numbers.

The image of Bulgaria is as a preferred year-round destination, offering a high-quality tourist product and attracting a greater number of tourists. At the same time, around 4 million Bulgarians travelled abroad last year. With a population estimating about 7.5 million, these are huge numbers. The direct contribution of tourism to GDP in 2016 was 3.4%. Our forecast is that these numbers would rise by 4.6% in 2017. This primarily reflects the economic activity generated by industries such as hotels, travel agents, airlines and others, while by 2027 we expect this direct contribution to grow by 4.9% per annum to 4.8% of GDP. I think these figures speak for themselves.

**"BULGARIA IS ONE OF THE OLDEST EUROPEAN STATES AND A GREAT TOURISM & INVESTMENT DESTINATION"**

## **SERBIA** **ACCLAIMED FOR ITS** **STRENGTH & SPIRIT**

*Ranking high on the Human Development Index (66th), Social Progress Index (47th) as well as the Global Peace Index (56th), Serbia is known for several wonderful things. Just for an idea, Miroslav's Gospel, written in 1180, is the oldest Serbian manuscript that entered in the register of UNESCO. In addition, 18 Roman emperors were born on the territory of the modern-day Serbia. And of course, Nikola Tesla was a Serbian-American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, physicist, and futurist who is best known for his contributions to the design of the modern alternating current (AC) electricity supply system. Here, I want to discuss the huge growth potential of Serbia.*

### **By His Excellency Milos Perisic, Charge D'Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia**

**T**alking about some plain economic facts, the economy of Serbia is the 84th or 79th largest in the world at \$37.739 billion or \$107.131 billion by nominal gross domestic product (GDP) or purchasing power parity (PPP) respectively. Since 2000, the country has experienced fast economic growth. Further, Serbia has been successful in swiftly increasing its foreign direct investment as a permanent trend, which is quite conspicuous in several industries including the auto industry (Fiat), metal processing (US Steel), building materials (Lafarge), food and beverages (Carlsberg, Coca-Cola, and Nestle), textiles (Golden Lady, Pompea), leather (Progetti Company, Falc East), and ICT (Microsoft and Siemens). Actually, according to the German Chamber of Commerce, Serbia is the top investment destination in South-Eastern Europe.

To improve the situation further, the Government of Serbia took a number of brave measures in the previous period in order to heal our economy and to make Serbia a reliable partner for various world economies. Serbia now is seen as one of the fastest developing countries in our region and we have already attracted a huge number of renowned international companies to

invest in our economy. We have taken several high-level initiatives to create a highly friendly business environment for foreign investors and we are giving significant incentives to companies that want to start business in Serbia. Foreign investments are protected in Serbia by the law and we do have a stable macroeconomic situation. What attracts foreign investors in Serbia are skilled and educated labor, low operation costs and taxes, easy procedures and good security situation in the country.

Serbia is traditionally an agriculture- and industry-oriented country. We are one of the biggest European producers of raspberries, plums, apples, wheat and corn. Also, we have a long tradition of production of different types of machines, cars, trucks and heavy equipment. We are focused on developing and modernizing our industry and on the other side, we are rapidly becoming a strong center in the region for the IT sector. We do have excellent young programmers and we will continue to invest in our people. Also, Serbia has strong tourism potentials which we are developing now in order to attract more tourists.

#### **AMITY WITH THE UAE**

Serbia and the UAE have excellent



relations in all the fields and we are taking necessary measures to improve those relations further. Two countries have signed a couple of bilateral agreements which are important and which make the cooperation easier (we cancelled the visas for UAE passport holders, and MoUs were signed on protection and promotion of investments as well on avoiding of double taxation). As a result of great relations between Serbia and the UAE leadership, we have seen a couple of big UAE investments in Serbia, namely, Etihad Airways has become a partner of Air Serbia, and Al Dahra & Al Rawafed have invested in the agriculture sector and Eagle Hills has started a huge project in Belgrade, Belgrade Waterfront. Once completed, Belgrade Waterfront will be one of the most beautiful areas in our part of Europe. Residential units, hotels, offices and shopping malls will be constructed in accordance with the highest world standards in architecture, and the Belgrade Tower will be the new landmark of our capital.

In addition, a number of Serbian companies have started their business in the UAE and they have found in the UAE really good opportunities for business. Our two countries have created great cooperation in other



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**“SERBIA HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SWIFTLY INCREASING ITS FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AS A PERMANENT TREND”**

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fields also like culture, sports, tourism, science, etc. and we are working really hard to connect Serbia with the UAE.

**STRENGTHENING TIES WITH INDIA**

Bilateral relations between Serbia and India are historical and very friendly. For Serbia, India is one of the most important partners in Asia and we want to enhance our cooperation in all the fields (economy, tourism, culture, science, etc.).

The then Prime Minister and now President of Serbia H.E. Aleksandar Vučić visited India in January 2017 and met the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and it was agreed that the potentials for cooperation should be improved.

We do see many opportunities for cooperation with India, which is one of the most important and fastest growing economies nowadays. Also, a couple of strong Indian companies have invested in Serbia and both the investors and Serbia are happy with that cooperation.

**GLORIOUS TRADITIONS AND CULTURES**

Republic of Serbia has consistently become a more and more popular tourism destination. In 2016, more than 2.75 million tourists visited our country, which is an increase of 13%, comparing to 2015.

Government of the Republic of Serbia and Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications are investing great efforts to attract tourists to Serbia. We are also investing in the infrastructure & accommodation capacities, and we do support travel agencies and hotels.

Serbia is the first country in Europe, which cancelled the visas for Chinese passport holders, since January 2017. The holders of passports of EU, USA, UK, Russian Federation, Turkey, GCC (except KSA) and many other countries are allowed to enter Serbia without visa.

The tourism potentials of Serbia are presented at major international travel exhibitions in the world and the Belgrade, capital of Serbia, hosts biggest regional travel show (every year in February).



**NORWAY**  
**SPREADING HAPPINESS  
WORLDWIDE**

*Known as one of the most beautiful countries on earth naturally – due to its fjords, mountains, a vibrant culture and the midnight sun – Norway (of course its people) has also consistently shown light to the rest of the world as one of the happiest and safest places on Earth. It believes in “all men’s rights”, and is home to one of the most modern societies and urban & rural living places. Its hundred and thousands of lakes, the world’s longest tunnel, its more than 240,000 islands and a coastline of more than 64,000 miles are just incidental. The entire world needs to learn a lot from this majestic country.*

**By His Excellency Jens Eikaas, Ambassador to the UAE, Kingdom of Norway**



**N**orway has a great vision, and we want to preserve Norway as a good country to live in for future generations, and to carry with us the strong aspects of Norwegian society. We have high employment, and we benefit from abundant natural resources and a strong fiscal position. Our education system contributes to a well-educated workforce. Income and welfare are more evenly distributed than in most countries.

In the years ahead, Norway will nevertheless face challenges. Our ability to tackle these challenges requires that we are successful in some

main areas:

**An inclusive labour market with high participation rates:** A cornerstone of Norwegian society is its high employment rate. For the individual, having a job means a stable income, personal development, and an arena for social inclusiveness. At the same time, a sustainable welfare state is dependent on maintaining a balance between the number of people contributing to the system and the number receiving benefits.

In the coming years, an ageing population means that a smaller share of the population will carry the burden

**“WE HAVE HIGH EMPLOYMENT, AND WE BENEFIT FROM ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES & STRONG FISCAL POSITION”**

of supporting the welfare state unless the retirement age increases. If many people are kept outside the workforce because of a lack of relevant skills, this burden will increase further. Higher immigration can amplify these challenges unless immigrants are well integrated in the labour market.

Education and skill enhancement is the key to successfully confronting these challenges. We need to ensure that more people have access to strong vocational training programs and to higher education.

At the same time, increasing life expectancy means we have to work longer. We need to ensure that we have a tax and welfare benefit system that makes it more beneficial to work than is the case today. We have to avoid a situation in which health problems, language difficulties, or a lack of a relevant and updated skillset prevent people from participating in the labor market. This will contribute to a society that creates opportunities for all.

**Rising living standards must benefit everyone in society:** The vast majority of the population has benefitted from rising incomes over the past decades. In addition, the income of the next generation is less dependent on that of their parents than what is the case in many other countries.

Norway has a good system of social welfare benefits and a well-functioning public sector. Technological breakthroughs will be necessary to confront climate change. New technological solutions are also a precondition for better and more sustainable social services in the future. Welfare technology may make public healthcare more efficient and better placed to manage the challenges associated with an aging population.

Improving living standards will require raising productivity growth in the private sector. Over the last decade, productivity has grown more slowly than in the past. This trend is amplified by the fact that the oil and gas sector will contribute less to economic growth than in the past. Greater emphasis on protecting the environment creates a new operating environment for the private sector



## **“ONE CAN EXPERIENCE INTERESTING CULTURE, HISTORY AND AN EXCITING CITY LIFE ON A HOLIDAY IN NORWAY”**

both in Norway and abroad. Rising protectionism and policies aimed at reversing the tide of globalization will hurt us.

Managing these transitions requires that we clear the way for the creation of jobs in the private non-oil sector. Income must be created before it can be shared.

### **BOOSTING ECONOMY WORLDWIDE**

The single-most important step by the Government of Norway to boost its economy worldwide was taken when The Government Pension Fund Global was set up in 1990 to underpin long-term considerations when phasing petroleum revenues into the Norwegian economy. An investment arm of the Central Bank of Norway – NBIM (Norges Bank Investment Management) – manages the fund on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, which owns the fund on behalf of the Norwegian people. The ministry determines the fund’s investment strategy, following advice from, among others, NBIM and discussions in Parliament. The management mandate defines the investment universe and the fund’s strategic reference index.

The Ministry of Finance has on a regular basis transferred capital to the fund from the Norwegian state’s petroleum revenues. The fund’s capital is invested abroad, to avoid overheating the Norwegian economy and to shield it from the effects of oil price fluctuations. The fund invests in international equity and fixed-income markets and real estate. The aim is to have a diversified investment mix that will give the highest possible risk-adjusted return within the set guidelines.

The fund was designed to be invested for the long term, but in a way that made it possible to draw on when required. Despite its name, the fund has no formal pension liabilities. No political decision has been made as to when the fund may be used to cover future pension costs, and the

probability of large withdrawals from the fund is limited. This makes the fund truly long-term.

The Fund is an integrated part of the government’s annual budget. Its capital inflow consists of all government petroleum revenue, net financial transactions related to petroleum activities, and net of what is spent to balance the State’s non-oil budget deficit.

This means the fund is fully integrated with the state budget and that net allocations to the fund reflect the total budget surplus, including petroleum revenue. Fiscal policy is based on the guideline that over time the structural, non-oil budget deficit shall correspond to the expected real return on the fund, estimated at 3 percent.

### **AMITY WITH THE UAE**

As Norway’s Ambassador to the UAE, I am committed to seek opportunities to expand trade and investment between our two countries, and to strengthen the economic, political and cultural ties between us. This means, among other things, taking part in bilateral meetings at an official level, working with Norwegian businesses to give advice, updates on the situation, encouraging them to look into areas of interest that they may not yet have investigated, and to look at regional possibilities. With limited amount of funding available for business promotion activities in support of Norwegian businesses seeking to expand their activities abroad, we try to put these funds to good use, by helping to finance business seminars and receptions with potential customers and officials and so on, focusing on Norwegian competences and technologies.

### **STRENGTHENING TIES WITH INDIA**

India is an important partner to Norway. Increased trade, investments and economic cooperation with mutual

benefits are the topmost priorities for our two countries. Norway was among the very first countries to recognize India’s independence, actually on Independence Day itself in 1947. We established our Embassy in New Delhi in 1952, the same year as Norway’s very first international development cooperation project, a fisheries project in Kerala.

From 2010 to 2016, the number of Norwegian companies established in India increased from 60 to more than 100. Indian companies are getting large contracts in Norway. Norwegian investments in India are estimated to close to USD 14 billion. Norwegian businesses have directly generated at least 15,000 jobs in India.

The overall Indo-Norwegian cooperation covers wide areas such as energy and climate change, energy, environment and biodiversity, clean technologies, geohazards, health, gender, local governance, culture, and business. Our partnership is founded on mutual interests and respect.

### **ONCE IN A LIFETIME DESTINATION**

Many visitors, and no doubt the majority, associate Norway with nature, fjords, mountains, a cold climate and the northern lights. However, more and more visitors also say that they could experience interesting culture and history on a holiday in Norway, and that Norway is a place to experience exciting city life.

The counterpoint to Norway’s natural beauty is found in Norway’s vibrant cultural life. Norwegian cities are cosmopolitan and brimful of architecture that showcases the famous Scandinavian flair for design through the ages. At the same time, a busy calendar of festivals, many of international renown, are worth planning your trip around.

Altogether, Norway comes out well in overall rankings of tourist destinations. In the 2015 World Economic Forum’s Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index, Norway is ranked No. 20. On a global scale, that is a rather impressive ranking. It is, for example, ahead of all countries in this region as tourist destinations, with the United Arab Emirates trailing closest, at No. 24.

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# *Heart-to-heart Talk with Shri P P Chaudhary*

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*Shri P P Chaudhary is a renowned name in Indian politics. He is one of the strongest knights in the army of Shri Narendra Modi, as the Union Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Justice; and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. He is a man of action who is fully committed to and is actively involved in getting innumerable farmers justice and in improving & uplifting the status of girls & women not only in his Pali Lok Sabha constituency but also in the entire State of Rajasthan and at the national level. His life story is an immense inspiration for youth in general and for people of all ages who have a white heat of desire to do great in life. Please read on for excerpts of his interview with Anam Kumar*

**Q&A**  
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***Before becoming a Member of Parliament, or a Minister, you were a highly successful advocate, and used to farm with your father on your family land. What are your views on the current issue of farmers' agitation? How has the government helped farmers as long-term solutions?***

Yes. I have been in the law profession for the last 38 years and am also a senior advocate practicing in High Courts and Supreme Court. It is true that I have worked for the causes of farmers. I come from a family of farmers. My father trained me into various aspects of farming while I was young and I have seen farming from close quarters. I can understand the agony of the farmers and can empathize with them because I see they have been wronged both in the pre- and post-British era. The present agitation by the farmers is the result of accumulation of injustices meted out to farmers due to wrong policies in the last 60 years which impoverished the farmer and weakened his economic condition to such an extent that he is not able to withstand even minor disruptions due to market pricing patterns or due to nature's fury and calamities. There are hardly any surpluses left with him be it in the form of grains, fodder or even savings.

To mitigate the problem of farmers, our PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji has taken the right steps in the direction of reducing cost of farming while at the same time doubling the income of the farmers in the coming years. The most important step has been to bring about a scheme by which the Government is assisting the farmer to determine the health of the soil, the outcome of which will determine the amount of manure or fertilizer that is

required by the soil. Then there has been emphasis on use of Neem-coated Fertilizers as well as cheaper crop insurance through Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. To me, in the past misaligned incentives have resulted in the overuse of insecticides, pesticides and chemical fertilizers. This has resulted in soil degradation. The PM's roadmap of doubling farmer's incomes through use of technology, integrated agricultural markets (through e-NAM), organic manure, cheaper crop insurance and cheaper loan assistance are steps in the right direction and are being welcomed by the farming community.

***You have worked a lot for girl child education in Pali district, Rajasthan and generally in the country. Your wife has also helped you in this cause. Do you think women empowerment needs to be done politically, socially and financially at the same time? Please share with us what all you have been doing for girl child education and women empowerment.***

Yes, my wife has been very active in the field of women empowerment and girl education. Women empowerment is the need of the hour. An empowered woman means an empowered family. And yes, as you rightly pointed out, this empowerment has to be multifaceted.

Politically, you need to create an environment where more women enter politics and take policy decisions in the interest of the society.

To make them socially empowered, you need to reduce their working time in the kitchens, provide clean toilets at homes and proper sanitation measures, thereby giving them a clean and healthy environment. To support the higher

education of girls from rural areas, we need to provide safe and quality hostels for them in urban areas.

Financially we need to focus on giving them low-cost insurance schemes, essential work skills and better and safe work environments.

I am confident that our Prime Minister's sincere efforts in introducing well-thought-out schemes such as Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, etc. will create the kind of environment that is beneficial for the betterment of our society in the long run.

I have taken the initiative ever since I have become an MP to provide insurance cover under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) for 1,31,175 (One lakh thirty-one thousand one hundred seventy five) women of my Lok Sabha constituency, Pali, from my own salary.

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***Please share with us some of your inspiring experiences as a Minister in the government.***

I have developed a strong work ethic during my 38 years of law practice. After becoming a Minister, I spend a major chunk of my time in office be it in Shastri Bhawan or Electronics Niketan. Even my personal staff has now understood my habits and works with me late hours. I am encouraged by the motivation of my staff. They are enthusiastic about the work they do and the ideas that the Government wants to implement.

Earlier this year, when I got a chance to interact with the scientists working in the Ministry in the field of nanotechnology, I was extremely delighted to see their enthusiasm and commitment for undertaking pathbreaking research in the niche field. I was convinced that with such a set of dedicated scientists at work,

we shall surely attain Hon'ble PM's dream of creating a New India by the year 2022.

***As the Union Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Justice, and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, please share with us the several development works your Ministries are conducting.***

In the Ministry of Electronics & IT, we are working on ensuring that Digital India programme of the Government achieves its objectives and transforms India into a digital economy. While at one end, we are enrolling people for Aadhaar, on the other we are encouraging them to open bank accounts, link them with Aadhaar and use it to receive Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) from the Government as well as move towards digital payments. At the same time, we have launched

schemes to promote digital literacy such as PMGDISHA. We are also working towards promoting growth of electronics manufacturing in the country as well as promoting start-ups in the Electronics & IT Space. We are also promoting adoption of technology in the education and health sector across the country. Recently, we had a conference with the industry captains on how to make India a Trillion Dollar Digital Economy and everyone was unanimous that this is too small a target if we continue to formulate and implement industry-friendly policies.

In the Ministry of Law & Justice, our focus is on ensuring that vacancies of judges in the higher judiciary are filled at the earliest so to provide timely justice to the people and to reduce pendency of cases in the courts. We are also working on laws, which are the main cause of pendency of cases in courts. We have already repealed around 1,200 obsolete laws. We are also working on promoting alternate dispute resolution mechanisms to ease the burden of courts and to reduce tortuous litigation. Then there is the focus on providing technology in the courtrooms to make it easier for people to interact with the judicial process and reduce the time of litigation.

***You are known to be a very grounded political leader. What is your source of inspiration and who is your role model?***

I thank you for your remarks! I try my level best to help the people and when in doubt I seek guidance from my seniors and elders. My parents have been the biggest source of inspiration for me during school and college days. I have had to work very hard alongside my father to make both ends meet. It is hard to forget tilling the soil by using oxen and reaping the harvest in the blazing hot sun in Rajasthan. This instilled in me the importance of hard work, which has helped me in my career as a lawyer and now as a Minister.

I am also inspired by the teachings of Swami Vivekanand for he brought spirituality in the realm of modernity in India. He made us realize our cultural and traditional roots and the richness of our heritage.

Role models, there are many.



Presently it is our Prime Minister who continues to inspire me. While I was doing fine in my legal profession all these years, I always had an urge to do something for my country. However, I was always held back by the thought that common people like me with only hard work and legal experience as their forte stood no chance in a system that rewarded the corrupt irrespective of their capabilities. However, inspired by the clarion call of Shri Narendra Modi Ji to provide a clean and transparent governance for the betterment of the country, I decided to take a plunge in politics. I was surprised by the trust Modi Ji has generated amongst our citizens. I witnessed it from close quarters when people voted me over my competitors by over 4 lakh votes in the 2014 General Elections.

**You are the Chairperson of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Offices of Profit, and a Member of many other important Committees. What is the role of such Committees?**  
The work done by the Parliament in modern times is not only varied in

nature, but considerable in volume. The time at its disposal is limited. It cannot, therefore, give close consideration to all the legislative, and other, matters that come up before it. A good deal of its business is, therefore, transacted by these Parliamentary Committees. These Committees examine draft Bills as well as the issues assigned to them in great detail, bring together all the stakeholders, assimilate their feedback and advise on the Bills and policy decisions of the Executive. While it is the final product such as an Act or a policy decision that gets greater publicity amongst the public, as it affects the lives of the people directly, the Committees are the ones which would have worked overboard to assist the Parliament and the Executive to get to the final product. These Committees are great tools of the Parliamentary system of functioning.

As Chairperson of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Office of Profit, I, along with other members, did a large amount of work. We examined almost all the Ministries and Departments of the Central

Government and reviewed four States. I was in the Committee for around two years, and it has been a satisfying piece of work for me as well as a great learning experience about the functioning of the parliamentary system in India.

**You have been associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) since the age of eight. RSS has both a positive and a negative image in the minds of people. The reason is that people have created their own images based on certain factors. However, if you have to explain RSS and its ideology to the general public, how would you do it?**

Yes. I have been associated with RSS since my childhood days as a Bal Sewak. And I must say with my experience that this association has given me a grounding and pride in our cultural tradition and heritage.

I do not feel that RSS can have negative image. It has been working since its genesis for the betterment of our society at the grassroots level sans discrimination on the grounds of caste or religion. You will always find it at the forefront of social service whenever any natural calamity strikes our countrymen. To my mind, negativity towards RSS may stem from lack of awareness about its selfless work.

**How do you take success in your stride? What was the happiest and the most rewarding moment of your life?**

Success in any sphere means more responsibility and more work. Throughout my career as a lawyer and now as a Minister, I feel satisfied by the virtue of hard work itself.

I am driven by bringing happiness to the poor, the downtrodden and to those who have lost hope from the system. You have to continuously toil with the single goal of betterment of lives of the people of the country.

There have been many rewarding moments in the last three years. Be it providing insurance cover for women in my constituency, or ensuring effective installation of solar lights, which is undertaken through CSR initiatives across my Constituency.

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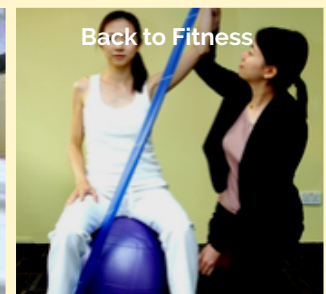
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# The Gift of Giving

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**There are some bright childhood memories that carve a special place in one's life, but on the other hand, there are children from different strata who are lesser privileged. Today a lot many corporates are coming up with major initiatives to draw a smile on the faces of these little toddlers. All the biggies in the corporate world across the globe are paying their undivided attention to the community since inception**

**BY EKTA MAKAN**

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*s rightly stated by Bernardo Kliksberg, the famous Argentine Doctor of Economics, "One cannot be a good house in a rapidly deteriorating neighborhood, the credibility and the fair functioning of the neighborhood matter a great deal. Without that, the integrity of the capitalist system will weaken further"*

*Many businesses zip past rivals to gain leadership of the market, a story foretold not by the pricey collaborations but by the allotment of funds for the CSR initiatives. The term 'giving back' holds much more importance and has become one of the core philosophies of many leading businesses.*

*We have surpassed the age where the concept of lending a helping hand was restricted to large family businesses that ran hospitals, schools and colleges through trusts both governed and operated by the families themselves.*

*Corporate social responsibility (CSR) goes beyond philanthropy and these days, businesses interact with children on daily basis. The global brands impact children's rights that go way beyond child labor and at the same time have enormous power to improve the rights of children and protect them from harm. As the global enterprises gets empowered to welcome huge investments, they also focus on the methods of paying back to the society.*



## **BLUEPRINT OF HUMANITY**

At Middle East Broadcasting Center (MBC) Group, Corporate Social Responsibility is not a new phrase. Being the leading private media company in the Middle East and North Africa region and an active partner of Save the Children, the company has recently announced the initiative "Protect Their Happiness" which will help mobilize MBC's global audience in supporting children throughout the Middle East during Ramadan.

MBC's Corporate Social Responsibility arm called MBC Hope has begun the campaign will raise funds for Save the Children's arts-based psychosocial program Healing and Education through the Arts (HEART) in Middle Eastern countries such as Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and West Bank/Gaza. The campaign began on June 1, 2017 and ended with Eid on June 25, 2017.

"Emotional distress can be detrimental to children's ability to learn, grow and achieve. MBC wants to ensure that Arab children fulfill their hopes and dreams, as they believe that taking care of their hearts and minds is just as important as providing them with food and water," said Mariam Farag,



Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at MBC Group. "We have partnered with Save the Children for the past two years to address this critical need and we are inviting our audience to join us on this mission through this campaign."

Many children throughout the Middle East have experienced war and conflict, and have been uprooted from their homes. Others are living in poverty, while their families struggle to provide for their children's well-being. Save the Children's HEART program allows children to express their emotions from their life's circumstances and exercise their creativity through art.

Teachers and other facilitators trained by Save the Children lead children through drawing, dancing and other art activities in schools, childcare centers and refugee camps. The arts-based program gives children a safe place

to cope with chronic stress even if they cannot explain their feelings in words. MBC Hope is invited the network's audience to donate funds through the Protect Their Happiness campaign page to Save the Children's HEART program in the Middle East so that this young generation is empowered and supported.

"Despite what children may be going through, many children in this region still dream of a better future—of becoming doctors and teachers who can contribute to building a peaceful, prosperous future. All they want is the opportunity to do so," said Soha Ellaithy, senior director of Save the Children's Gulf Area Office. "MBC Hope has been a key supporter of the HEART program as they recognize that the psychosocial health of children is a key part of building that future."

## BEING RESPONSIBLE

With headquarters at Hong Kong, Cathay Pacific Group is a noted aviation brand today. It supports and invests in the Hong Kong community of which it has been a part for almost seven decades. In addition to making major contributions to Hong Kong's economy through its investments in people and infrastructure, Cathay Pacific is also actively involved in a variety of community initiatives under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) banner.

### *"English on Air" Programme*

This unique programme involves English-speaking Cathay Pacific staff from a wide variety of nationalities and backgrounds, encouraging local students to practise their spoken English. Up to July 2009, about 725 students from five Tung Chung secondary schools were invited to Cathay Pacific City to meet and mingle with Cathay Pacific volunteers for English-speaking sessions.

### *Life Education Activity Programme (LEAP)*

Cathay Pacific is the main sponsor of the Life Education Activity Programme (LEAP), which teaches young people in Hong Kong about the dangers of drug and substance abuse, as well as running discussions on peer pressure, decision-making and the human body. The airline has supported LEAP since 1994. An average school year sees more than 80,000 students from 170 schools attending the LEAP sessions.

### *The Cathay Pacific Wheelchair Bank*

Set up in Cathay Pacific's 50th anniversary year in 1996, the Wheelchair Bank aims at raising funds to purchase specially adapted wheelchairs for children with neuromuscular diseases. To date, more than HK\$8.7 million has been donated to the Wheelchair Bank. From 1999 onwards, an average of one month's proceeds from Cathay Pacific's "Change for Good" inflight fundraising programme is



allocated to the Bank each year. Over the past 13 years, the Wheelchair Bank has helped more than 300 needy children, supported more than 2,100 clinic attendances and handled over 4,000 spare-part changes and modifications. Some of the wheelchairs have served up to seven different people.

### **Project Orbis**

Since 1989, Cathay Pacific has been a major sponsor of Project Orbis - the world's only flying eye hospital. The airline provides free and discounted air travel for Project Orbis personnel, enabling the Project's volunteer eye surgeons to fly into Hong Kong and join the Project Orbis aircraft before it visits remote places in countries such as

China, the Philippines, Myanmar and Mongolia.

### **Hong Kong Society for the Blind**

Since 2004, Cathay Pacific has been providing sponsorship for the Hong Kong Society for the Blind which provides comprehensive services for the estimated 75,000 blind and visually impaired people in Hong Kong.

### **The Sunnyside Club**

Founded in 1987, the Sunnyside Club is a registered charity set up by Cathay Pacific staff. It concentrates primarily on improving the well-being of mentally and physically challenged children in Hong Kong.

## BANKING ON MANKIND

Since inception, YES BANK has a deep rooted focus on sustainability and through its Responsible Banking pillar, had been working towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Sustainable Development. The BANK believes that CSR and Sustainability in their biggest sense are the purpose of Business and has embedded them into the core business operations, keeping in mind the impact that it has on people, planet and prosperity. Real CSR lies in the

collective ability to share resources equitably, accept that everyone has the same rights, and consistently act in the best interest of humanity. YES FOUNDATION is its concrete step to realize this vision of an empowered and equitable India.

YES FOUNDATION is the social development arm of YES BANK, India's fourth largest private sector bank. Under the visionary guidance of its Co-Chairman & Chief Mentor, Mr. Rana Kapoor, MD & CEO, YES BANK, the Foundation follows a differentiated approach focusing on stimulating entrepreneurship and innovative use of media initiatives, to bridge gaps and act as a force multiplier towards empowered and equitable India.

**The Foundation works under the guiding principles of:**

**INNOVATION:** Social Innovation is accelerating worldwide as people realize that it is time to work together to find new solutions to the challenges facing the society.

At YES FOUNDATION, they define innovation as creating solutions for the gaps in the social sector and developing a more robust ecosystem towards India's holistic and equitable growth and development.

**ENGAGEMENT:** YES FOUNDATION collaborates with civil society organizations, government agencies and communities and leverages their strengths to facilitate actualization of the vision of an empowered and equitable India.

**INCLUSION:** Social and economic inclusion are central to ensuring sustainable growth and development in India. Through its initiatives, YES FOUNDATION provides a platform to voices less heard and endeavors to sensitize people, especially the youth on issues related to inclusive development.





**EMPOWERMENT:** They believe that each individual is capable of making a difference and impactful social transformation can only be achieved by working collectively. They focus on engaging people, especially youth and women and providing them avenues and opportunities to participate in the development of the country.

YES! i am the CHANGE (YIAC) is the flagship program of YES FOUNDATION. Launched in 2013, YES! i am the CHANGE is a nationwide mindset transformation program to inculcate the value of responsible citizenship amongst youth through the impactful medium of films.

YES! i am the CHANGE is the World's Largest Social Film Movement with participation of over 13 lakh individuals

from 2,500 cities and towns across India.

As part of YIAC 101-Hour Social Filmmaking Challenge, participants make 3-minute short films on social causes which form an open repository of invaluable communication resources for the use of NGOs. Most importantly, the process of participation and exposure to various social causes leads to the inner transformation of the youth, builds association with causes and makes them agents of social change.

To further social impact and engage more youth with social causes, YES! i am the CHANGE will also have a special 101-Hour Social Photostory Challenge in February 2017, where individuals will narrate stories of change through 5 photographs on social causes.

## ENHANCING RURAL ENGAGEMENTS

Oxigen has initiated a one of a kind Rural Engagement Model that helps connect with their large customer base in rural locations to whom Oxigen is providing Banking services or convenience in Money transfer to their home location. This program calls for reaching out to the customer segments and support them in area like health, education and employment. Several initiatives have been taken up and this includes.

### Education:

To Educate Indian Youth, for a better tomorrow, Oxigen set up multiple academies for vocational learning, benefiting several hundred beneficiaries through Grameen Yuva Rozgaar Academy for the Rural Youth and Life Skills Livelihood Programme, for rural women.

### Health Camps:

- 339 health camps wherein over 694 free cataract and 7 heart surgeries have been done. Free medicine, subsidized spectacles, eye medication, eye drops and sanitary napkins are provided to villagers.
- Folic acid and Iron capsules are provided to help combat anemia in pregnant women.
- These Camps for Eye, Gynecology, Heart, General Health Multi specialty, Bone densitometry, Women Hygiene Awareness Camps, have benefited over 46994 rural Indians. 76 Women Hygiene Awareness Camps have been organized till date benefitting 6424 women and adolescent girls.

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- equipment to reduce surgical hemorrhages.
- Partner with the Breast Cancer Foundation of Egypt (BCFE) to sponsor major surgeries as well as essential medical processes.
- Provide Al Fayoum University's School of Medicine with vital cardiology equipment to enhance medical and educational services in the community.
- Equip Al Gharaqa Charity Hospital's clinics in Daqahleyia providing free healthcare services to underprivileged community members.
- Donate ultrasound equipment to the Egyptian Autistic Society's healthcare unit in the area of Kom Bakkar, which lacks access to healthcare facilities.

ADIB Egypt is proud to have contributed to several charitable projects in the Delta and Upper Egypt regions that have benefited large segments of society.

## BEING BY YOUR SIDE



Taking proactive steps on the path of Egypt's social advancement and prosperity, ADIB Egypt puts corporate social responsibility (CSR) at the forefront of its commitments. Society's most pressing issues are the foundation of the charity and CSR strategy in Egypt. They are proud to actively take part in building bridges towards a brighter and healthier future.

ADIB Egypt has proudly supported numerous initiatives, institutions and organizations providing essential healthcare services to the Egyptian community, from university hospitals to local healthcare units and NGOs. ADIB Egypt is committed to addressing one of the most vital needs of underprivileged community members.

### ADIB Egypt was honored to:

- Bolster the capacity of Zaqaziq University Hospital's Intensive Care unit, which offers treatment to nearly 18,000 patients every month, with state-of-the-art cardiovascular equipment.
- Provide Cairo University's Kasr Al Aini Hospital with

- They provided contributing for the completion of construction of the Abrar Charity and Development Complex in Bani Sareed Village, Sharqeyia, encompassing a mosque and an educational center, as well as a housing complex for the mentally disabled and other housing and development projects for orphans and widows sponsored by the Abrar Foundation Egypt for People with Special Needs.
- ADIB Egypt also partnered with the Al Nour Charity Foundation to facilitate the construction of a pediatrics and pediatric surgery hospital in Sheikh Zayed.
- Stemming from the belief that the new generation is key to a prosperous future, ADIB Egypt helped supply the Awlady Association for Orphans in Maadi's establishment of a state-of-the-art computer lab. The bank also formed a team of volunteers to deliver and oversee computer training courses, in addition to providing knitting machines for orphans to acquire new skills to produce and sell products.
- They also collaborated with Misr El Kheir Foundation's Al Gharemeen initiative to repay the debts, and free them from imprisonment, giving them and their families a chance for a better future.



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We have continued with our quest to identify global leaders who stand apart from the rest of the herd – because of the impressive and ever-expanding sphere they have created around themselves. Consequently, owing to their unceasing, diligent efforts, the following top ten doyens in their respective fields are set out to rule the world, acquiring the coveted title of 'AsiaOne Person of the Year' (APOY). The daunting and challenging selection process further adds to their sheen as they have emerged as the powerful icons of the world, acting as an inspiration for numerous budding entrepreneurs, to rise and reach the heights of magnificence and glory.

# LEADING ON ARDOR, ABILITY & AFFECTION

BY EKTA MAKAN

*As they say, you can't build the economy of tomorrow with yesterday's creed. Popularly called as the undisputed leader of her political party, **Angela Merkel**, the first lady chancellor of Germany is amongst the most powerful architects of the European Union*





## ANGELA MERKEL

**“MRS. MERKEL PARTICIPATED  
IN THE STATE’S YOUTH  
ORGANIZATIONS AND WAS ELECTED  
AS A MEMBER OF THE YOUNG  
PIONEERS FROM 1962”**

**W**hen your own economy calls, one answers. Mrs. Merkel earned her Ph.D. in quantum physics in 1986 and has served best to the building economies of almost every country in the European Region.

Writing the future of much of Europe with a golden pen, Mrs. Merkel won the third term as German Chancellor. Having first assumed her office as the German Chancellor on 22 November 2005, Mrs. Merkel's career has been an incredible success story for many young minds seeking their career in politics.

### **HUMBLE BEGINNING**

Having born in Hamburg, West Germany to Horst Kasner who was a theologian and Lutheran minister and Herlind Kasner, an English and Latin teacher in the year 1954, Mrs. Merkel had spent most of her childhood in Templin, East Germany. It was a small town from where the world got its most powerful woman coming of an age dappled by the northern sun and shadowed by tall pines.

In her early days of schooling, she was a shy girl who never wanted to draw too much attention to her as she grew up under Communist rule in the East German town of Templin.

Soon after finishing her school, Mrs. Merkel went to the Karl Marx University

in Leipzig, now known as the University of Leipzig. It was at the same university, she met her first husband Ulrich Merkel who was a fellow physics student and the couple got married in 1977.

Mrs. Merkel was first employed as a member of the academic faculty at the Central Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Academy of Sciences, East Berlin soon after her diploma in 1978. It was in the year 1982 when she the couple decided to part ways.

She gave marriage a second chance with Joachim Sauer, a professor of quantum chemistry, in 1998. Mr Sauer has kept a low profile in 2005 he chose not to attend his wife's first inauguration as Chancellor. Mrs. Merkel has no children of her own, but her husband has two adult sons from a previous marriage.

### **PAINTING THE BIGGER PICTURE**

Mrs. Merkel participated in the state youth organizations and was elected as a member of the Young Pioneers from 1962, followed by the Free German Youth from 1968. It was at her young tenure only that the face of the woman she grew into compelled the personnel of the Ministry for State Security (Stasi) to become an informant, to which she refused the offer gracefully.

She got her learning in physics and made her political debut in the iconic year of 1989 soon after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Very soon after Mrs. Merkel joined East Germany's new Democratic Party, Demokratischer Aufbruchfirst, the East Germany saw conducted their first and only democratic elections where she was elected as the deputy spokesperson for the new government led by Lothar de Maizière.

The world then witnessed the union of East and West Germany where Merkel's political party Demokratischer Aufbruchfirst unified with Democratic Union Party (CDU). The young and vivacious women again bestowed her charm after being elected to the Bundestag (the German parliament) in the first post-unification democratic elections.

Shortly after her election, she was appointed by Helmut Kohl's, the then Chancellor and CDU party leader, to his





cabinet as the Minister for Women and Youth. 1994 saw her appointment as the Minister for the Environment and Reactor Safety, the chair that has proved to be the stepping stone to her career graph.

Four years later, Kohl's government had to face defeat in elections, after which Mrs. Merkel became the CDU's Secretary-General. The year 1999 gave a financial scandal after which she was elected as the CDU's first female chairperson and chaired the position on 10th April, 2000.

CDU, a male-dominated, socially conservative party with deep Catholic roots witnessed a dramatic change brought in by Mrs. Merkel. Back then, the Party's strongholds were in western and southern Germany, whereas Mrs. Merkel had an upper hand in Northern Germany.

In her tenure, she had proved her worth to far extend and became a popular name amongst the Germans which further helped her become the handpicked candidate for being the Chancellor for the CDU and its sister party, the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), in the 2002 general elections.

#### **CRUSADER OF CHANGE**

She was rightly channelizing the wave of change in Germany as her campaigns used to highlight her personal life which was not a usual act there. Mrs. Merkel then became leader

of the conservative opposition in the lower house of the Bundestag.

At the time of her serving as leader of the conservative opposition, it was Mrs. Merkel who advocated deregulation policies which seemed extremely pro-market even for her own conservative party) and supported a strong German – United States relationship and supported the United States invading Iraq, even despite public opposition.

Proving her zeal as an efficient leader and earning the support of the loyal citizens, she picked up eradication of unemployment as her key agenda in her campaigns against the Chancellor Gerhard Schröder of the Social Democrats (SPD) in the national elections, 2005.

The elections saw her narrowly defeating the Chancellor but later on the CDU agreed to form a coalition with the Social Democrats (SPD), and Mrs. Merkel was declared the Chancellor of Germany, the first female to assume this position.

It was on 22nd November, 2005 when Mrs. Merkel took over as the Chancellor. Her focuses on strengthening Germany's foreign relations and signed the agreement for the Transatlantic Economic Council on 30 April 2007 at the White House. A declaration was signed with the Indian government with a view to boost Indo-German relations.

Mrs. Merkel was re-elected for her second term in 2009. She further strengthened Germany's ties with India and the two countries held their first intergovernmental consultations in New Delhi in 2011. She has also led seven trade delegations to China since assuming office in 2005.

The third term as the Chancellor and the third Cabinet of Mrs. Merkel was sworn in on 17 December 2013. In August 2015, she reportedly indicated that she would run for a fourth term in 2017.

As the Chancellor, one of her priorities was the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations which culminated in her signing the agreement for the Transatlantic Economic Council in 2007 which aims at removing barriers to trade in a further integrated transatlantic free-trade area.

Not many know that the powerful politician is also a well-celebrated cook with excellent baking skills.

# STRIKING THE ALTRUISTIC CHORD

BY EKTA MAKAN

*When society is your workplace, the sky is the limit, and there's no such thing as a glass ceiling. **Melinda Gates**, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is keeping the spirits of humanity and love alive*





## MELINDA GATES

**“THE LEADING LADY IN BUSINESS IS ONE HALF OF THE WORLD’S TOP CHARITY FOUNDATION, WITH PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER THE SPENDING OF \$80BN”**

**W**hat does it take to make sure the little girls of remote areas of the world are able to chase their dreams in full swing? Start building the place and grooming people to live a life with a smile.

### LAYING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Mrs. Gates is the other half of the very powerful Bill Gates, rather the better half, that's how she wants to be looked at. Working at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation she owns up the responsibility of shaping and approving the foundation's strategies, reviews results, and sets the overall direction of the organization.

As a delightful duo, they meet with grantees and partners to further the foundation's goal of improving equity in the United States and around the world.

Past fifteen years have seen many changes and through her endless effort, Mrs. Gates has seen first-hand that empowering women and girls can bring transformational improvements in the health and prosperity of families, communities and societies.

The year 2012, saw Mrs. Gates to spearhead the London Summit on Family Planning, which adopted the goal of delivering contraceptives to an additional 120 million women in developing countries by 2020. Her continual contribution has led her to

increasingly focus on gender equity as a path to meaningful change.

### MICROSOFTS' DISTINGUISHED MEMBER

Mrs. Gates grew up in Dallas, Texas and was the second of the four children in the family. Having earned the bachelor's degree in computer science and economics from Duke University in 1986, she went to the Fuqua School of Business in 1987 to pursue a master's in business administration.

The same year Mrs. Gates joined Microsoft Corp. and was distinguished as a leader in the development of multimedia products. Her dedication at work was best recognized with her appointment as Microsoft's General Manager of Information Products such as s Expedia and Encarta; more significantly, she had advanced to a senior role in the heart of the chief executive, Bill Gates, soon to become the world's richest man.

The Leading lady in business is one half of the world's top charity foundation, with personal jurisdiction over the spending of \$80bn.

### BEING THE BETTER HALF OF THE POWER COUPLE

Bill Gates has always been vocal about his amusement of his wife being better educated than him, justifiable as he is America's most famous college drop-out. It was four month into her job when Mrs. Gates first met in 1987 at an Expo trade-fair dinner in New York.

As she would recall, "He was funnier than I expected him to be." It took another set of months for Bill Gates met her in the Microsoft car park; he asked her out – in two weeks' time. She said, "Ask me nearer the time," to which he had to explain to her the ceaseless daily flood of meetings.

As Mrs. Gate has never been quoted on what first attracted her to the man, but Bill Gates was struck by her forthrightness and independence. It was the lady who spurred him into impulses of charity.

As popularly known to many, it was soon after their engagement in 1993, during Melinda's "wedding shower", her mother Mary, suffering from breast cancer, read her an admonitory letter whose gist was, "from those to whom much is given, much is expected". Mary died months later,



but her advice provoked the William H Gates Foundation.

The Foundation was run by Bill's father with an aim to provide laptops in every classroom. Later on the couple decided that the most pressing issue in the US was reforming the education system.

Bill and Melinda got married in Hawaii on New Year's Day 1994 and it was soon after that when Melinda read in The New York Times about the millions of children in developing countries dying of malaria and TB, she made world poverty their priority concern.

### **VALUING ALL LIVES EQUALLY**

Clever, raven-haired, strong-featured and tough as nails, she brings equal amounts of compassion, common sense and business nous to the small matter of alleviating world sickness and poverty. It was in the year 1996 when Mrs. Gates left Microsoft to focus on her philanthropic work and family.

The William H Gates Foundation was soon collaborated with their two other charitable organizations and named it the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The organization is said to make people live a peaceful life. In the past few

years, Melinda has become a vocal advocate of teaching the idea for women to decide whether and when to have children. Her work inspired and motivated other big donors and changed the way her donors or fundraisers thought about effective philanthropy in the world.

Unless you have been hiding in a crater, you know that Mrs. Gates has cemented her dominance in philanthropy and global development to the tune of \$4.2 billion in 2015 and more than \$36.7 billion in grant payments since she founded the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation with her husband in 2000.

It is through her endeavors that inspired other big donors and has changed way funders think about effective philanthropy: highly targeted campaigns coupled with data-driven monitoring and global collaboration.

She is the woman who directs the organization and also keeps a regular check on the results. Her main focus now remains on championing investments in women and girls around the world which includes 2016 initiative, announced at the Women Deliver conference in Copenhagen in May, that will funnel \$80 million into collecting key data on women in developing countries over the next three years -- yielding the information Gates believes is needed to inform efforts to achieve gender equality.

A personality as strong as hers, she is the woman behind the world's top charity. She is the high-achieving schoolgirl who loved complicated jigsaws and once scaled the 14,000ft Mount Rainier with ropes and crampons; the mother of three; and the devout Catholic who visited Calcutta to talk to Aids sufferers in Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying. But it's clear that the Foundation needs her clarity and good sense.

What didn't stop her from following demanding schedules, intense pressure and tireless effort was the amazing success in the mission of spreading happiness. Today the Foundation works with thousands of partners in Africa, India, Europe, South America, and in the United States. They are guided by the Gates family's deeply held belief: that all lives have equal value. The goal is to find solutions for people with the most urgent needs, wherever they live.

# FULL OF FORESIGHT AND INSIGHT

BY ANAM KUMAR

*Some leaders are born; some grow to be leaders. Some have leadership traits in their blood, yet aspire for a greater grail, and in the process achieve more than the ordinary. Though **Mr. Yohan Poonawalla** was born in an industrialist family, and corporate nitty-gritty and fervor came naturally to him at a very young age, he continued to learn and work hard to create his own destiny*





## YOHAN POONAWALLA

**“TO BE A LEADER, YOU NEED TO FIRST HAVE THE BASIC CREDENTIALS AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH YOUR PEOPLE CAN LOOK UP TO”**

**T**here is no school in the world that can match the exposure and experience one gains doing practical groundwork,” says Yohan. The aspects he had to focus on to strengthen the natural impulse of his business acumen dawned upon him early in life. He also learnt early that tougher the conditions the better you are molded.

There were no exceptions for him in the initial years of his career before he took over as the Chairman & Managing Director of The Poonawalla Group of Engineering Companies. He rigorously took rounds down the shop floor and spent time in R&D to grasp as much as he could. Helping him in his zest to continue nurture the legendary Poonawalla legacy was another knack he learnt early – careful observation is the key to quick decisions. So, he observed the market, global economic changes, mechanical process cycle, mass tendencies and their general approach to economic changes and so on to identify opportunities, made quick and favorable decisions and applied them in his business strategies.

### **AVANT-GARDE TRAILBLAZER**

“If you wish to fly high, think differently, make innovative moves and take calculative risks,” shares Yohan. To further expand his conglomerate and make a mark in an individual capacity,

he diversified into the hospitality industry about 12 years ago by acquiring properties overseas, which have turned into prime estate and landmarks providing the best in the industry as making strategic real estate investments in India.

Of course, Horses are very close to the entire Poonawalla family's hearts and they are deeply bonded over their love for horses. They have not only achieved the title of the leading stud farm in the country, but have also made a mark globally in this industry. They have made thoroughbred history, as back to back In The Spotlight and her half-brother Mystical won at the Dubai Racing Carnival in 2007, Astonish won in Hong Kong, Adler in America and Simply Noble in Malaysia. Thus, the Poonawalla family has brought laurels to the Indian Horse Breeding Industry and our nation by consistently making history on international racing tracks.

### **SHARP AND VISIONARY**

“Leadership cannot be given, you have to earn it! To be a leader, you need to first have the basic credentials and major achievements which your people can look up to. You are a good leader if you can delegate the right assignments to the right people for which you need to have an eye for the qualities in a candidate and gauge his/her capabilities to execute responsibilities,” believes Yohan.

He further feels that one needs to establish oneself as a “man of the people” and ensure one's employees' prosperity and growth. He strongly believes in applying teamwork to successfully achieve dreams and visions as high as his. He further elaborates, “How do I motivate teamwork amongst my people and achieve my goals? Well, this is the area I personally monitor – from our HR policies to personal incentives, taking part in all major recruitments to supporting employee welfare programs.” Additionally, he feels that the other most important attribute in leadership is to demonstrate good values and integrity. All the Poonawallas strongly believe in implementing and practicing high ethical and moral values in all their business policies, and thus have set exemplary benchmarks since the inception of the Group. They take great pride in taking





forward their family legacy of great values and business philosophies passed on since generations, which Yohan and his wife Michelle Poonawalla look forward to inculcate in their children too.

#### **FULLFILLMENT IN PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL LIFE**

"All good business investments give me a sense of contentment and an opportunity to expand further," Yohan shares.

Credit of a large part of his success undoubtedly goes to his wife Michelle who not only is his better half and the backbone of their family but also a superwoman when it comes to corporate decisions or major business acquisitions. Her flawless prowess in handling business ups and downs, her conviction and poise in advising and building corporate strategies, her penchant for designing their homes, factories or the farm, her exceptional skills as an artist which has now turned into a profession, her inclination for only the best, and the zeal with which she takes up all challenges, big and small, never fail to enthrall Yohan. "I am so glad that we make a great team and share similar business proficiency and acumen," he adds.

Complementing his professional growth, he is always

keen to learn from successful people who have achieved exceptional heights in the business world and have made a mark in the society. He admires eminent business personalities who believe in ethical business practices and in giving back to society.

#### **CLEAR AND LOFTY VISION**

He is committed to maximize customer satisfaction by consistently improving the quality of his products, services and delivery. He strives for the growth of his clients, employees, society and all his associates with Passion, Perfection and Performance. Passion to maintain leadership in everything he does, Perfection in what he promises and Performance in what he produces.

He continuously works towards growing his product range and his aim is to be a "One Stop Solution" in the Valve Automation Industry. To achieve his vision, he has strengthened his manufacturing and supplier base with self-certification. His products and manufacturing processes conform to international standards and have been qualified with numerous Indian and international certifications with exports to 46 countries.

#### **BACK TO THE SOCIETY**

For Yohan Poonawalla, corporate social responsibility is "most important! And we walk the talk!"

Be it medical aid or education for the underprivileged, creating gardens or infrastructure for the city, or making concerted efforts for the beautification of the society, Yohan takes a personal and professional interest.

The Poonawalla Group supports several Corporate Social Responsibility activities such as providing gainful employment to the Poona Leprosy Committee since 1990, thus playing an important role in almost eradicating the disease which is in play to date. Further, it donates towards "Zavaray Poonawalla Cancer Building" at the Ruby Hall Hospital, and for the beautifying and maintaining of "The Gool Poonawalla Garden". It has also sponsored and has taken active participation in the construction of the Soli Poonawalla Road in Hadapsar and in promoting English-medium education at the "Soli Poonawalla Memorial High School".

# THE ACE OF POLITICAL EXCELLENCE

BY EKTA MAKAN

*With embarking on the path of Nation-building in a difficult political environment like India, Trinamool Congress MP in the Rajya Sabha, **Dr. Kanwar Deep Singh** has shown that he has the pulse of the complex Indian political system*





## DR KANWAR DEEP SINGH

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**D**r. KD Singh, senior MP Rajya Sabha is a driving force behind many social and economic reforms in India. Always positive and confident, Dr. KD Singh believes that he will be able to bring in the much awaited transformation that he wishes to see. He is a pioneer of social, educational and healthcare developments within India.

Dr. KD Singh is deeply committed towards public service and social reforms. The KD Singh Foundation is set to become a frontrunner in the path of social upliftment and welfare initiatives, and undertakes development programmes that are focused on inclusive growth.

### **BREAKING THE GROUNDS**

Born in 1961, Dr. Singh started his business at an early age. His first factory in Chandigarh produced wire mesh and link fencing. However, he changed the name to Alchemist in 2004.

He is also mentoring Alchemist Group which comprises of 11 companies with over 8,000 employees across India and the world, though Nation Building is his primary mission and he never skips an opportunity to stand by the needy.

Dr. KD Singh launched his first company in 1981 at a tender age of 19

with a borrowed investment of Rs. 20,000. Alchemist Group is estimated to be Rs. 10,000 Crore (100 Billion) Group, and is also one of India's fastest growing conglomerates.

He had his first factory set up in the Chandalon industrial area (in Mohali district) and started by producing steel wire mesh and link fencing for the rapidly growing industrial and poultry businesses in the State. Floriculture, tea gardens, aviation and pharmaceuticals followed and it was the year 1994 that saw his group to be listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

It was only a matter of time before the jet-setting Singh's interests branched out into areas other than business. His story is very impressive as he started from scratch about 27 years ago; however, people kept coming and the caravan only got stronger.

He aims to become a top-20 Indian diversified conglomerate by 2020 in all of India's 5 major 'Sunrise Industries'. His business interests, through his Group, fall under five main verticals: Food Processing, Hotels & Resorts, Restaurants, Road Technologies and Healthcare, he also has interests in Pharmaceuticals, Steel Mesh, Aviation, Real Estate and Tea.

### **A FINE BALANCE**

Dr. KD Singh has also been conferred a Doctorate in Business Administration (Honoris Causa) by the Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge (UK).

An avid sportsperson, Dr. KD Singh likes to indulge in a lot of sport Championships. His brand, Alchemist Group sponsored the Federation Cup hockey tournament organised by the IHF in 2013.

### **THE BOLD & FEARLESS**

India's political system now has its best chance to become a catalyst of advancement. Honest civil servants taking decisions in good faith are best protected today. The wind of change is carefully nurtured by politicians like Dr. KD Singh who believe that the time has come that in this nation people start entering into politics with passion and not as a profession.

Similarly, despite being a renowned International



business leader and the President of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) and the Hockey Association of Haryana, he entered politics to contribute firmly not only for nation-building but also for doing something constructive for his own people.

India is a \$2 trillion economy, with robust foreign exchange reserves of \$350 billion. The economic situation in 1991 was starkly different. What has India achieved through this journey of economic liberalisation, spanning over 25 years, and what more can be done to propel growth is all in the hands of vivacious political faces like Dr. KD Singh.

More than two decades back, India was facing economic crises and the foreign exchange reserves were enough to last barely two weeks. Industrial policy reforms were brought about; the Licence Raj disappeared; the industry was allowed to manufacture according to its capacity and capability rather than being restricted by government

mandate; trade policy reforms were introduced; import duties were reduced; prices of several goods were decontrolled and market competition increased dramatically.

With so much liberalization in hand, only a handful of servicemen like Dr. KD Singh are focused to best serve the nation. With a view to lend a helping hand, he initiated a scholarship to empower women, known as KD SINGH Scholarship for women students at Panjab University, Chandigarh.

The Scholarship is aimed towards woman applicants from less privileged backgrounds pursuing women studies, development studies or peace studies. The scholarship covers the tuition fees of the recipients. The tenure of the scholarship shall be for the entire duration of the holder's degree requirements.

#### **FOLLOWING THE PATRIOTIC PATH**

Dr. KD Singh renounced the leadership position at Alchemist to follow his mission to ensure nationalistic and social ambitions. He has delegated all responsibilities of the Alchemist Group to his son Karan Deep Singh who now chairs the Group

When infrastructure creation is spoken of in India, the fundamental parameters that give citizens a good life are usually ignored, thus curbing the flaw and rural India to access basic amenities such as clean and safe drinking water has always been a priority for Dr. KD Singh.

Often seen as Mamata Banerjee's representative in Delhi. Dr. KD Singh is inspired by her sense of simplicity and her untiring struggle for the upliftment of "Maa, Maati and Maanush".

It is this honesty and the same belief in ideals rooted in one's own identity, own soil and roots and one's own people that led him to join the Trinamul crusade. He was elected to the Rajya Sabha, The Upper House of the Parliament in India, in 2010. He is regarded as a most respected leader who has been made a head and party in-charge of 13 Northern and North Eastern states of India for All India Trinamool Congress.

Strong values and the art of giving propelled Dr. KD Singh, senior MP Rajya Sabha to work for the people and contribute towards the betterment of the society.

# A CLASS BEYOND BOLLYWOOD

BY EKTA MAKAN

*On the precipice of his sixth decade in the show business, the 82-year-old Dhram Singh Deol, popularly known as **Dharmendra** could give you a lesson on living the life to the fullest*





## DHARMENDRA

**A** proficient actor and a mentor of many, Dharmendra was born in a middle class family in Punjab. He kicked started his career in 1960 with Arjun Hingorani's *Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere*. He captivated the heart of millions in the country with his enchanting smile. Considered as the handsomest actor in his days of glory, he was also the most approachable man in the film industry.

The journey started with Dharmendra winning the 'New Talent' contest conducted by Filmfare magazine and, like many other star-struck youngsters he arrived in Mumbai to try his luck in the Hindi film industry. After *Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere*, many films like '*Soorat Aur Seerat*', '*Bandini*' and '*Anpadh*' saw the making of a romantic hero opposite many popular actresses of that time.

He tasted his first critical and commercial success in the Bimal Roy-directed '*Bandini*' followed by Kalyani (Nutan), a female prisoner, is torn between two men — Devendra (Dharmendra), the prison doctor, and Bikash (Ashok Kumar).

He recalls the movie as an ideal combination of Bimal Roy and screenplay writer Nabendu Ghosh created "*Bandini*". "Bimalda was a paternal figure to me and addressed me as Dharmendu. He was a visionary,

**“DURING HIS INITIAL YEARS OF WORKING IN THE INDUSTRY, HE HAD AN AURA AND A HUGE FAN BASE THAT NO OTHER ACTOR IN THE LEAGUE COULD MATCH”**

a true thinker. The way he worked on me is a lesson I always cherish. My cameo in "*Bandini*" was highly applauded. The entire credit goes to Bimalda who was a great director in the real sense of the term. He died premature which is an irreparable loss to the film industry."

Dharmendra is one of the most celebrated veteran actors in Indian film industry and the fraternity has never skipped a chance to recognize his hard work as he is the recipient of the prestigious Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to Hindi cinema.

### CONQUERING THE SHOWBIZ

It was in the year 1997, when Dharmendra received the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award, the legendary Dilip Kumar quipped: "Whenever I get to meet with God Almighty I will set before Him my only complaint — why did you not make me as handsome as Dharmendra?" When asked why he didn't get any Best Actor award in his career, Dharmendra later said: "For me, the greatest award is the love and support of my fans, which I always get. I don't want to comment on why I did not get an award. But I think I deserved it for '*Phool aur Patthar*', '*Satyakam*', '*Chupke Chupke*', '*Pratigya*', '*Sholay*' and '*Naya Zamana*' among several others."

The Government of India also awarded him with India's third highest civilian honor Padma Bhushan. During his initial years of working in the industry, Dharmendra had an aura and a huge fan base that no other actor in the league could match. With a spark in his eyes and confidence in his skill, he charmed the bollywood playing a romantic hero in many films in 1960.

At an early age of 19, Dharmendra got married to Parkash Kaur in the year 1954. He became the father of four utterly talented and successful children, namely Sunny Deol, Bobby Deol, Vijeeta Deol and Ajeeta Deol.

Soon after moving to Mumbai and getting into the film industry and working with some of the most beautiful ladies of his time, Dharmendra met Hema Malini. She was Indian cinema's 'Dream girl', and he was the original He-Man of Bollywood, the next thing in cards was a sizzling love story of two people with drop-dead gorgeous looks and charisma.





### THE POWER-COUPLE

With inhibitions at the beginning from both Hema Malini and her father who strictly opposed Hema Malini getting married to Dharmendra, but their love was eternal and they tied the knot in 1980. The romantic hero was able to spread his charm on the lady with utmost ease. In an interview Hema Malini said that it was the song, Main Jat Yamla Pagla Deewana, wherein she fell for Dharmendra. She also revealed that it was his cute dance moves in the song, which made her fall in love with him immediately. The marriage blessed the couple of two lovely daughters, Esha Deol and Ahana Deol.

The power couple gave many successful hits to the industry. Dharmendra acted with Hema Malini in as many as 27 movies of which 20 are more popular. Most of these movies were hits which in turn propelled producers to cast

them in romantic films in the 70s. Some of their blockbusters were Sholay, Charas, Aas Paas, Jugnu, Seeta Aur Geeta, The Burning Train, Tum Haseen Main Jawan, Naya Zamana, Sharafat, Raja Jani, Dost, Pratigya, Azaad, Maa, Dream Girl, Chacha Bathija, Dilaagi, Ali Baba Aur Chalis Chor, Samraat, Bhagavat, and the last being a flop, Razia Sultan.

Dharmendra also holds the accolades of being the actor with the most number of hits in Bollywood. He has acted in over 60 films which have gone on to be golden jubilee hits. In addition, he has also acted with the directors who varied with different styles in their film-making.

### MAKING A LIFETIME AFFAIR

Having worked with all the leading men and women in his tenure, Dharmendra was said to have a cordial relationship with many. At the sad demise of veteran actor, Vinod Khanna, Dharmendra stated, "Vinod was a very close friend. We worked in several films together; The first one was Mera Gaon Mera Desh in which Vinod played a villain. He was a man full of life. There is nothing which can replace his absence in my life. He will always be missed."

Further talking about his experiences with Vinod Khanna, the 81-year-old actor narrated an incident when for a scene he had to hit him. "After filming the scene when I met him in the evening, I saw injury marks on his back but when I asked him about it, he said it is nothing since it is their job and they had to shoot the scene. Such was his dedication towards his work." Dharmendra also revealed that Vinod was a man of his words and always followed his heart. He never lost faith in himself and completed everything he took in hands.

He feels, he will now opt only for author-backed mature and substantial characters.

Dharmendra has always been full of life. He has celebrated his tenure as an actor and a father to the fullest. At times the camera has seen his emotional streak at the wedding of his daughters. At the marriage of his youngest daughter, Ahana Deol, he was quoted that all his children are happily settled in life and he feels blessed to have a family that stood by him in all odds.

# ENLIGHTENING GENERATIONS & SERVING HUMANITY

BY ANAM KUMAR

*Her unflinching efforts and years of perseverance have culminated into varied streaks of success, collectively known as the Ryan International Group of Institutions, as MD **Madam Grace Pinto** is dexterously propelling the Group towards glorious horizons*





## MADAM GRACE PINTO

“MADAM PINTO MOTIVATES HER STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS AND BECOME YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS”

**M**adam Grace Pinto has made unparalleled positive transformations in the last few decades to education in India. As a leader and an example to others in her field, she stands tall, donning multiple roles of educationist, leader, visionary, counselor and social entrepreneur with a practiced ease. True to her name, Madam Grace Pinto is an embodiment of grace, poise and élan, and her refreshing smile is an indispensable aspect of her pleasing persona. With her humble beginnings as a teacher, over four decades ago, she is today a force to be reckoned with in the education sector.

### **BUILDING THE BRAND**

As MD Ryan International Group of Institutions, her business acumen - coupled with a deep and abiding faith in God - has enabled her to partner with her husband, Dr A F Pinto, in building India's largest privately owned and managed chain of K-12 institutions. The Group is responsible for educating lakhs of students globally through diverse national and international curricula such as Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE/ISC), State Boards (SSC) and international boards offering the IB (International Baccalaureate) & IGCSE (Cambridge) curricula. Madam Pinto's

determination and energy in accomplishing the vision "Excellence in Education and All Round Development" makes her a stalwart in the field of education in the country.

### **ACHIEVING MILESTONES**

Her career is packed with many firsts. The Ryan Group was the first in the country to host the International Children's Festival of Performing Arts (ICFPA) and Indian Model United Nations (INMUN). The Group hosted the prestigious World Scholar's Cup with record-breaking participation. It is now the largest-ever regional round in the history of the World Scholar's Cup. International Cultural Exchange programs are arranged with institutions based in the US and the UK. The Group has even partnered with NASA for educational exchange programs. She has collaborated with sports and media professionals to bring in best-in-class resources for her students. They provide world-class coaching in sports and usher in the latest trends in media studies. Today, the Ryan Group is ranked among the most respected schools not only in the country but also globally.

### **RESPLENDENT HUMANITARIAN**

Madam Pinto has devoted her entire life to the service of humanity. She champions the cause of the underprivileged and works for the welfare of senior citizens through several remarkable initiatives. She has been consistently contributing towards women empowerment and uplifting of the girl child. Ryan Schools' Food Bucket Challenge initiative was a grand success that mobilized over 700,000 kilos of food items and distributed it to over 200 NGOs in India. The Ryan Group has also been recognized by the Guinness World Records for its highest charity donation and has also garnered 8 Limca Book Records in different categories under her mentorship.

Being a woman, she is an ardent supporter of women empowerment and is a compassionate person at heart who goes out of the way to help the poor and needy. She has a celebrity status in the education sector in India. Owing to her gender, a woman faces additional challenges whatever profession she is in - even if it is the traditional area of schools and education. However, Madam Pinto has overcome every



challenge to become an icon for millions of students.

Another unique quality that sets Madam Pinto apart from other educators is her strong spirituality. Moral values find a distinct place in the Ryan Education system. Thanks to the vision, grit and determination of Madam Pinto, thousands of children & youth in India have the opportunity to grow holistically and to aspire towards excellence in life.

### **ENRICHING THE FACILITATORS**

Under her visionary leadership, Ryan International Schools have been imparting truly global standards of education, and disseminating a culture of humanity through its vast family of students and teachers. Of course, something as great as what Madam Pinto has achieved couldn't have been possible without her present army of teachers, who are instrumental in building and then keeping the high standards and reputation of her schools. Keeping this in mind, Ryan Group has a centralized teacher development program, which facilitates not only in-service training workshops but also sharing of best practices. They closely study the developments in the teaching-learning processes and then pilot studies in their schools.

Their schools are present in 18 States providing high-quality education to more than 2.5 lakh students through close to 20,000 employees. The Group has established two schools in the Middle East as Madam Pinto was confident that her efforts towards spreading learning and love for humanity need not be bound by geographical boundaries.

### **AIMING FOR THE SKY**

Madam Pinto's boundless efforts and sheer determination to excel have enabled her to reach the mountain of success. She leads her students – the little Kings and Queens in the making – by her own example. She attributes her success to the grace of God and believes in practicing what one preaches. She also likes to inspire her students by actually giving them an opportunity to meet their role models. Towards this goal, she has variously created platforms where her students have met Viswanathan Anand, Kiran Bedi, P T Usha and several others. Yet, the biggest inspiration for her children is she herself, who they see daily overcoming every challenge for the good of her students.

### **AWARDS & FELICITATIONS**

Madam Pinto's contribution towards education and social service has been recognized with over 110 national and international honors. She has been honored with Lifetime Achievement in Education Award by MidDay Newspaper, in the current year in Mumbai. She has also won Best Global Educationists Award, 2017. She was handed over 'The Pride of India – Woman of the Year' award by Lord Raj Loomba, UK Parliamentarian. She was conferred with HelpAge India Excellence Award for the years 2016 and 2013 for her contribution towards the disadvantaged elderly of the society in fighting their isolation, poverty, neglect and other related issues in India.

She was among the 100 women achievers of India felicitated by the President of India. She has been a special invitee for the Presidential National Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC for several years and in 2010, she was among the five speakers at this International forum.

In order to promote the National Cleanliness Campaign of the Hon'ble PM of India, Shri Narendra Modi, she was chosen as the Navratnas (9 Jewels). She has also been appointed as the BJP's National Secretary (Women's Wing).

She is an excellent educationist, leader & a visionary, who constantly motivates her students to become young entrepreneurs in various fields of education, sports, science, language and digital technology.



# MAN ON A MISSION

BY EKTA MAKAN

*With an aim to help realize and fulfill millions of dreams, **J. C. Chaudhry** turned challenges into opportunities and made education accessible to masses through Aakash Institute*





JC CHAUDHRY

**“A MULTI-TALENTED, AMBITIOUS AND ONCE A PROMINENT TEACHER GAVE UP HIS VERY ATTRACTIVE GOVERNMENT JOB OF PRINCIPAL AND FOUNDED AESPL”**

**T**he man who built Aakash Educational Services Private Limited (AESPL) hails from a remote village in Palwal district of Haryana where he had spent much of his childhood. He completed his graduation from Punjab University, and his post graduation from BITS Pilani.

When a personality speaks volumes, one doesn't have to fear anything, says Mr. Chaudhry. With a Masters in Science (Botany), he went to work as Post Graduate Teacher, Lecturer in Private College and Principle of Sr. Secondary Schools before turning to a successful education entrepreneur.

Mr. Chaudhry has always been a man of strong will-power, thus his focus helped him achieve what he is today. 162+ centres across India touching an annual base of 1, 50,000 students is an outcome of his hardwork and dedication to reach the highest pinnacle of success.

#### **UNVEILING THE JOURNEY**

A multi-talented, ambitious and once a prominent teacher gave up his very attractive government job of Principal and founded Aakash Educational Services Private Limited (AESPL). Popularly known by brand name Aakash Institute was started with barely 12 students but with a strong and determined vision.

A man with a noble aim of providing qualitative mentoring with comprehensive strategy and scientific approach to students at large built a brand that has become a household name for the last 28 years. During the tenure, Aakash Institute is a name attached to more than 1,00,000 (One Lakh) Doctors & 50,000 (Fifty Thousand) Engineers. Mr. Chaudhry has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of lacs of students and contributing to the cause of students and society at large.

A resolute go-getter by persona, he takes the pride in spending his entire life with an aim to provide quality education to aspiring & deserving students across India. It didn't take him too long to turn his beliefs into a reality, as he instilled value-added teaching with a thought that the students in future may serve the mankind and society in the best possible ways.

#### **THE GROWTH INCUBATOR**

Nowadays, technology is a significant driver behind change, and many a times we notice it playing decisive role in restructuring the age old educational designs and delivering them best.

For a country of India's diversity, vibrance and population, when we talk about the finest educationist, Mr. Chaudhry is one name nobody can forget. Our country's educational system is definitely in the transition stage, with even schools picking up the finest teaching practices from across the world, it is important for other support systems to be in sync with them.

Today's technology strengthens businessmen to best innovate with the present set of resources. Education sector hence gets an advantage on where the change becomes even more wide spread. The implementation of innovative educational programs ensures the improvement of educational opportunities for billions of people who remain under-served in a rapidly developing world.

From the school education perspective, digitization is playing a vital role. The growing need of skilling youth and training the teachers appropriately for refining the school education practices is opening new doors to the segment.

Mr. Chaudhry is the man who walks hand in hand with





changing times. He has always embraced education solutions along with traditional coaching. This helped him establish Aakash not only as the most successful brand but also a leader in technological initiatives, with products like Aakash i Tutor and Aakash Live.

As rightly said by many world renowned educators, Innovation does not just mean new technology. Educational innovation can be found in processes, services, programmes and partnerships. With a strong view to go in sync with the up gradation of times, Mr. Chaudhry always takes personal interest in improving learning through various channels of communication, solving real world problem with practical and simple solutions and raising the skill level of every student making him able to raise the competition levels higher.

#### **THE HUMANITARIAN**

With a vision to bring quality education to masses Mr. Chaudhry's journey from a teacher to the Honorable Chairman of AESPL made Aakash- a brand standalone

which is indeed praiseworthy and worth imitating. His sincere efforts and ethical ways have helped Aakash reach unprecedented heights, garnering trust of millions of parents and students.

Humble beginnings for people with a vision always take them a very long way. Defined by passion, Mr. Chaudhry is the most enchanting and ever-smiling personality one would ever come across with. He has off lately been felicitated by many organizations for his immense contribution to the world of education. He was awarded with 'Dr. Radhakrishnan President Award' for his dedicated services rendered to schools and community by Freedom Fighter Welfare Society in 2002. Not only this, but he has also been felicitated with the 'Hall of Fame 2014' award presented by Inc. India in recognition of entrepreneurial zeal, growth & excellence. He also received recognition under 'Platinum Category' from 'Central Board of Direct Taxes' for contributing highest taxes for the assessment year 2016-17.

With a lot of success stories surrounding us, we forget that to have a focused vision to help us attain what we eye for. While some entrepreneurs pursue professional degrees or are groomed for entrepreneurship at a young age, others have more unconventional career paths and started their own business after much professional maneuvering, there are some names that climb up the success ladder but never uproot themselves from their basics.

As a socially responsible citizen, Mr. Chaudhry has not only reached the zenith of this career, but is also more responsible to the society. A true believer in god, he never fails to offer his earnings in front of the Almighty. He is also the Managing Trustee & Founder of Maa Vaishno Devi Dham at Vrindavan. The magnificent Maa Vaishno Devi Murti built under his shield is recognized by Limca Book of Records as the tallest statue (of 141 feet of height) in India, in Year 2013.

At the age of being looked upon for inspiration, Mr. Chaudhry is now honing his skills as a writer. He has recently enlightened the world with his knowledge on vastu with a book called "ABC of Vaastu". His in-depth study on the subject is helping many people realize the right path to success.



# BEING THE EMPOWERING MENTOR

BY EKTA MAKAN

*Educational Brand, **Jayshree Periwal** needs no introduction. High on passion, the popular educationist is a lady of substance. Founded by the vivacious, Dr. Jayshree Periwal, she holds the rare distinction of being the women who revolutionized the education system in Rajasthan*





## JAYSHREE PERIWAL

“SHE BEGAN WITH THE ‘STEP BY STEP HIGH SCHOOL’ A 10+2 CBSE SCHOOL IN A RECORD TIME OF 7 MONTHS AND HOUSED 750 STUDENTS IN THE YEAR 2001”

Unlike any other successful entrepreneur, there lies a story of sweat and grit behind all the success. Despite witnessing many vital changes in her professional life, Dr. Periwál’s journey from educating 1 student in her garage to 8200 students and 5 schools is just exemplary.

In a very short span of 15 years, she is an iconoclast and a visionary; she exemplifies the age old tradition of ‘thinking big.’ Her story is one of perseverance, passion and hard work. Today, this traditional housewife has come a long way and is the founder, director and principal of five schools in the city of Jaipur.

She has pioneered International Education in the state of Rajasthan by opening the first truly International school offering the IB and the IGCSE curriculum. The International school started with 840 students in its first year of operation. This number is a record breaking figure for any International school not only in India but around the world. It is currently ranked as No. 1 in Rajasthan and No. 7 in India.

### BEGINNING FROM BASIC

Hailing from a small town of Sirsa in Haryana, Jayshree completed her schooling from the Scindia School, Gwalior, followed by her degrees in Education and Sociology.

It was only after initial years of understanding the educational scenario in Rajasthan; Dr. Periwál discovered the true potential of the education industry in Rajasthan and dared to take the proverbial plunge.

She began with the ‘Step by Step High School’ a 10+2 CBSE school in a record time of 7 months and housed 750 students in the year 2001. Not one to rest on her laurels, Dr. Periwál’s next step was Step by Step International School (the first IB school in the state of Rajasthan). The school today is best known for its innovation and path-breaking ideas that also incorporates the best practices from around the world and combines them with the Indian diligence and school of thought. As the women by zeal, she next plans to establish a University of International Standards in Rajasthan. Becoming a role model of her own son, Ayush Periwál has renamed the school in order to honour the achievements of his mother and to support her vision of moving into higher education.

### BREAKING THE STEREOTYPE

Today, Dr. Periwál stands tall with firm convictions, boundless ideas and a positive attitude. She was the only delegate chosen from Rajasthan to meet with a High Power White House Delegation in September 2010 to foster Indo-US relations by partnering in the field of Education and empowering rural Rajasthan.

A Rural Women Empowerment Program has been pioneered by her in which the students and teachers provide ICT education to rural women from the surrounding areas in the school premises. She is modern education personified whose dream is to bridge the educational gap between the haves and the have-nots. She is eager to take her skills and expertise to the Public-Private Partnership which she has been envisaged as the way forward for quality education in rural areas.

A homemaker, a painter and a dedicated mother of two,



namely, Swati and Ayush, Dr. Periwal embodies all the qualities that make a complete woman. Her son, Ayush Periwal is actively involved in the schools and is even more passionate about education than her. However, she credits her success to the support provided by her husband, Rupendra and her mother-in-law, Shakun in whatever she chose to pursue. She loves to travel with her friends and family and Europe is her favorite destination. Her mother Shanta Mohunta is her ideal and has been the inspiration and the strength behind all her endeavors.

#### **GIVING BACK TO THE SOCIETY**

When it comes to giving back to the society and nation, Dr. Periwal has been a role model for many. She is

working towards rural education and empowerment program, wherein computer aided education is provided to the underprivileged. She has adopted a school a SEZ where students teach and train children of daily waged workers. She, through her association with Jagriti, has taken up the initiative to train and teach the deprived children, where the students take up the role of being the mentors and visit the institutions weekly. Under her many endeavors also falls the "Do MuthiKa Dum" donation drive, which allows many people to experience the joy of giving. It is a unique concept where instead of monetary donations; we are encouraged to donate anything and everything that will prove to be extremely useful to those who have lesser resources.

#### **WINNING HEARTS & LAURELS**

For her most recent achievement, the reverent chairperson, Dr. Jayshree Periwal was awarded the "Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II Award" by her highness Rajmata Padmani Devi, on the 22nd of October, for her exceptional work in the field of education.

Another national record and feather in her cap was recently added when her student Aman Bansal was awarded Rank 1 in IIT. Also in year 2009 when 44 students from her school made it to the prestigious IIT's. It will not be an exaggeration to say that the confluence of her avant-garde and archetypal education system has given thousands of students, the confidence and knowledge to excel in their chosen fields.

She has also been awarded the best Women Entrepreneur In India by Tie Tree-Shakti in Mumbai.

She was even invited by the Emory University, Atlanta, USA as a Guest of honour to speak on 'School Leadership & Innovative Practices'. She has also received awards for her work in the field of education, namely the President's Award for Enlightened Citizens of the Nation and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Award for remarkable contribution in the field of Education, Culture and Art. She was the only woman to represent the state of Rajasthan for Barack Obama's high power white house delegation for collaborative partnership in education.

# COVETING TO BUILD A WORLD OF TOMORROW

BY ANAM KUMAR

*With an eye on the future and firm roots in the past, **Mr. Praveen Nedungadi** established Incredible India Projects Pvt. Ltd. in 2007, aspiring to create an environment of Trust, Goodwill and Reassurance through a provision of unprecedented incredible services in the real estate sector*





## PRAVEEN KUMAR NEDUNGADI

**“BE FEARLESS, LET NO ONE STOP YOUR GROWTH. HAVE A WELL-THOUGHT-OUT PLAN AND IMPLEMENT IT PROPERLY AND ETHICALLY”**

**S**tarting a business is never an easy task, especially for the first-time entrepreneurs. Though Mr. Praveen Nedungadi was already in the real estate industry for 10 years, he had started feeling that the other real estate companies were not delivering what they were promising to their customers. However, he always felt that if he had his own Company, he would strive hard to give true value to his customers' money with wholesome satisfaction, and a better lifestyle with minimum investment.

Thus, he started Incredible India Projects Private Limited (IIPPL) with a small team of 12 members. These 12 people proved to be IIPPL's most valuable asset, as all were professionalism personified with their own unique skills and relentless passion to cater to the needs of future generations. Consequently, the zeal & enthusiasm of these 12 people have transformed IIPPL into a 1000-plus organization with their constant programme of Recruitment, Retainment & Training (RRT). "We have been highly successful in

developing the best team in the industry," proudly shares Mr. Nedungadi.

The team is the best because of its experience, knowledge of the market, a keen sense of current customer expectations, high integrity & transparency, and a constant effort to upgrade to new technology.

Believing that "Everything we do – every action we take – adds to or subtracts from our Reputation," Mr. Nedungadi is ever ready to accept any challenge that comes his way, always upholding his morals. "We compete every day to achieve business success, but our contentment does not end with the results, rather with how they are achieved. We will never indulge in such practices that lead to achievements through illegal or unethical approach. I'm ready to work my hardest and survive with success in this highly competitive world with my true ideals," he emphasizes.

### **OFFERING THE BEST**

"We never believed in just selling. We believed in educating the customers on how to select & buy a plot, & giving them one piece of land which would give peace of mind to them as well as their future generations," says Mr. Nedungadi.

Starting with a small venture of Acres 25.13 Guntas named Sparrow Shore, today IIPPL is proud owner of almost 2,000 Acres of land with prestigious projects such as Sparrow Shore, Sparrow Shore Avenue, Wild Stone, Wild Stone Brob, Awesome Adda and TomorrowWorld, catering to all segments of clientele.

### **CREATING A PHENOMENAL FUTURE**

With more than 40% of his customers being defence personnel, Mr. Nedungadi plans to expand to areas that are predominantly defence bases. In addition, he wishes to enter into metro 2-tier & 3-tier markets, and also tap the rural population by showing them the means of acquiring land through small savings and spending of a minimum amount. He further desires to expand his projects to an approximate 5,000 acres of land within the next 10 years.

Contributing to the Central Govt.'s initiative, he is developing a Smart City as an upcoming venture. "Talks & negotiations for creating a smart city in our new upcoming





project are under process with a few foreign investors showing interest in our land. With the kind of land bank our Company holds & the location advantage we have, we might soon be stepping into it, which shall be our contribution to the new generation as well as our Country," he shares.

### **OTHER INCREDIBLE PROJECTS**

Awesome Adda is another mega project by IIPPL, spread over a sprawling 350 acres of pure bliss. It falls into the constituency of the first CM of Telangana, Sri K Chandrashekar Rao, who is leaving no stone unturned to develop his constituency into a "model constituency".

"Under the spectacular vision of Hon. CM, his constituency is developing into an educational hub with universities coming up in and around Gajwel," shares Mr. Nedungadi. He adds, "Awesome Adda is a DTCP-approved layout with all black-topped 60 feet & 40 feet roads, underground drainage, running water pipeline, electrification with transformer & street lighting, water harvesting pits and abundant potable water." Designed & developed as a gated community, Awesome Adda has round-the-clock security, landscape gardens & avenue plantations. It is also strategically positioned with proximity to both Warrangal & Karimnagar Highway.

TomorrowWorld is another 400 acres of bliss offered by Mr. Nedungadi. The undulating terrain surrounded by the picturesque hillocks present an incomparable natural beauty. The Mallappagutta (Shrine of Lord Shiva), The

Aurora Engineering College & the Aurora World University in the vicinity & proximity to the Bhongir Railway Station, the Hyderabad-Yadgirigutta Expressway, the famous Hill shrine of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy at Yadadiri, the Surendrapuri Temple, make it an enviable destination.

"We are 'Committed to Excellence', as we strongly believe that 'ONE HAPPY CUSTOMER LEADS TO ANOTHER'", shares Mr. Nedungadi.

### **BACK TO THE SOCIETY**

Mr. Nedungadi believes that "giving back to the society is very important." Pursuing the motto, 'We Care, We Do', he has conducted annual blood donation camps, awareness programs on education, organ donation, environment, & programs for women empowerment. He has also conducted a rally to bring awareness about the plight of the disabled soldiers & has donated INR 51,000. He has sponsored national sports events like Sailing & Polo, encouraging & felicitating sports persons like Ms. Mary Kom – Bronze Medal Winner in London Olympics 2012 & has felicitated the 2014 Padma Shree Awardees of Hyderabad. He organizes Annadanams regularly to show empathy towards the underprivileged. IIPPL annually distributes text books & note books to students of Govt. schools in Warangal, Kazipet, Hanmakonda & various other areas.

Further, each employee of IIPPL contributed a day's salary, towards the Uttarakhand Relief Fund in 2013 (total donation being INR 3,25,000) and towards the Ganga relief fund (a cheque of INR 5,00,000 was deposited in the PM's Relief Fund).

### **MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH**

He exhorts the youth to "Be fearless, let no one stop your growth. Have a well thought out plan and implement it properly and ethically. Do not look into short-term gains rather have long-term plans. For that, the most important thing is to promise only what you can deliver, and never promise what you cannot. Be accountable & responsible for your own actions. Always remember hard work is the key to success & there are no short cuts to success. If you take care of the small things, the big things take care of themselves. Believe in Action more than the Words."

# CREATING MAJESTIC AVENUES TO A DIGNIFIED LIFE

BY ANAM KUMAR

*An edupreneur by passion (profession is incidental), **Dr. Manjula Pooja Shroff** chose challenges over conventions to build her magnificent career and business painstakingly. Her convictions proved highly rewarding as she advanced through adversity to establish one of the biggest educational brands in Gujarat*





## DR. MANJULA POOJA SHROFF

**“THE GROUPING OF TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION WITH THE DIGITAL WORLD IS WHAT WILL BRING ABOUT THE BEST TEACHING—LEARNING EXPERIENCE”**

**L**ife experiences – good or bad – can be great inspiration if one keeps a positive attitude, takes them in one’s stride, and have the will & the strength to turn things around if they are not to one’s liking.

Reminiscing about her childhood experiences and impacts, Dr. Manjula Pooja Shroff, MD & CEO – KALOREX Group, shares, “While I was growing up, EDUCATION was not an opportunity that I could have taken for granted which is possibly why I hold education so dear to my heart. I did not realize it earlier but I always believed that if I STUDIED I could make something out of my life.”

Those who know Dr. Manjula Pooja Shroff of today, and don’t know about her struggles, would be surprised that this prodigious entrepreneur who owns more than 40 institutions – from pre-school to university, in two countries, eight cities; more than 12,000 students with more than 24 nationalities, had to struggle to even complete her schooling.

She shares, “I come from a very conservative royal family in Orissa, where I was educated in a good school, a convent school. My mother lived in “parda” (veil). The reason a girl was educated was to make her more marketable in the marriage market. So, very few people went to college

and got higher education.

“Girls were allowed education till 10th and then were married off at a very young age. When this happened with my sister, I realized that this was not the kind of life I wanted to lead. I did not know that education was my liberation, but I knew that education higher than 10th grade was important for me to become something in life.”

Dr. Shroff first battled to do her undergraduation, and then later her graduation. Finally, to get some she compromised some – she agreed to go to an all-girl’s college as it would have been blasphemous if a girl from her family went to a co-ed school. However, her compromises inspired her towards choosing education as a career.

### **EARLY DISCERNMENT**

“I was fortunate that I found my calling very early in life. Many people just live their life not knowing where to go,” smiles Dr. Shroff.

She was never confused. She knew what she wanted. She wanted to utilize the ammunition inside her, called “education”, and create opportunities for all who may be benefitted in all economic groups by providing quality education.

She established her first school (DPS) as a franchise, and motivated by its grand success, opened more schools in different parts of Gujarat and other States under the Kalorex banner. Her Kalorex Pre-school chain is also a very successful model, and is growing fast pan-India as well as in the Middle East.

### **AN ENTREPRENEUR MORE THAN AN EDUCATIONIST**

Dr. Shroff considers herself a much more managerial, strategic kind of a person than an academic worm. It’s quite evident in the way she is blending her business-mindedness in the field of education. She actually took that proverbial plunge and started her own business because of her unflinching belief that she possessed basic qualities that make a successful entrepreneur, like risk-taking, a long-term vision and an ability to lead.

Also a visionary, she wants to expand Kalorex by way of inviting partners to join hands to invest in infrastructure



facilities. She elaborates, “Kalorex will bring in the institutional expertise/experience by taking over the Operations and Management of the Schools. Investments are mainly pertaining to the working capital and growth of the schools. In business terms, we call it an asset light model.”

### **FUTURE OF EDUCATION**

“I feel three simple things can change the direction of Education in India: Allow all students to study subjects of their choice, permit students to learn at their own pace, and teachers should be mentors and facilitators,” says Dr. Shroff.

She makes extra efforts to ensure that the latest teaching learning pedagogies are practiced in the class and the role of the teachers shift from just imparting knowledge to being facilitators of enquiry and generating curiosity. “I believe every child should join at least one online programme that goes beyond the plain classroom curricula.... It is important to inculcate technological literacy in students. Not only how to use technology but to make the best use of online resources and digital learning,” she says.

And then adds, “The wave of digitalization has swept across the K-12 education and has also engulfed the higher education sector greatly. The grouping of traditional instruction with the digital world is what will bring about the

best teaching–learning experience.”

### **A PERFECT ROLE MODEL**

Dr. Shroff believes that women are the torchbearers of strength, whether in the domestic arena or professional sphere, as they are emotionally strong, and are able to multi-task and take risks & initiatives. She shares her message to “all the wonderful women out there, find out and reach your potential. In every woman, there is an untapped potential that needs to be unlocked and explored.”

Firmly believing in fitness being the core of all success, any type of physical exercise is a stress buster for her. She likes to cycle and trek the mountains, does yoga daily and has a love for the fine arts – music, dancing and singing. In addition, she writes blogs or articles on her extensive travel experiences, or shares her thoughts on education.

### **BACK TO THE SOCIETY**

Though she has received multiple awards, and each one of them motivates her, she feels her success and awards have brought a sense of responsibility to her. “I firmly believe in giving back to the society in whatever way possible,” she emphasizes.






KALOREX Group contributed greatly in the rehabilitation efforts of the affected villages during the Gujarat earthquake of 2001. The 2-month camp organized by KALOREX Group under the name of Visamo offered shelter, food, daycare & counselling facilities to any & everyone who walked in.

Then, Dr. Shroff opened a home for the underprivileged children under the name of Visamo Kids Foundation, offering boarding, lodging and education as an opportunity to them to study in the best English medium schools in the city. Further, she keeps organising fund-raising events to help the cause of impoverished students, thus equipping them to live a life of dignity armed with good educational qualifications which can ensure good opportunities for them in future.

“As a promise to cater to all sections of the society, we opened a one-of-its-kind school, Prerna – for students having Dyslexia and special learning needs. We have been successful in creating awareness in the society about these invisible needs and helped such students achieve their potentials,” she happily shares.

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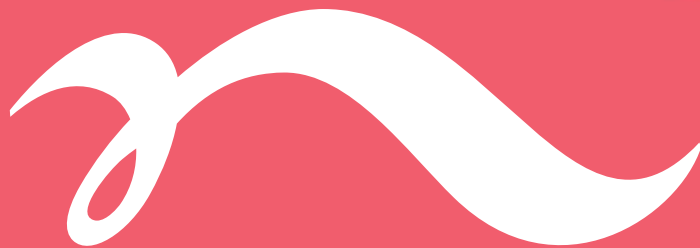
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EMERGING

# ANANT GOENKA

**P**rior to CEAT, Mr. Goenka was with KEC International, where he led functions such as supply chain, manufacturing, planning and quality. Mr. Goenka has also worked in MNCs of the likes of Hindustan Unilever Limited, Accenture and Morgan Stanley.

He has also served as the Chairman of Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) in the year 2013. Mr. Goenka is a fitness freak and an avid traveler, and when he is not managing affairs at CEAT, he can be found playing squash or testing the benefits of endurance running. Mr. Goenka has an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management and a B.Sc in Economics from the Wharton School.

Following his father's footsteps, Anant joined the brand quite early. It was Harsh to start the legacy as Harsh was 24 when he became managing director of the company in 1983. Four years later, Harsh became the chairman of the 1820-founded group.

#### TAKING A LEAP

As for Anant, who is the elder of 54-year-old Harsh Goenka's two children, he had been reporting to Ceat's Chowdhary for the past two years. Mr.

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Goenka was with the company as specialty tyre business head before joining the board.

It is his young mind which is driving the brand to be the best in the industry. One of the many conscious decisions led by Anant was to differentiate themselves in the passenger vehicle space, especially two-wheelers. They feel this is the segment where they can grow faster. It is an inherent area of strength for them, and the margins too are better here.

His guidance has enabled the brand to strengthen the distribution network by adopting an FMCG model of dealing directly with distributors instead of dealers as the ticket size is small. As far as marketing is concerned, they focus a lot on



safety and grip.

He also introduced “puncture safe” technology to be a part of the critical input from the marketing research which will enable a consumer to ride for hundreds of kilometres despite a puncture.

#### **FOCUSED APPROACH**

He is driven by targets so the strategy was to remain the same in terms of focusing on the motorcycle and scooter segment as well as the passenger segment. So these are areas where he feels that brand makes a big difference, distribution is the core strength of the brand so that they are playing on the strengths and looking at growing further in these segments.

He sets his target straight to the main things, with full zeal he is striving to improve the product mix. With a view to sell more profitable categories, there are many changes with which they can sell to the more profit markets that is one thing they are working towards.

The second major change that he has incorporated in the system is controlling costs because there has been a large increase in raw material prices and that effect will come in from quarter four and quarter one of the next financial year.

With a routine capex plan of Rs 100 crore every year, which goes into products and enhancement of existing plants, they also have Rs 1,500 crore as fresh capex.

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# DR. ASEEM CHAUHAN

**I**n a society so accomplished at producing leaders across genres, education excels in grooming the charismatic personality of each one of them.

Dr. Aseem Chauhan is the bagpiper who has transformed the educational wavelength of India to have variety of knowledge that one encounters on a daily basis and end up consciously or unconsciously affecting the aesthetics of culturally diverse individuals. He brings in an old-world charm which inspires students to learn the best way.

The founder and CEO of Amity Innovation Incubator and Amity Capital Ventures, Dr. Chauhan actively promotes entrepreneurship in India, particularly amongst youth, and is actively engaged in mentoring and investing in startups. He is on the board of over a dozen companies.

#### **BUILDING A BRAND NAME**

He is the driving force behind the brand - AMITY. His dreams & aspirations have enabled Amity Education Group to have over 125,000 students in 250 programs at 150 institutions across 1200 acres of hi-tech campuses with 6 million sq. ft.

**“SPEARHEADING THE BIGGEST EDUCATIONAL HUB IN THE COUNTRY, DR. CHAUHAN IS A MAN OF MANY TRADES & HAS MADE INVESTMENTS OF OVER \$ 1 BILLION GLOBALLY”**



of built up area. Having 30 Campuses in India as well as campuses in London, Singapore, Dubai, Mauritius, South Africa and China, Amity University & Amity Institutions have consistently been ranked amongst the top in the country. More than 6000 staff & faculty work with the Amity Group and are credited with having completed 300 funded research projects and having filed 701 patents. He is an institution-builder with a vision to make Amity one of the leading education providers in the world.

#### **THE TRAILBLAZER**

Spearheading the biggest Educational hub in the country, the hardworking Dr. Chauhan is a man of many trades. He has extensive experience in venture capital and leveraged buyouts and has made investments of over \$ 1 billion globally. He



was formerly with AEA Investors, a multi-billion dollar private equity firm in New York which invests funds for current and former Fortune 100 CEOs and wealthy families across the world. Prior to this he was at Philadelphia Ventures, providing early stage venture capital to biotech and hi-tech start-ups. He has also been with Mercer Management Consulting providing strategic advisory to leading companies in New York, London and Hong Kong, and with JP Morgan in investment banking.

Dr. Chauhan holds degrees in Systems Engineering, Corporate Finance & Strategic Management from The Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania & has completed Jerome Fisher Program in Management & Technology.

Dr. Chauhan has contributed to many committees like the Government of India's National Committee

for Biotechnology Policy, the CII National Committee for Higher, Technical & Vocational Education and the US-India Higher Education Cooperation Council. He is a Chartered member of TIE, member of the Indian Angel Network (IAN) and the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC).

#### **BEING THE VIVACIOUS ONE**

Dr. Chauhan has spent nearly 2 decades in Europe and more than a decade in the US. He is constantly working towards the upliftment of society through his involvement in philanthropic societies & NGOs.

He is also an avid sportsman, & the President of the Indian National Football Club and the Founder and President of Amity United Football Club. He has also been on the FIFA Delhi Vision Board and is actively engaged in Sports Development.

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EMERGING

# KARAN ADANI

**K**aran Adani took over with his responsibilities as the CEO, of Adani Ports and SEZ (APSEZ) after the board accepted the resignation of the outgoing CEO and whole-time director Sudipta Bhattacharya back on 1st January 2016. Since then both the brand and the leader has no looking back.

As he remembers his first shift at the Mundra port, as a management trainee, he was wearing a boiler suit and helmet to understand operations. His baptism by fire paid off two years later, in 2009, when he reached the helm as executive director, ports. The economics graduate from Purdue University, USA, has since been involved in the Mundra, Dahej and Hazira port projects and is spearheading capital-intensive projects in new ports.

His areas of focus are ports, power and logistics, a break from the Adani Group's traditional strongholds of coal, gas and oil. "Adani's port infrastructure business has been growing at a compounded rate of close to 30 percent over the last couple of years," says the 24-year-old. "The

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Mundra port is a gateway to the Indian economy, and it is my objective to replicate the Mundra model in the rest of India, ensuring a seamless supply of goods across the country." The first quarter net profit of Adani Ports and SEZ rose a higher-than-expected 64.6 percent year-on-year, to Rs 418 crore.

#### SETTING THE PACE

The mission is to redesign and transform their traditional port business in India as a global business. Karan Adani was elevated from Executive Director to CEO of APSEZ in January and is trying to realise his father's plans.

Aggressive domestic and global expansion has



been APSEZ's strategy for the past three to four years and it has helped Gautam Adani, Executive Chairman of the company, was honored with the Best CEO - Transportation and Logistics Award for this year.

"We have grown from a single port infrastructure company to a multiple port infrastructure company in the past five years and the strategic locations of our ports and high-tech infrastructure have helped us capture the growth and capitalise on our model of integrated business. We have also seen the investments made by us four to five years ago in ports - Dahej, Hazira, Goa, Vizag and Dhamra - are generating extra volumes and revenue at a premium for the group," says Karan Adani.

#### **GOING THE BRAND WAY**

While India still has many challenges to overcome, there is no denying the fact that India today is in a uniquely advantageous situation with an overall macroeconomics stacked in its favour and therefore has the best opportunity to tackle its most difficult problems. The fact that over the last 2 years India has been the world's fastest growing nation is just one manifestation of this potential.

Be it the government's call for 'Make in India', focus on energy security, driving the world's most ambitious renewable power generation program, investing in programs like inland waterways and sagarmala, accelerating the building of road infrastructure.



EMERGING

# MANU KUMAR JAIN

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fter the highs of 2014, when Xiaomi entered India through massively hyped online flash sales, it was Manu Kumar Jain to have helped the Chinese smartphone maker settle down. The Indian entry of the smartphone giant seemed to be a blockbuster success going by the staggering demand its devices have generated among the Indian customers.

Xiaomi's smartphones have shaken up the cutthroat Indian market since its debut on Flipkart. It is during the calm leadership of Xiaomi India Managing Director and Vice President Mr. Jain, that Redmi became one of the company's most popular series of smartphones. The affordability of the handset was the key performance indicator. Playing in the price bracket of Rs 6,000- Rs 15,000, was a smart move at the time when other competitors were offering the same at double prices.

#### MARKET LEADER

Mr. Jain is eyeing to accomplish the brand's dream of doubling everything, be it sales, production, service centers, and even marketing, but he wants

**“MR. JAIN IS EYEING TO ACCOMPLISH THE BRAND'S DREAM OF DOUBLING EVERYTHING, BE IT SALES, PRODUCTION, SERVICE CENTERS, AND EVEN MARKETING”**



to be subtle at the same time.

Under his guidance, the brand is upgrading the Redmi series and Mi series. Redmi Note 3 became Redmi Note 4 which sold about 1 million units in 45 days. According to the reports recorded by the IDC, this became the No 1 phone both online and offline.

The competent CEO strategized the plan of action way before anyone could ever think of it. The brand started working with distributors in 5 cities, added few retail chains in South India and is subject to adding a few more national level retail change. With a view to scale up these five cities they have 50 biggest standalone retailers working with the brand in Hyderabad and Bangalore, a few hundred in Delhi, towards promoting and selling Xiaomi products.





### **EMPOWERING THE NATION**

India already has 140-150 million households with WiFi, and this will only increase. The problem which Mr. Jain sees is that better network is needed, second the device needs to improve. The current set of devices don't support really high-speed internet, and most routers are in real bad shape. Second, they don't have great network strength.

Providing a remedy to the same, the Mi Router 3C changes all of that. It comes with 4 antennas, supports high-speed internet. Plus it is easy to set up, one can change settings at one go. There are multiple other use cases as well. One can create a guest login, check internet consumption and set an actual limit, and even block devices.

The brand is ready to launch as many products

as possible and this goes in sync with the Mi Home strategy. People can see and experience these products. However, many of the products are not suited for India. Citing an example Mr. Jain explained, smart scooters are available in China, and they are successful. But in India, the road conditions don't allow it. I tried doing it, using the smart scooter from my office but I could not do it.

Then some of the products will require customization. For instance, our water purifier in China is so beautiful. But in India, people face power shortage and water shortage, so we can't launch the model because it doesn't have a tank. If you go to Reliance, Croma Store, first thing people will ask: Tank ka capacity kitna hai. We have to customise our water purifier for Indian conditions.

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# SHRENIK GHODAWAT

**I**ntent on creating his own identity and his own achievements, the young force Mr. Shrenik Ghodawat has already made his presence felt in the corridors of the business world. It is incidental that he is the son of business tycoon Mr. Sanjay Ghodawat, the Chairman of Sanjay Ghodawat Group.

Mr. Shrenik joined the Sanjay Ghodawat Group in 2007 as the MD of Ghodawat Energy Pvt. Ltd. (GEPL), and immediately began working towards his commitment to bring GEPL in the league of top 10 companies in India's renewable power generation sector.

Because of his result-oriented mindset and entrepreneurial instincts, he has risen quickly, and has become an important cog in the decision-making wheel of most of the setups by the Ghodawat Group. In addition, he is also the Director of Sanjay Ghodawat Group (SGG), Secretary of the Sanjay Ghodawat Group of Institutions (SGI) and Partner in the Ghodawat Consumer Product (GCP).

#### MAKING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

From the day Mr. Shrenik joined day-to-day

**“HE CONTINUES TO THINK BIG AND WORK TIRELESSLY TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN, AND HAS THUS SUCCESSFULLY TURNED DREAMS INTO REALITY BY ACHIEVING SEVERAL LANDMARKS”**



affairs of the company he has brought laurels and the company has flourished day and night under his leadership. He continues to think big and work tirelessly to make things happen, and has thus successfully turned dreams into reality, by achieving several landmarks in the evolving journey of the company.

He played a major role in efficiently carrying out operations in the Wind Tower Business, the project that made GEPL the largest producer of towers in the country. Not stopping at the basics, Mr. Shrenik has greater plans for the company in the years to come as Ghodawat Energy's subsidiary RENOM, under his command is now looking forward to expand its services and maintenance business across Wind, Solar and Hydro. RENOM is already India's largest Independent Service Provider in



Renewables.

From Aviation to Agro, Floriculture to Consumer Products, Mr. Shrenik has positively impacted various ventures with his innovative ideas. As partner in the GCP, he has been involved in setting up the working process of his company from scratch. He is endeavoring to expand his entire product offering in not only India but also all across the world. His mission is that consumers across the world must use at least one product in their daily lives which is manufactured by Sanjay Ghodawat Group. His dreams are his greatest assets as they motivate him to improvise and bring about change and development in the company and outside.

Mr. Shrenik, as Director in all the group companies, looks after the function of corporate

governance, brand building, mergers and acquisitions as well as all international joint ventures. He has also been a panelist for discussion on various issues at several International Renewable Energy Exhibitions & Consumer Goods exhibitions & conferences.

#### **A FATHER AND A SON**

Father to a year-old daughter and son of a dynamic personality, Mr. Shrenik is a complete family man. He enjoys involving himself in some outdoor sport, likes travelling & reading. Mr. Shrenik's & his father's love for automobiles is well known, as a collection of 120 cars embellish their garage.

Summing up, Mr. Shrenik Ghodawat is the perfect 21st century youth who is dedicated to his work and enjoys himself when behind his wheels.

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# UZMA IRFAN

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he adage of a prolific entrepreneur is an understatement for Uzma Irfan who juggles multiple roles with élan in her professional life. As a Director at Prestige Group, Uzma has been the mastermind behind brands like Sublime & The Luxury Collection which have acquired iconic status.

After her Business Administration from London's American Intercontinental University, Uzma's professional journey began in 2006 with the Prestige Group when she set up the Department of Corporate Communications to strengthen the Group's media strategy during its phase of exponential expansion centred around leisure & hospitality. Under her able leadership, not only has the Group strengthened its image as one of the brands to reckon with in the realty sector, she has also designed the company's quarterly newsletter, Falcon News, as its Editor with the aim to disseminate information to the company's stakeholders & customers around the globe. With a printed circulation of 27,000 it is regarded as a magazine of repute in its own right.

Redefining the concept of showcasing the finest in lifestyle, Uzma launched The Luxury Collection

**“PROPELLED BY HER INTEREST IN ART, HER TRYST WITH ENTREPRENEURSHIP BEGAN WHEN UZMA STARTED THE SUBLIME ART GALLERIA IN 2009 & SUBLIME GALLERIA IN 2010”**



magazine in 2009. As the Editor, she curates information on luxurious retail brands, epicurean delights, exotic locales, global events & art fests to HNIs worldwide.

Propelled by her interest in art, her tryst with entrepreneurship began when Uzma started the Sublime Art Galleria in 2009 & Sublime Galleria - India's first Sky Gallery in UB City in 2010. Sublime Art Galleria has been successful in putting Bengaluru on the international art scene with 'Art Bengaluru', an annual festival dedicated to national & international artists & art connoisseurs. The opening night of the event has been streamed live in Times Square, New York for two years in a row. This, along with the patronage the Galleria receives for international art auctions & art commissions, is a clear marker of Uzma's success in turning the festival into a tour de



force in the global art arena. Her other laudable art enterprise is Berserk, an annual 3-day residential art programme for children to encourage art appreciation & skills in budding artists. In her bid to encourage & promote art education extensively in India, she has also founded Sublime's Teaching for Artistic Innovation (TFAI), an initiative by Sublime in association with Prestige Foundation to enhance the teaching capabilities of art teachers, & bring the benefits of art education to the children of a school in order to unlock their creative potential.

To promote traditionally sound & yet innovative ideas she founded Sublime House of Tea in 2013. It is a brand dedicated to sustaining the culture of tea-drinking in India through promotion of exotic & internationally acclaimed brews.

Sublime Media Buying & Sublime Event

Management under Uzma's Sublime tree, facilitate the voluminous advertising & promotional needs of the Prestige Group. The former has successfully become an independent agency handling external clients. She also handles the marketing & promotional activities for The Collection - UB City, Morph Design Company & Prestige, The Man Shop.

Uzma has been the recipient of many national & international awards for her work in the realty sector. She credits her parents - Irfan Razack & Badrunissa Irfan for the success & accolades she has earned at this age. She also attributes her success to her husband, Zaid & daughter, Alayna for motivating her to explore new opportunities and giving her their unwavering support. An avid reader and a lifelong believer in learning, Uzma enjoys travelling, cooking and meeting new people.

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VIRAT  
KOHLI

**R**egarded as one of the most sensational cricketer of the era, Mr. Virat Kohli is coasting high on success, money and fame. At a very young age of 28, Mr. Kohli possesses maturity at the crease far beyond his age and class off the field.

Whether through making a century on field or taking some most important wickets for the team, Mr. Kohli is a cricketer who can deliver a comfortable game while keeping his calm most of the time.

#### BEGINNING OF AN ERA

Virat's cricket love goes back to his tender age of 9. It was when his father Prem Kohli decided to enroll him and elder brother Vikas at the West Delhi Academy in the neighborhood so the two wouldn't just while away their summer holidays. His first coach at the academy, Rajkumar Sharma, remembers him as a chubby, naughty kid. "Raju Sir" as Virat would call him, is the guiding force behind the superstar and also the first person he would call after a match.

After many innings, each bigger and better

**"MR. KOHLI'S STANCE IS THAT OF A WINNER. BUT HIS MOOD IS SURPRISINGLY GROUNDED AND SELF-AWARE, AFTER YEARS OF AGGRESSION; TODAY HE KNOWS HOW TO KEEP HIS COOL"**

than the last, with the most recent redefining the benchmark of big earnings in the world of cricket, he's proven that it's possible to cultivate adoring fans and also please the critics.

Mr. Kohli's stance is that of a winner. But his mood is surprisingly grounded and self-aware, after years of aggression; today he knows how to keep his cool. In a heart-felt interview, he stated that he is afraid of losing, though with time he has learnt to deal with losses on field, but in life, he just cannot loose. Maybe that is the success mantra many youngsters were looking out for.

#### THE EFFORTLESS SEDULOUS

It's with this fervor that Mr. Kohli has capped a prolific career at such a young age and has climbed up the success ladder to become the biggest



global celebrity of India. It is the conviction of this man who has led India to be at the top of the Test rankings.

Born conquerors are always looking for new ways to brush up their talent, same is the case with Mr. Kohli, he is unique with his game and is rightly called as the biggest Indian sporting talent that the world has seen in generations put together. There isn't a better time: cricket is celebrated as a religion in India and at such a young age when he surpassed Sachin Tendulkar's record on field, there were no second thoughts about him being a commercial behemoth, quite unlike anyone the game has ever seen.

His cheekiness and self-assured attitude are adored by the millions of fans in India and across the globe. From a small kid who played for the

local cricket teams to the captain of Indian team, Virat Kohli had a long and inspiring journey. Today, at a young age, this right-handed middle order batsman isn't just another Captain that the team has had already, but he looks to become one of the most efficient captains the team had ever had.

Today, Mr. Kohli visits old age homes, is setting up charities and working hard to focus on the future. Going by the basics, he is undeniably playing the best cricket of his life. His focus is unwavering and the form is unmatched. Not many people know about the kind of passion Mr. Kohli has for his game as it was heart-wrenching when an 18 year old hardworking sportsman showed up and won a match for Delhi, a few hours after his father passed away. Reaching the zenith of success he is still the most charming son.

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# ABHISHEK GUPTA

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r. Abhishek Mohan Gupta believes in the big idea that the world would be a better place if people had multiple opportunities to learn, grow and develop in their lives. As the CEO and Director Strategy for Jagran Social Welfare Society (JSWS), Abhishek, is known for his exemplary management skills & a flair for getting things done despite challenges. With a PG degree in management from the famed RMIT University, Australia, he has consistently demonstrated his strategic prowess & progressive management style to make Delhi Public Schools in Bhopal, Indore and Kolar Road and prestigious Jagran Lakecity University amongst Ivy league institutions in India & internationally.

He created new linkages for JSWS institutions, built new partnerships & made sure that specialization & professionalism became cornerstone of his organization. He learned very early that transparency & ethics are very important attributes of an iconic brand and they continue to serve him & his institutions as a North Star. The biggest USP for his institutions & JSWS is its focus on people and their growth. He says, "My father

built these institutions based on belief in its people and their expertise, respect and teamwork. Thus we still have lots of professionals working with us since a long time. I have seen them when I was around 14 years and they still contribute to our dynamism".

Once he joined his family business, in 2008, he embarked upon building diversity & also focused on digitalizing & globalizing his group. Even though there were professionals working with him, he ensured that there are specialists for every task.

When he ventured into business, there was not much of brand building, either at the institutional level or at the promoting body level. Thus, he worked to change this mindset and set upon building brand equity and proposition for the diverse stakeholders that JSWS and society's various institutions

**"MR. GUPTA IS A UNIQUE LEADER WHO DRIVES EXECUTION, MOTIVATES HIS TEAM TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH, AND EMPOWERS THEM WITH DECISION MAKING"**





connected with. Today the promoting body, Jagran Social Welfare Society has its own brand value and a story to tell, and all its educational institutions draw from its DNA.

Mr. Gupta passionately promotes various sports in MP, thus helping innumerable students realize their dreams & has also created unprecedented opportunities through scholarship schemes & unparalleled training facilities. He is behind India's first premier private universities of MP football tournament – JLU Inter-University Football League.

#### **LEADER OF TOMORROW**

Under his inspiring leadership JLU, has also launched a mobile App to inform students about the latest happenings, check their attendance, class schedule, notices & pay for campus services.

Mr. Gupta also aspires to create virtual classrooms, through which he would create glocal (global + local) learning centers for students. No wonder, Jagran Lakecity University has won several awards, nationally & internationally, such as Global League Institution 2015-16 & 'University of the Year'.

#### **A COMPLETE MAN**

Mr. Gupta has also played cricket representing India & the University in U.K. & that experience serves as bedrock to his entrepreneurial journey. Strategically promoting Jagran Social Welfare Society nationally, and taking CSR up a notch, he has played an indispensable role in augmenting educational opportunities towards the underprivileged students of our country.

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# ABHISHEK NATH

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bhishek Nath, with his team, is on a mission to deliver an impeccable quality of cleaning experience through a very process-oriented approach. His attempt to empower the poor with employment opportunities through his facility management company, Ixora Corporate Services (ICS), is quite remarkable.

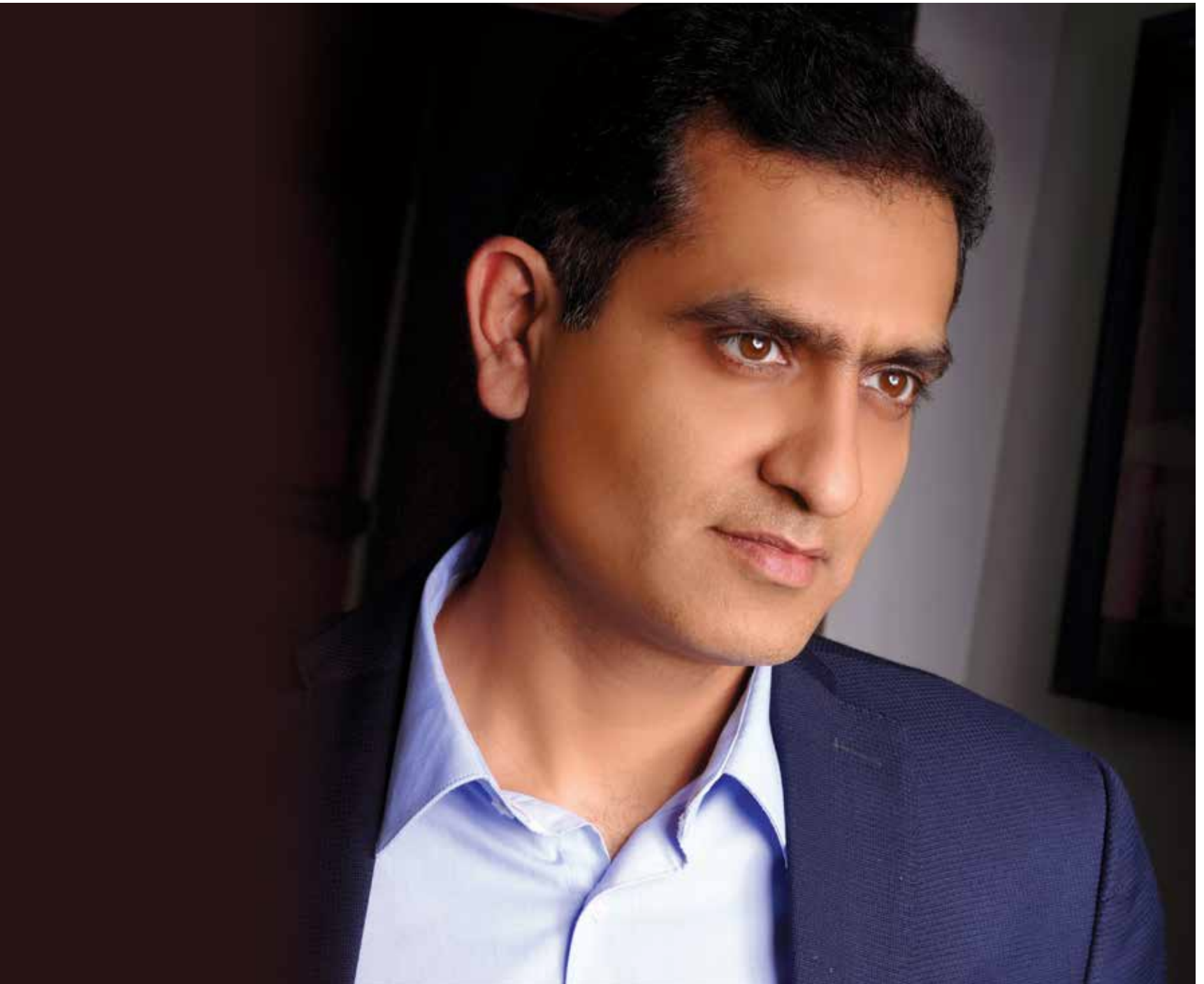
He continues to be a true hotelier in his mannerisms and is known as an enigmatic personality to his peers. His vibrant energy levels, a passionate approach towards working and his genuine care for people associated with him has made him a magnificent professional. His innovative strategic catalysis has been nothing short of a miraculous touch for organisations and people he has worked for.

He has led ICS to provide Smart Facility Management through his IOT-enabled Digital Facility Management Supply Chain Company. Under his exceptional leadership and incredible vision, his Company has grown by leaps and bounds reaching to a value of USD 20 million and one acquisition along with successful sanitization

**“UNDER MR NATH’S EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND INCREDIBLE VISION, HIS COMPANY HAS GROWN BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS, REACHING TO A VALUE OF USD 20 MILLION”**

of 5000 houses, 90 corporates and several hotels. All this has been done in just 9 months, with a team of true mavericks who have a combined experience of 200+ years of industry leadership and a solid implementation strategy. He is an expert in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of any work place, equipment, services and occupants, by managing all their services by keeping a track of fleets, goods and energy metering through a single point of contact based command centre at the Head Office. Believing that his current actions would define his future, he keeps all his actions under control to deliver world-class service through technology.

He has been an honoured recipient of various awards all along his professional path such as Cleaning Leader of the Year (Clean and Green India



by SingEx) and FM Thought Leadership Award.

#### **EMPOWERING LIVES**

As a philanthropist, he has touched numerous lives by starting the Dr Rabinder Nath Foundation which enables employability through practical training. Being a visionary with a compassionate heart, he believes in enabling others to succeed. To express his innate passion for technology, a sense of responsibility towards the society he has thrived in, & a vision to create a masterpiece from the chaotic unorganized sector of Facility Management, he relinquished his comfortable corporate life in Sep. 2016 & established Asia's first Digital Cleaning Company – Ixora Corporate Services Pvt. Ltd.

Under his exceptional leadership and incredible vision, his Company has grown by leaps and bounds

in a very short span. A percentage of the profits that he makes through ICS is utilised to help the needy with free technical and professional skills training. He also grooms them in their mannerisms, so they look presentable when they take up new jobs.

So far, he has trained over 600 people from across Telangana State, Andhra Pradesh and North-East India.

He firmly believes in keeping his employees' morale high, and thus when an employee gets his first paycheck, he hosts a small party to celebrate.

Desiring to bring a revolution in FM industry through IOT-enabled technology and big data analytics, using the AI and AR systems, he is focused towards expanding in India and abroad to establish ICS as a highly data-centric organization by 2020.

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# DR. AKSHAY BATRA

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is achievements are extraordinary and his determination is undeterred. This new generation scion of Batra family carries the aura of a winner. Transcending the ladder of achievements with his phenomenal leadership skills and visionary ideas, Dr. Akshay Batra, the Vice Chairman and Managing Director at Dr. Batra's™, has proved it that he has the ability to be a guiding light for new generation frontrunners.

#### STRIVING FOR DISTINCTION

He has been a part of Dr. Batra's growth story from the times when there were only three clinics. He joined his father's business on his way up the success ladder as a practicing doctor and is now moving shoulder-to-shoulder with him, managing the celebrated chain of Dr. Batra's various clinics.

This journey of more than 15 years was much more than just a soaring growth graph. For him, it was more of a learning experience where he gained a strong hold in the field understanding each and every part of the business with a magnified vision.

An ardent enthusiast with a great zeal to deliver

**“INDIA'S FIRST TRICHOLOGIST FROM THE TRICHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, DR. BATRA'S EXPERTISE AND HARD WORK REFLECT HIS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND MIND”**

the best in Homeopathy and Trichology, he has been an instrumental part of many breakthroughs in the healthcare industry. He shares his visions and ideology with his employees and constantly inspires them to strive for excellence. This is his key to success and happiness that has forged him towards the meritorious present.

Apart from spearheading Dr. Batra's, he is also a part of various other organizations. He is a part of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry's (FICCI's) national committee on wellness, which plays a catalytic role in raising policy and business issues with the government at various levels.

He is also the member of The Entrepreneurs' Organization, Bombay and Young Presidents Organization, Bombay.



### **A STERLING SUCCESS**

India's first Trichologist from The Trichological Society of London, Dr. Akshay Batra's matchless expertise & sheer hard work perfectly reflect the strength of character & resolute mind that he has. He has a glorious list of firsts to his credit.

Beginning with his laurels, he is the youngest and first-ever non-UK-based Trichologist to receive the prestigious "Robert Olding Award" for outstanding achievement and personal endeavor in the field of Trichology.

Dr. Akshay Batra is also the first-ever Asian Trichologist to get the honor of being the President of The Trichological Society of London. Furthermore, he is amongst India's first hair specialists to be part of the European Hair Research Society (EHRS), the world's leading society for hair research. He is also

the governing councillor and advisor to India for Trichological Society London.

Dr Akshay Batra's list of achievements does not end here – he has been conferred with awards for Youth Excellence in Homeopathy from "International Business Council" and "International Institute of Education and Management". He was also bestowed with the golden opportunity to address an eminent audience at the House of Commons to commemorate the 10th year of The Trichological Society, London.

Dr. Akshay Batra is not only an acclaimed healthcare professional but also a remarkable author as well. He shares his valuable insights in his book – HAIR: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know – a national best seller published in three different languages.

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# ANJUM JUNG

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self-made woman, an influential figure and one of the leading entrepreneurs in her domain, Anjum Jung has worked hard for her goals day and night to taste the experience of living her dreams. With her strenuous efforts, she has made sure that her presence is felt and appreciated worldwide.

With her rich experience of more than two decades and her proficiency, Anjum Jung has become a veteran in her field and is credited with founding and nourishing a brand for 25 years. She undoubtedly has a knack for things related to designing and architecture. Her skillfulness becomes evident from the trajectory of her brand which she has vigorously tended to since its inception.

Founder of Morph Design, an interior design firm based out of Bengaluru, she is known for her observation skills, as she is a self-taught interior designer and architect. Her formidable spirit and determined approach has aided her to become one of the prominent faces in the décor industry. Her remarkable vision and thoughtful mission has helped her achieve the credit of being the face

**“MS. JUNG’S FORMIDABLE SPIRIT AND DETERMINED APPROACH HAS AIDED HER TO BECOME ONE OF THE PROMINENT FACES IN THE DÉCOR INDUSTRY”**



behind her successful venture – Morph Design.

## WOMAN OF ACTION

Graduated from Cornell University in B.Com., Anjum Jung knew from the very beginning that due to her bent towards designing and her hunger for creative thinking, she wouldn't be able to pursue Accounts and Maths in her life. So, she made her own choice of career. She embarked on her journey in 1992 from her parent's garage and has never looked back again. Initially there was a dearth of skilled workforce and she had to look for manufacturers once she designed a certain product. But, fighting all odds, she struggled hard in those days and never gave up. Today, she has her own manufacturing units in Hennur and has also opened a 2.5 lakh sq ft showroom in Malur.



She has never been hesitant to accommodate new innovative ideas in her designs. A staunch supporter of the bottom-up approach, she tries to incorporate unconventional recommendations even from her colleagues.

Being a sister of the Prestige Group founders, she was fortunate for having some kind of a background in designing and décor. However, her uncompromising passion and her unflinching desire to create something of her own was the prime mover that helped her create a name in the industry for herself. Despite being associated with a high profile group, she was never served anything on a silver platter, rather it was her aggressive desire and her perpetual inclination towards interior designing that led her to become one of the topmost designers in the industry.

#### **A WORLD OF HER OWN**

Despite having no formal training in design, she was not short of determination to excel and has made an everlasting impact on her target audience. With her out-of-the box opinions and timeless designs, she has created a spur in the industry and has become the talk of the town. She considers her ability to observe things minutely and her attempt to comprehend them at the same time as her assets. In her designs, she accommodates both traditional and contemporary motifs.

Leading a team of almost 300 people, is not a cake walk and Ms Jung does it with poise and elan, owing to her sheer dedication and passion for her profession. Her commendable career and zeal to become significant has encouraged millions of budding designers.

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# CHANDRANI PRASAD

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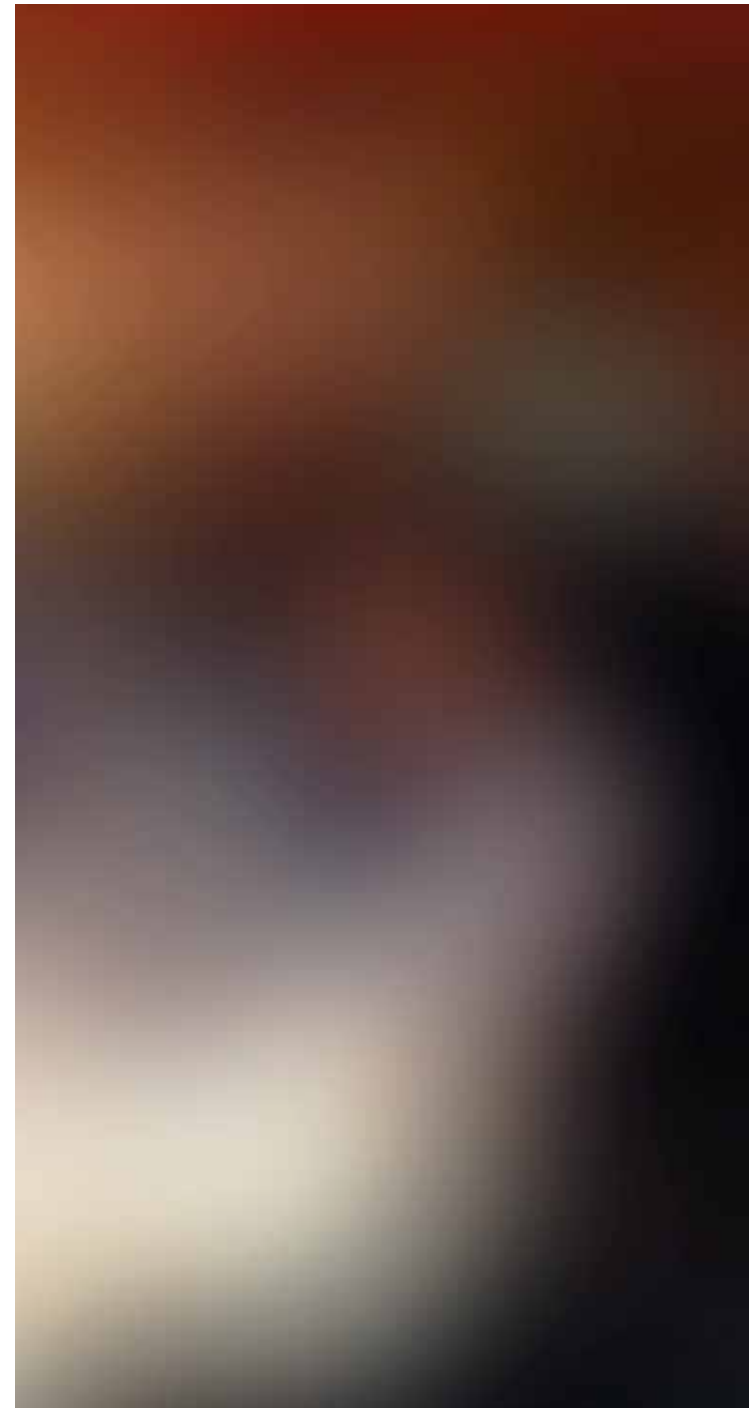
ncapsulating the aura of sheer grit and undying spirit of empowerment, Chandrani Prasad perfectly stands like an epitome of the power that women have in their hearts. Today, this fearless champion is soaring high in the sky of success with her own law firm – C&V Associates

Not many people believed in her aspirations of being an entrepreneur in the field of legal services. However, she did not pay heed to such discouraging souls and rather strived hard with her undeterred faith resulting in the inception of C&V Associates back in 1999. It is the result her incessant efforts and never-give-up attitude that her law firm has reached a prestigious platform of legal services shared by some of the renowned industry veterans.

#### EXPERIENCE & EXCELLENCE

Chandrani Prasad does not hold her potential in just managing the operations of the firm, but in a bold manifestation of her expertise, she practices law in national and international Courts. For over 18 years, she has dealt with various facets of high-

**“ENCAPSULATING THE AURA OF SHEER GRIT & UNDYING SPIRIT OF EMPOWERMENT, MS. PRASAD STANDS LIKE AN EPITOME OF THE POWER THAT WOMEN HAVE IN THEIR HEARTS”**



profile litigations before almost all the High Courts of India, the Supreme Court of India and various other Tribunals and Authorities, in addition to The Royal Court of London, UK and Wolverhampton Court, Sydney, Australia. Further, she has regularly provided assistance in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution needs and reliefs to her valued clients.

Under her efficient leadership and strong guidance, C&V Associates has become a leading law firm in India. In 2016, her firm also represented in National Initiative Towards Strengthening Arbitration and Mediation in India held for the first time in the country. In addition to this, her company is also actively involved in bringing Mediation and Arbitration to the table and has represented in ICADR, IMI (International Mediation Institutes) and IAM (International Academy of Mediators) in





San Francisco and Baltimore. Chandrani Prasad is also a very active member of the American Bar Association (ABA) and Committee Member of Family Law under American Bar Association and various international forums such as International Bar Association (IBA) and Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) among others.

#### **THE EMANCIPATED SPIRIT**

Breaking the social stereotypes imposed on a woman's career choices, Chandrani Prasad has proved to be a leader with an outstanding ability to bring new ideas of litigation strategy and business practices to the fore and transform the workings of the industry.

A believer of her passionate ambitions, she envisions a world where women are given equal

opportunity to chase their dreams. Chandrani Prasad is a woman of action and does not just preach words on woman empowerment, but effectively involves in providing education through Society of Indian Law Firms and the Bar Council of Delhi to women regarding their rights. A specialist in matrimonial dispute matters she also fights against the social issues such as domestic violence, dowry demands, and gender discrimination making the society a better place for women. Further, she provides legal education and legal assistance to poor and needy women.

Chandrani Prasad has all the characteristics of a meritorious leader. A person of strong will power and splendid skills who leads by example, in the process of empowering her own self she works hard to empower those around her.

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# GUNJAN SHAH

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he very passionate, Gunjan Shah is a Partner with the firm and specializes in General Corporate, Capital Markets and Banking & Finance. She is also part of the Firm's management committee, who has been noted for her extensive experience in her practice areas. Her expertise include Mergers & Acquisition, Private Equity Corporate Restructuring, Debt Restructuring, Debt Capital Markets, and Securities and Takeover Regulation in India.

Some of the notable transactions that Gunjan has advised on are: acting for JSW Steel Limited in the strategic investment by JFE Corporation of approximately USD 1.5 billion. She has also acted for Aircel Limited in the sale of its passive infrastructure business (comprising 17,500 towers across India) to a wholly owned subsidiary of GTL Infrastructure Limited for Rs. 84,000 million (approximately USD 1.4 billion).

#### DRIVEN BY PASSION

She has represented AION Investments Singapore Private Limited and Apollo Asia Private Credit

**“ALL ROUNDER GUNJAN HAS PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN SEVERAL LOAN AND BOND REFINANCING MATTERS” AND “RECEIVES HIGH PRAISE FOR HER LEGAL UNDERSTANDING”**



Master Fund Pte. Limited, in connection with its investment of up to USD 1.5 Billion approximately in listed principal protected market linked debentures issued by Avantha Holdings Limited, an investment holding company with investments in Crompton Greaves Limited.

In March 2015, Ms. Shah was acknowledged in the list of India's Hottest Young Executives - 2015, and the brightest corporate performers under 40. "All rounder Gunjan has played a prominent role in several loan and bond refinancing matters" and "receives high praise for her legal understanding," according to (Chambers Asia Pacific Guide 2014). She is well regarded among peers, who appreciate "her ability to ask the right questions" (Chambers Asia Pacific Guide 2013), and is highly rated for her 'practical and commercially viable advice'



by clients who value her ability to 'provide good advice' and her 'really strong grasp of law, skills in negotiating and top notch commercial sense'

#### **BEING CLASS APART**

Ms. Shah has been recognized as one of India's top 40 business leaders under the age of 40 Spencer Stuart Survey, 2014. RSG India Report 2013 recognizes Ms. Shah for her "excellent understanding of company requirements" and "timeliness and spot on advice". Ms. Shah is a "highly recommended" lawyer (Legal 500, 2013), She is best described as 'responsive and knowledgeable' and 'thoughtful and very knowledgeable', and "a person who is a mainstay of the banking, finance and capital markets practice" at Amarchand Mangaldas (Legal 500, 2012).

She has held a number of positions on legal panels and forums and is a judge at the Oxford-Price Media moot court competition held in Oxford, UK.

Ms. Shah has been associated with Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas since 1998 and is part of the firm's Management Committee. She holds a Bachelor's degree in law from the prestigious National Law School of India University, Bangalore, B.C.L from the University of Oxford.

She believes in working hard and not focusing on the outcomes. "To be honest 10 years ago I did not spend much time thinking where I will be today," she says. For her, money has never been the motivating factor. She handles her own finances. Being a corporate lawyer she is privy to a lot of information and therefore, does not invest in stocks and shares.

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# DR. KARAN ISRANI

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is steps are always sturdy, his mind focused and his heart determined to take his every venture towards greater heights. Dr. Karan Israni, the Founder of C K Constructions undoubtedly encapsulates everything that a remarkable spearhead should have to be the torchbearer of the industry.

He entered the vast landscape of the real estate industry back in 2010 and since then has manifested himself as a front runner in the sector, creating awe-inspiring establishments ready to give strong competition to the already established developments by the renowned industry veterans.

Dr. Karan Israni has worked tirelessly for several years to transform C K Constructions into one of the fastest-growing names in the world of civil construction, finishing & MEP work; charming its customers with its efficient masterpieces and developments within a very short span of time. Be it Residences, Bungalows, Commercial Buildings, Corporate Offices, Hospitals, or Hotels and Restaurants, Dr. Karan Israni has crafted some of the best developments winning the trust of his clients.

**“DR. KARAN ISRANI’S DREAM IS TO TRANSFORM  
THE DREAMS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE INTO A  
BEAUTIFUL REALITY”**

To date, Blossom County, Blossom Greens, Blossom Zest, NeoWorld, Logix City Centre, and Mahamaya Balika College are some of the famous residential projects of the firm.

#### **A VISION TO HOLD**

For Dr. Karan Israni, C K Constructions is not just a company or a brand, but a vision – a vision through which he wishes to construct a better tomorrow with affordable and standardized living for the thousands of people across the country.

His dream is to transform the dreams of millions of people into a beautiful reality. This respected tycoon is committed to offer real estate solutions that are a unique blend of high-end technology and designs in attractive budget.

However, his desire to achieve more never comes



in his ethical ways and values.

Dr. Karan Israni never compromises on the quality of his products and the morals of his business, but is ever ready to ensure that aspirations and expectations of all his valued customers are met with the best performance and service available in the market.

With an unwavering faith in his company, Dr. Karan Israni has come a long way cherishing the fruits of hard work and sheer dedication. Within seven years, he has been able to develop acres and acres of quality structures under the names C K Constructions, C K Decors, and C K Foundation. Meeting the demands of the market and proving its mettle in the industry, his company has also won various accolades for its outstanding work in the real estate sector of the country.

#### **GEM OF A PERSON**

With his educational background in the field of medicine, Dr. Karan Israni has a heart of gold. Empathy and philanthropy are the cornerstones of his personality.

This leading magnate relates to the pain of the masses and hence is ever ready to take extra steps to fulfill his responsibilities towards the society. As one of his humanitarian initiatives, he has instituted the C K Foundation where he holds the position of Medical Director.

Through his Foundation, he tries to make significant changes for the underprivileged, poor and the needy with the help of quality healthcare mobile clinics, health camps, education scholarships for deserving candidates, and free training for young engineers.

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# KAVISHA KHURANA VIJ

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elieving that education is a pillar without which no growth is conceivable, Mrs. Kavisha Khurana Vij is one of those few people who are constantly contributing towards changing the face of the Indian education scenario in her capacity as an educationalist, a philanthropist and a teacher

Mrs. Vij was born in Agra and brought up in Kanpur. She is highly educated and believes that education has the power to change the fate of a nation.

After getting bachelors degree in English and Journalism, she went on to attain her masters degree in English and Mass Communication. Currently, as the Director of The Chintels School, she is giving life to her vision of nurturing young kids and continuously encouraging them to strive hard and emerge as winners: strong and responsible.

Believing that being an educationalist is all about making a lasting impact on the minds and hearts of the young, she has been consistently making an effort to implant values and the power of perseverance in her students in this era of competition where success means everything.

**“AS THE DIRECTOR OF HER SCHOOL, SHE WORKS WITH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION & GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE, & ENSURES STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN ALL SPHERES”**

Realising that it is a technological world where information is abundant but wisdom is lacking, she teaches the importance of success, the positivity of failing and the necessity of not giving up.

#### **DIFFERENT AND IMPACTFUL**

Mrs. Vij is a dynamic leader, and her beliefs and perseverance are the key traits that keep herself and people around her motivated to continue to strive towards important and challenging goals.

As the Director of her school, she works with academic excellence, innovation and global perspective, and makes sure that students participate in academic and cultural communities. In short, she has been constantly working to bring all-round development to the students. Actually, it is because of her vast experience and determination



to make things better that The Chintels School has grown exponentially in all spheres, and results are reaching an all-time high.

#### **AN AFICIONADO**

Apart from being an able leader and a knowledgeable educationalist, Mrs. Vij is a dynamic orator and has bagged several prizes during her school and college days. However, the tables have turned and now she judges the students in the inter-school oratory competitions.

A voracious reader, Mrs. Vij also fancies writing poetry. She has a passion to mentor young debaters, and she keenly listens to them as she feels that to be a good speaker one needs to be a good listener, and one can learn something from everyone irrespective of age.

#### **WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE**

Mrs. Vij is strong from within as her strength comes from her family. She not only handles her work in the best possible way, but is also a perfect mother, wife and everything a woman can be. She has raised her two sons, whom she calls her life, with the same values she knew as a child herself. She considers her husband and brother to be her support system and owes her knowledge in the field of education to her mother-in-law.

Her strength also comes from her learnings from her varied experiences and roles. A motto that she vehemently follows and encourages people around her to follow is that: "Don't be a pessimist and complain about the winds, don't be over optimistic and expect it to change, rather, believe in yourself and adjust the sail."

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# NISHANT ARYA

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young business tsar, Nishant Arya has made it to the zenith of success with his amazing management skills & spirited faith. This second-generation spearhead of JBM Group has set the stage of his success story weaving every small detail that matters.

It has been more than three powerful decades since JBM Group came into being, and the way it is forging ahead on a more prominent position, one can say that the reins of this esteemed establishment is in efficient hands. And this efficiency is of none other than the Executive Director of JBM – Mr. Nishant Arya.

Born with the entrepreneurial blood in his veins – silver spoon is just incidental – Mr. Nishant Arya and his establishment's success is a result of his talented mind and dedicated soul. His pragmatic approach and farsighted steps are the skills that he polished with his impressive educational experience. Mr. Nishant Arya graduated in Business Administration from Bradford University, UK and then went on to pursue higher studies in Economics from the prestigious London School of Economics.

**“MR. ARYA’S DETERMINATION PROPELLED HIM TO GARNER BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN AREAS LIKE ENGINEERING & DESIGN SERVICES, EDUCATION & RENEWABLE ENERGY”**



## THE CHARISMATIC CONTOUR

After completing his studies, within a short span of time, he carved a distinct name for himself in the vast sector of automotive. Today, this young leader of JBM Group has come a long way bearing the fruits of virtuosity.

He is heading the company towards a future of growth with commendable profits earned every year. With the courage to take firm decisions, he leads the company while helping it in overcoming the barriers of the business world. His proficient prowess does not restrict itself to his establishment only but also finds itself flourishing in other organizations. For instance, he is an Executive Council Member of CII – Young Indians and ACMA – Young Business Leaders Forum. He is also an Advisory Board Member of AinStein Institute.





### **STREAMLINING INFECTIOUS GROWTH**

Under his leadership, the company has witnessed noteworthy expansion through various new joint ventures, diversifications, international businesses and new projects.

Mr. Arya's unflinching determination propelled him to garner new business opportunities in areas like Engineering and Design Services, Education and Renewable Energy. Over the years, he has planned various technical collaborations, some buyouts and joint ventures with foreign companies. Mr. Arya was pivotal in working on some new projects with different companies by highlighting the organisation's core competencies and USPs for which the company signed new Joint Ventures and MOUs. Amongst the important JVs done under his esteemed guidance are the alliances with

companies like ArcelorMittal, Dassault Systèmes, JFE Steel Corporation, Sumitomo Corporation, MA-CLN Group, Ogihara Corporation among others which significantly boosted JBM's diversification plans.

Awarded as "The Machinist Super Next Generation Leader for 2016", this dynamic neoteric is the representation of today's fast-yet-intelligent generation that believes in doing things in a different way.

This real-world winner is passionate about music and sports, having a great enthusiasm for F1 racing. Speed & balance are the two things that matter to him the most, whether it is in personal life or the professional one. This belief in equilibrium and momentum enabled him to emerge as a rising star of the automotive industry.

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# SACHIN VATS

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here are only a handful of leaders who stand against the mists of glacier to craft unmatched aesthetics; such is the persona of Mr. Sachin Vats. An entrepreneur educationist of the alpha generation, he thinks way above his years and far ahead of his times. An Educationist, Academician, Philanthropist and a gold medalist in B.Tech, Masters in Education and Administration, holds not only a commendable academic record but is also a good artist, associated with theatre since his school days.

In today's world, Mr. Vats is one of the most popular of visionaries of the youngest clan of educationists, Mr. Vats finds a replica of his thoughts in the words of Pablo Casals- 'The CHILD must know that he is a MIRACLE, that since the beginning of the world there hasn't been, and until the end of the world will not be, another child like him.'

This inspiration, coupled with an intrinsic passion helped him drive a complete child centric approach where education is provided by creating conditions that prompt learning and instill a quest to explore,

**“VENTURING INTO THE FIELD OF EDUCATION HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY REWARDING WITH HUMBLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND NO LOOKING BACK FOR MR. VATS”**

experiment and know.

#### **NURTURING A DREAM**

Mr. Vats has always dreamt of creating a framework of education where children learn translating information into knowledge, knowledge into learning and learning into wisdom. Soon this passion took the form of an inspiration and transformed into an urge to always perform better.

Venturing into the field of Education has been consistently rewarding with humble acknowledgements and no looking back for Mr. Vats. His vision of setting up an educational institute came to life with the inception of a small school with the strength of 50 tiny entrants and 15 dedicated staff members.

Driven by the vision ' Education not only follows but also contributes to Social Change', the highest point



in his career was witnessing the Gurukul Family blossoming with more than 2500 students and a team of 450 people along with the overwhelmingly reciprocated launch of the new branch.

Ranked amongst the top 5 schools of Ghaziabad NCR they have secured recognitions as distinct as the Peace through Service Award, Tony Blair Face to Faith Award, Tiranga Badge Award, British Council School Award, and Best Infrastructure Award.

#### **LEADING A TEAM**

Being in the field of education, his core proficiency and maximum output lies in the team of skilled teachers. Creating a team that aligns with his vision for the institution and its stakeholders, investing in their training and upgradation in accordance with the 21 century skills, keeping them abreast with and equipped for the changing paradigms in the

sphere of technology, are nested in all his future plans- short and long term.

He correctly states that when your dreams become a collective dream then nothing remains unfathomable. Today the brand headed by Mr. Vats, Gurukul -The School is in no want of recognition in the world of education today. This could be attained through the common thread of vision that keeps the team together. Working relentlessly as a servant-leader, he has always been on the foreground by the side of his team.

Mr. Vats followed the pattern of not directing the team with his beliefs but instead foster a shared ideas. At no point of time he has compromised sharing the rewards of their hard work with them, and that reflects inevitably in the long trail of accomplishments and series of new ventures, within a short span of time.

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# SANJUKTA BOSE

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perspicacious and magnanimous lady, Mrs. Sanjukta Bose is creating new minds with amazing skill sets in the professional world of hospitality, and is forging them on an exponential growth graph while weaving a great career ahead. Her Institution is built on the pillars of truth, honesty, dedication & innovation, which together create global hoteliers with an aptitude to lead from the front.

This powerful Director of International Institute of Hotel Management knows how to tackle obstacles with unprecedented panache and pragmatic solutions. And it is her dedication to maintain the prestigious position of IIHM that the Institute has now become one of the largest hotel schools in India and abroad with campuses in Kolkata, Delhi, Bengaluru, Pune, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Bangkok as well.

#### THE NEW-AGE TORCHBEARER

A guiding mentor, she ensures that her students get ample amount of opportunities and learning environment, and for that she never hesitates to step out of her comfort zone and bring the best to

the fore. Be it international opportunities, state-of-the-art facilities and highly qualified teachers, Mrs. Bose gets the best of everything for her students to learn and grow.

Her strong education is the reason behind her intellectual personality. She earned her Graduate degree from Burdwan University. Mrs. Bose also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications.

Apart from overseeing the important operations of IIHM, Mrs. Bose also plays other roles in various organizations. She is a Member of Managing Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry. In addition, she is also a member of various Committees in organizations like Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Regional Council, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC),

**“MRS. SANJUKTA BOSE BELIEVES IN CREATING THE BEST POSSIBLE FUTURE FOR THE NEW GENERATIONS BY AMELIORATING THEIR PRESENT WITH SHEER DEDICATION AND HARD WORK”**



Convention Organizing Committee (COC), FHRAI 2015, among others. Mrs. Bose is also a Chartered Member of TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs) Kolkata. Her immense guidance also leads the Rotary Club of Salt Lake, where she is again a member. She was also the Technical Committee Director at Federation of Hotel Restaurant Association of India (FHRAI) Convention 2015. The list of her roles is impressive and endless. With her dynamic personality and sharp intellect, Mrs. Bose is climbing up the success ladder while creating a new progressive path for others as well.

#### **A COMPASSIONATE APPROACH**

Her heart is an ocean of love for fellow beings. Her humanitarian nature is part of her graceful personality. Mrs. Bose believes in creating definitely

a better and then the best possible future for the new generations by ameliorating their present with sheer dedication and hard work.

The social initiatives that she organizes clearly reflect her compassion for humanity. To turn her several visions into reality, this powerful doyenne has also taken the position of a Founder Trustee of PALASH, which is an educational charity for the tribal and underprivileged children of Bengal.

This charitable organization has an aim to teach more than 5000 children and make their lives far better and happier. She believes in the fact that education should furnish students with noble ends rather than just means to an end, and thus, encourages her students to take active part in numerous charitable activities which her Institute organizes regularly.

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# USMA AKHTAR

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visionary, a social worker and an educationist; these words aren't enough to define the dexterously hard working Usma Akhtar. Apart from being an entrepreneur, her expertise in various other fields has led to her multitudinous growth and an aggrandized stature in the society.

Ms. Akhtar, one of the founders of the Al-Falah Charitable trust, is a mover and shaker in the Education world, and also an active member of the Al-Falah University, Faridabad.

Ms. Akhtar, a graduate of the prestigious Aligarh Muslim University and a postgraduate from the National Institute of Fashion Technology, resolutely commenced her career as a young entrepreneur in 1998. Her substantial beliefs and determination in leading a principled life led her to become an actively involved member of the Governing Body of the Al-Falah School of Engineering & Technology as she helped in its establishment. She chaired the University's Governing Body in its crucial initial years from 2000 to 2004, and with her brilliant guidance and crystal clear vision, helped the University make its thumping presence known all

**“DESPITE BEING INVOLVED IN THE NOBLE FIELD OF EDUCATION, MS. AKHTAR IS ALSO A FASHION DESIGNER AND HAS HER OWN SUCCESSFUL BRAND – LABISIA”**

over India.

For the purpose of maintaining quality standards of education, she got her institution accredited by NAAC 'A' category in 2011.

Al-Falah University, under the skillful supervision of Ms. Akhtar, is an endeavour of Al-Falah Charitable Trust, which is currently running three colleges in the campus – Al Falah School of Engineering and Technology (since 1997, Graded A by NAAC), Brown Hill College of Engineering and Technology (since 2008), and Al Falah School of Education and Training (since 2006, Graded A by NAAC).

As Ms. Akhtar is always concerned for her students, her Al-Falah Charitable Trust also runs a 300-bed Hospital with all modern facilities in OPD & IPD including Operation Theatres in the campus. Under her able leadership and



persevering guidance, the various colleges managed by her have received Autonomous Status. The Government of Haryana, through an Act of Legislative Assembly has granted self-financing Private University Status to the Institutions of Al-Falah under the name Al-Falah University.

#### **EMPOWERING GIRLS**

Along with being a visionary, Ms. Akhtar is also a believer in equality of status of boys and girls and strives hard to provide them equal opportunities. In order to empower girls so that they can have the ability to be self-dependent, she started an education college for developing teacher educators in 2006 which now imparts B.Ed., M.Ed. and Ph.D. level courses.

In the last 20 years, Ms. Akhtar has helped

more than 25,000 students attain degrees from the various institutions of Al-Falah University. Out of these 25,000 students, more than 4,500 are serving in the Middle East, 500 in USA-Canada, and 250 in the Far East countries. More than 3,500 girl students have completed their B.Ed. or M.Ed. degrees and are serving in more than 1,000 schools in India and the Middle Eastern countries.

#### **PURSUING OTHER INTERESTS**

Despite being involved in the noble field of providing education, Ms. Akhtar is also a passionate fashion designer. After acquiring a degree from NIFT, her interest in the fashion designing industry further deepened. Today, she is a versatile wedding apparel designer and has her own successful brand in the name of Labisia.

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# VIKAS JHAJHARIA

**V**astu Shastra is a very old Indian science of Architecture. Ancient Indian sages and rishis created Vastu Shastra for the welfare of the entire humanity. Its knowledge enables the mankind to get benefits of mental peace, health, wealth etc. and make our life happy.

With a noble prospective of making people's life happier and peaceful, Mr. Jhajharia intends to pass on his knowledge of Vastu with utmost grace. Having learnt the skills of Vastu from his father Vimalji and Grand Father Mr N.K. Jhajharia, he picked up very early in his career.

#### CARRYING FORWARD THE LEGACY

Being the third generation in the family, the responsibility of departing quality education on the subject was a need of the hour for Mr. Jhajharia. He has from from past many years accumulated a huge vastu practical experience base along with his family's prestigious knowledge to render the best possible solutions to any vastu problems. He is rightly blessed by his Holy Guruji 1008 Swami Murghanandji and therefore works under the

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illustrious path shown by the Guruji.

The man is always on his toes, as both the father son duo- Mr. Vimal and Mr Vikas travel regularly covering destinations from all over the globe with a view to deliver their lectures on Vastu modifications without any kind of demolition. They also keep on conducting workshops and seminars on the same. They have been felicitated several times for their outstanding knowledge on Vastu and have also won several awards of national and international repute.

There are many major projects in his kitty, which he along with his father, Vimalji have provided consultation on, from the very inception till the end.





Today, their clientele is spread across 25 countries across the globe including USA, UK, Australia, Canada, China, HongKong, Singapore, Thailand, South Africa, UAE, South America, etc.

#### **INSPIRING MASSES**

It is under the esteemed guidance of Shri Vimal Jhajharia and Shri Vikas Jhajharia a team of scholars work on the Vastu corrections remedies regularly. The centre called as the VastuKalp Kendra, has many scholars researching on the various old testaments, Vedas and other ancient mythological scripts, trying to find the various impacts of ancient pictures and holy signs on

human life, which are still a mystery.

VastuKalp has been working from past 25 years to establish the rules of vastu in the modern world without any demolition or changes to the existing premises. VastuKalp's Internationally Renowned Vastu Expert Mr. Vimal Jhajharia along with his father Mr. Nand Kishore Jhajharia has created a revolution in the field of Vastu Shastra. Their expertise in providing "Remedies without Demolition" has earned them the faith and praise of thousands of people. And now Vimalji's son Mr. Vikas Jhajharia (the third generation of Jhajharia family) is intended and dedicated to continue the same.



# DHAVAL R AJMERA

## THE FUTURISTIC FRONTRUNNER

A results-driven, self-motivated and resourceful dynamo, Mr. Dhaval Ajmera, Director of Ajmera Realty & Infra India Ltd., believes in approaching his business with an ambition to achieve an ace, simultaneously striking the perfect equilibrium between his personal and professional lives

**A**s the Director of Ajmera Realty, Mr. Dhaval's primary role is to strategize, project coordinate, and look after the overall operations of the organization. Over the years, he has initiated and successfully completed some of the most ambitious township projects such as Yogi Nagar, Ajmera Green Acres, Ajmera Arista and Ajmera Infinity with Ajmera I-Land – a 100-acre new-age world-class township – topping the list. Ajmera Times Square and Ajmera Summit are other prominent commercial projects in the list.

Apart from helming Ajmera Realty, he also spearheads Nilkanth Tech Park Ltd. as its Managing Director. He is also an Exhibition Committee Member of MCHI CREDAI, Mumbai.

He has a proven ability to develop and strengthen management teams in order to maximize company profitability and efficiency, for which he never hesitates to go the extra miles even if they are challenging.

### LEADER OF ASTUTE VISIONS

He has successfully guided his establishment in exploring the new territories of the business world and in creating an outstanding name for itself by breaking the old rules and setting up new ideas. Under his astute leadership and with his visionary approach, Ajmera Realty has now grown leaps and bounds touching newer heights.

Holding a degree in MBA Finance from Cardiff University, UK, he has strengthened his values, virtues and business acumen that he inherited from his family. He returned from the UK and joined his family's vision

to expand the growth graph of the company. Since then there has been no looking back!

Mr. Dhaval Ajmera has taken Ajmera Realty across the realms of national as well as international real estate market, setting in the process new benchmarks of success. Under his visionary leadership, Ajmera Realty has built projects in Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot, Bangalore and Bahrain.

### CHERISHING THE BEAUTY OF LIFE

Mr. Ajmera has touched lives by constructing high-standard residences. In addition, with an aim to empower the coming generation of the country with education, Mr. Dhaval Ajmera is set to inspire minds by establishing the Ajmera Global School – an upcoming educational institution which is one of its kind and which aims to groom its students to evolve into well-balanced individuals.

With a winning attitude to fulfill his professional and social responsibilities, Mr. Dhaval Ajmera also remains a champion in his personal life. He loves spending time with family and often socializes with his broad friend circle.

His personality resonates with enthusiasm and love for sports. A healthy life is his main motto and to attain it, he has been running marathons since 2012. And not just running but winning too! He has won medals for 42 km full runs. His adventurous spirit also finds a great passion for cricket tournaments along with adventure sports like paragliding and sailing. He has a wanderlust soul, always looking to visit places that inspire a love for life.

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# RYAN PINTO

## TRANSFORMING SCHOOL EDUCATION

Mr. Ryan Pinto's vision is to transform the "traditional" schools into interactive and dynamic learning platforms that benefit students, teachers and direct stakeholders, and the society. Being 'focused and determined' to achieve the vision has made him a role model for many to follow

**M**r. Ryan Pinto, CEO of Ryan International Group of Institutions, is one of India's youngest social entrepreneurs in the K-12 education sector. He has grown the Ryan Group in India and overseas – to over 135 institutions today. As a leader in education, he strongly advocates the integration of values and technological tools to transform education at all levels and thus make it engaging, interesting and a wholesome learning experience for students at large. Mr. Pinto has also been instrumental in introducing international curriculum through Ryan Global Schools in India, and in successfully establishing the Ryan footprint in the UAE.

He studied at Warwick University and Aston University, and received a Master's degree in Business and Entrepreneurship from Cass Business School, London.

Under Mr. Pinto's dynamic leadership, the schools have flourished across India and abroad. In all, the group operates over 135 campuses and institutions educating over a quarter of a million children. In the UAE, the Ryan Group has already made an impressive presence in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah.

The team of AsiaOne caught up with Mr. Pinto and got his views.

1. What are some of the biggest trends and developments you have seen in K12 education?

The field has evolved with newer pedagogies & concepts like Multiple-intelligence, 21st Century skills etc.

But technology has by far, been the biggest change. It has impacted almost all aspects of the teaching-learning processes and created new paradigms in education. The entire ecosystem is undergoing rapid

changes. The schools that can adapt and leverage technology are the ones that will stand out in the future.

This is easier said than done since it involves not just teachers but also parents & students. Digital pedagogy is vastly different from the traditional pedagogies and requires a very high level of expertise to implement. We have set-up a specialist team for this & have collaborated with leading organizations like Microsoft, TCS, etc. to ensure we leverage the benefits of technology for our students. So far, the results have been impressive.

2. Your thoughts on market share vis-à-vis your contemporaries?

We've never measured ourselves on this parameter. We believe in ourselves & with God's grace, our schools have been appreciated for their merit & learning outcomes.

3. How does it feel when Ryan Schools are ranked as the Best Schools, year after year after year? What does it take to reach this pinnacle?

I feel deeply humbled and this is the result of the visionary leadership of our Chairman Dr. A.F. Pinto and our Managing Director Madam Grace Pinto. Their hard work, dedication and commitment are examples not just to us here at Ryan but to the world at large. From a small room 40 years ago we now serve nearly 300,000 children and we take pride in the quality of education we provide. Here, we would like to acknowledge the immense support that we have received from our committed staff and the parent community who have always stood by us.

It takes immense hard work, long hours, dedication, commitment to the goal and above all God's hand. It is His doing in the end.

**“Mr. Pinto has been instrumental in introducing international curriculum through Ryan Global Schools in India, & in establishing the Ryan footprint in the UAE”**





# SAEED HAMAD AL DHAHERI

## TRAILBLAZER OF A KIND

With more than 12 years of experience with various firms, Mr Al Dhaheri has proven his capacity to lead from the front. His determination to upgrade the human resource sector to a new level has done wonders for the organisations he has worked with

**M**r Al Dhaheri is currently working as the Acting Chief Operating Officer at Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA). He joined TAQA as Vice President of Business Support about three years back, and made an imposing mark immediately. Impressed by his working capability and leadership traits, he was promoted to the post of Acting Chief Operating Officer before he completed two years with the company.

Having accomplished a lot at a very young age, Mr Al Dhaheri is too humble to stop as he continuously strives to set new benchmarks in his field of work. His achievements are the testimony of his dedication and willingness to transform opportunities and challenges into success stories.

After earning a bachelor's degree in International Business from Eckerd College, US he went on to pursue his MA in Management from Abu Dhabi University. With an academic background in business and management, he has successfully held important designations across various public and private sector companies in the Middle East.

### REDEFINING HUMAN RESOURCE

Mr Al Dhaheri has more than 12 years of experience from human resource industry in Abu Dhabi. Prior to joining TAQA, he worked in the government-owned Abu Dhabi Media Company where he led the human resource procurement and administration functions.

His significant work in the human resource sector has been noticed by people, competitors and the industry in general, and he is often regarded in great esteem for his

contributions to the betterment of the UAE nationals.

According to TAQA, during the two years of working as the Vice President he led a global project that contributed significantly into saving in excess of AED 5 billion and increased the number of UAE nationals in Abu Dhabi from 28% to 47%.

TAQA has hugely benefited from his strong sense of purpose, a lofty and clear vision he holds for the organisation and the employees, and a sturdy will to work with values. Believing that solutions are possible for any kind of problem, he has been leading the human resource section of TAQA, providing the much-needed base of employees ignited by a passion to achieve anything difficult or seemingly impossible.

### JACK OF ALL AND MASTER AS WELL

Mr Al Dhaheri is a versatile man at work. Apart from TAQA, he has been on the board members' list of Massar Solutions and Sonar Aluminum. He has successfully carried out operations at Etihad Rail and Abu Dhabi Health Services Company. He also serves on the Board of Directors of United Printing and Publishing. While working with these important companies, he proved his commitment towards his job that gained him confidence and the zeal to work even harder to achieve his targets. His success has helped him make it to the elite list of top profiles in the Middle East.

### THE SELF-EFFACING SHEIKH

Mr Al Dhaheri is exceptionally humble. He keeps his team motivated as he understands the importance of esprit de corps & that makes him an eminent leader.

**“During his working as the VP at TAQA, he saved more than AED 5 billion and played a major role in increasing the number of UAE nationals in Abu Dhabi from 28% to 47%”**

# DR. SASSAN DIETER KHATIB-SHAHIDI

## THE EMPOWERING ESTABLISHER

Dr. Sassan solves the challenges of the entrepreneurial arena, envisioning a world where generations thrive with amazing career opportunities. As a flamboyant frontrunner, he is leading German Imaging Technologies, the major printing solutions provider of the Middle East & Africa, with matchless guidance

**W**ith fervent optimism and unfading zeal for creating lucrative business opportunities, this CEO and Co-Founder of German Imaging Technologies (GIT) has proved that nothing can beat a heart that beats for passion and dream.

He holds an impressive academic background with a Law degree (1993) and a Doctorate (1996) (magna cum laude) from the University of Konstanz, Germany. Dr. Khatib-Shahidi was also a Senior Associate Member of St Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK. After completing his studies, he joined some of the top law firms in Germany, and by the age of 26, he was earning more than Dh300,000 a year.

### TWO-FOLD FRONT OF SUCCESS

It was almost after a decade that he switched his career and turned towards entrepreneurship. In 1999, he laid down the foundation of GIT in Dubai along with two co-founders. The beginnings were steady and smooth, however, a storm of misfortune blew away the happy times drowning the firm into bankruptcy in 2000. Despite such a hard time and shrinkage of the workforce, the hope still flickered in his heart. Dr. Sassan Dieter believed in his vision and strived hard to build the castle of GIT again.

His sheer dedication and tireless hard work resulted in amazing success of GIT, and it emerged as one of the leading OEM alternative document printing solutions provider in the Middle-East and Africa. It was ranked 63rd fastest growing in 15 countries on Arabia 500. Under his esteemed leadership, the firm has also been

awarded with numerous felicitations including Supplier Excellence Award 2012, Entrepreneur of the Year, Gulf Capital SMEinfo Awards 2015, Endeavor Company, to name a few. Dr. Sassan too achieved great feats. In April 2015, he was selected as an Endeavor High-Impact Entrepreneur and became a member of the Entrepreneurs Organization, EO UAE.

This passionate professional is also a lively family man, who enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife & 3 adorable kids. He is also an adventurer and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Kenya in seven days.

### A MAN WITH SOCIAL MORALS

Previously engaged in the profession of a lawyer, Dr. Sassan has a streak of calculating the facts and understanding with reason every situation that crosses his path. He likes to question perceived facts, suggestions, and ideas multiple times from different angles. He often quotes that, "Entrepreneurship is all about solving challenges; if you don't love solving challenges don't be in business".

A man of action, he holds strong faith in the execution of ideas. He believes, "Entrepreneurs are of a different breed. They are doers, not talkers." His vision is "to create over 2000 jobs in the Middle East Africa over the next 5 years" and help build a strong future for the nation by eliminating poverty.

Dr. Sassan is concerned about the environmental impact of his company & follows the mantra: "embrace, reduce and reuse; not just recycle". Over the years, his company has eliminated approximately 1.4 million kilograms of CO2 from Dubai's atmosphere.

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# VISHAL GUPTA

## CREATING THE AZURE ELIXIR

Vishal Gupta's unflinching dedication to create a brand that provides the purest and the healthiest water in the country has certainly turned into a reality. Over the years, the brand's popularity has helped him emerge as a leading face in the water purifier industry

**A** goal in his mind and an undeterred spirit to attain it, always fuelled the aspirations of an ambitious Mr. Vishal Gupta. After graduating as an Engineer in Computer Science, Vishal Gupta forayed into the field of Alkaline RO Technology to cater to the rising demands of healthy and pure water.

And his voyage began with the inception of his firm in the year 2003 as Elixir Trading Pvt. Ltd. In the beginning, the firm used to trade water-purifier components. Later, in 2009, the company started manufacturing water-purifier parts. After gaining core knowledge of the RO technology, his company launched India's first Alkaline water purifier with LED display technology in 2015. Since then, there has been no looking back! The brand has established a strong position in the industry, becoming synonymous with purity and trust. Today, his company marks a pan-India presence with highly certified products.

### THE HARBINGER OF HEALTH

A man of action and vision, this leading luminary always goes for extra miles to get the best products for the customers. In his pursuit of purity and health, Mr. Gupta has built state-of-the-art facilities that manufacture the best water purifiers with cutting-edge technology removing chemical impurities, color, and odor from water and adding essential minerals into it to keep the body healthy and the mind happy.

With an aim to help his country get an access to clean water to lead a healthy future, his company is forging ahead to eliminate any sort of purification hassles from

water while being one of the most consumer-centric companies in India. For spreading this philosophy and vision, Mr. Gupta has brought on board the celebrated Bollywood actress, Karisma Kapoor, as Blue Mount's brand ambassador.

Innovation and its utilization are the main catalysts that help Mr. Gupta in the mission of providing pure water to all. This visionary leader anticipates the future of a healthy nation, and to turn that vision into reality he keeps on adding innovative technologies to his products. Setting new benchmarks in the industry, he has launched Water Softener, Water Conditioners and Water ATM Machines for the Indian market.

### A STREAMLINED APPROACH

Now, a dynamic veteran in the industry, Mr. Gupta, the MD of Blue Mount Appliances Pvt. Ltd., has been sailing smoothly in the industry for more than 12 years. His matchless leadership, sheer dedication and innovative approach not only make him an efficient leader but also a respected personality in the business fraternity.

According to Mr. Gupta, a company's management structure defines the success that is to be achieved in the times to come and makes sure that his management plays a vital role in the creation of a people-friendly ecosystem at the workplace. Mr. Gupta aims for a healthy and progressive workplace and ensures that the workplace at Blue Mount is well maintained, where the employees are encouraged to see things in an innovative way. He allows them to improve their abilities so they can help the company in spreading happiness among its customers.

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# AMITA CHANDHOK

## DUCHESS OF TASTE BUDS

Amita Chandhok is a name of trust when it comes to the world of Food & Hospitality, as over the years she has changed the meaning of reception and geniality, through her endeavors to create and offer the best to her customers

**A**bout 25 years earlier, when restaurants were trying to make an identity in a country in which people believed in cooking & eating at home & going out on dinner was an affair for the elite class, Mrs. Chandhok came up with an idea to open a restaurant, while she was a happy housewife yet she was known as the favorite hostess in the tea plantations of Assam. This encouraged her to use her natural knack of offering great hospitality from house parties into a full-fledged hospitality business, which materialized into her opening the doors to an elegant family restaurant in 1994.

This is how she started out on her entrepreneurial journey. She started with hiring basic cooks and teaching them her recipes which were developed with the mindset of how a mother would cook at home for her loved ones. Till date she uses this philosophy to adapt to changing palates and preferences.

### SMILES OF SATIETY

Becoming a hallmark of tasty food and quality service soon after its launch, Dana Choga – under the expert leadership of Mrs. Chandhok – has been bringing smiles to its customers with its delectable delicacies prepared by its experienced and qualified chefs.

With her dedication & the constant support of her husband, Mr. Deepak Chandhok, Mrs. Chandhok has created one of Gurgaon's loved food destinations, especially in the genre of North Indian Cuisine. Taking the expertise to the next generation, her exemplary contributions to the hospitality business have also inspired her son, Veer Anukul to take this family venture

to newer heights. In today's era of intense competition, when ordering food from a restaurant is successful, even when either the food tastes great, or the delivery service is quick, Dana Choga is way ahead of its competitors. Understanding the industry well, & the innovative & confident entrepreneur that she is, Mrs. Chandhok has offered that Quality & Speed, even with a huge rush & demand.

Dana Choga guarantees quick service, high-quality food & affordable prices and people in India will happily settle for any of these two. Thus, a formidable brand Dana Choga has had a firm grip on the market of serving food since its launch. Dana Choga is timely & economical focusing on the hectic lifestyle of the young population but never compromises with the tradition of taste & quality.

### SPREADING WINGS

Changing the way India dines, Mrs. Chandhok is an inspiration for women who want to rise up and lead. She has reached the top of her career but she still keeps the work as her major priority because she knows that success comes with responsibility and never-ending commitment is the price you pay to stay on the top.

Her staff is very loyal to her as she is always making sure of their financial & physical well-being. They are treated as if they were her own family members. Their children go to beautiful schools for a brighter future for themselves and their family with her generous contributions towards their schooling.

Today the name Dana Choga stands out in all the food lovers' minds & Amita Chandhok is certainly a Force to be reckoned with.

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# BRIJ BHUSHAN GOEL

## A PERSPICACIOUS GO-GETTER

With a great entrepreneurial acumen, Mr Brij Bhushan Goel has successfully established one of the most trusted rice brands of the country. As Managing Director of 'Double Chabi' he has set new standards for rice export business and has gained trust of millions of consumers

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r. Brij Bhushan Goel, at a very young age understood the nuances of business. After he finished his education he went on to join his family business.

Although Mr. Brij Bhushan was a prodigy and his educational qualifications do not define his business standards. Production, Quality and Exports are the fields of business in which he has proved his excellence.

Mr. Brij Bhushan is an inspiring leader as he constantly encourages his employees to bring out their best at work and stresses on an open network in the organization. He does not hesitate to implement new and rewarding ideas to the business irrespective of where the idea comes from. He prefers to work on the grassroots level as he believes that things are best analyzed from the ground.

Producing best-quality rice and satisfying international as well as domestic consumers was the main target for Mr. Goel when he first joined business. His desire to make 'Double Chabi' a worldwide exporter of good-quality rice and make it a globally successful company inspired him to work day and night with his team until he brought his dream to life. The recognitions that the company has achieved today are the testimony of his endeavours.

### PUTTING VALUES FIRST

Success can make one arrogant, but in the case of Mr. Brij Bhushan the reverse has happened. The more milestones his company is achieving the more he is focusing on quality, and success has kept him

grounded. Mr. Goel has inherited his progressive as well as positive thinking from his father who believed in him and inspired him to join the business league.

### HARVESTING GRAINS OF SUCCESS

With a willpower to transform good to better and better to best, Mr. Brij Bhushan, soon after joining business, went on to create success stories. The company under his leadership has become one of the top exporters of basmati rice in India and consumers in the country have developed a taste for a rice brand that promises quality within an affordable budget.

His company 'Double Chabi' is a credible exporter of basmati rice since 1950 and the business graph has constantly gone up after he took over the business. Double Chabi has an export percentage of 40% in worldwide markets like Australia, UK, Canada, the UAE, Iran and several other countries.

Mr. Brij Bhushan is not only active in the business world but understands his social responsibilities. He urges farmers to embrace scientific farming practices so that they can harvest a better-quality crop. He helps them to grow good-quality rice, selling which they can earn a better living and the people buying the harvest would get good-quality rice: a win-win situation.

He says that inspiration to do better work comes from his family and they encourage him to move even further and achieve a lot more. He believes that it is important to strike a perfect balance between personal and professional lives. He makes sure that he spends time with his family and supports them to achieve the aspirations in their lives.

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# CHANDNI GIRDHAR

## TAKING EVERYONE BY STORM

The sparkle that twinkled in her eyes when she used to play dress-up games as a child eventually turned into a passion. Years later, this talented Punjabi girl from New Delhi – Chandni Girdhar – launched WYNK ME and revamped the makeup industry of India

**C**handni Girdhar launched the first-ever luxury lashes in India carving a distinct niche for herself in the flourishing makeup industry of the country. Now, her consistent efforts have led to the beginning of her success voyage in the Industry. Her startup, WYNK ME – a luxury beauty brand, is the personification of her innovative ideas and sheer dedication. The brand offers a unique range of lashes that can make everyday makeup interesting by helping those beautiful eyes express their captivating grace.

Chandni, who started her career around six years ago, believes that the launch of WYNK ME has been her career high point, which made her presence much more powerful in the market; Bollywood celebrities showing their interest in her work as a makeup artist. Now, this glamorous and gorgeous woman is all set to make WYNK ME accessible to all Indian women, as it is one of its kind to be launched in India, giving the best quality products competing with the international market. After getting all the love, support & success for WYNKME in lashes, Chandni Girdhar is all set to launch her lip line very soon too.

### A PASSION TO GLAMORIZE

“Makeup is my Passion and I will never let it die”.

This is what Chandni has to say about her love and passion. For Chandni, makeup is an art that needs dedication and practice. That is why she keeps on educating herself with every new style that flashes on the fashion platform.

She also believes that “if power dressing is a term,

so is power makeup.” And she wants to use her power makeup to make people feel good about themselves on the special occasions of their lives.

Her dexterous hands create nothing but magic. Perfect flawless looks, radiant skin, and beauty in its perfection on the faces of her clients define her expertise in the field. She can transform one into a glamorous girl with confident looks through her exceptional makeup skills.

### A DISTINCTIVE FEAT

One of the most sought-after makeup artists in the industry, Chandni has also shot for various prestigious advertising campaigns and fashion shoots. This exceptional professional lady also conducts beauty workshops and seminars for people who are interested in learning personal as well as professional makeup. Today, she has marked a unique presence for herself in the industry through her matchless skills and creative dedication.

Her WYNKME lashes have not only won the hearts of Indian beauties and made their way into the makeup kit of Bollywood actresses, but have also created a buzz among the international makeup artists and bloggers. Adding cherries on top, her brand has also been featured in renowned magazines such as Cosmopolitan, Hello Middle East, Elle, Ravishing, Exhibit, GQ, etc.

However, these laurels do not make Chandni sit back but instill a tremendous encouragement in her spirit, guiding her to take new steps towards a greater platform of glamorous success. She is untiringly striving hard to bring more innovative & trendy products to the fore that create new milestones in her dazzling career journey.

**“This glamorous and gorgeous woman is all set to make WYNK ME accessible to all Indian women, as it is one of its kind to be launched in India”**







# DR D K GUPTA

## A COMPASSIONATE AND DEDICATED SOUL

Being one of the preeminent pediatricians in the industry, Dr D K Gupta has become a name to be reckoned with in the healthcare segment. Always held in high regard for his endeavors, he has consistently upgraded his existing skills to achieve fresh milestones

**D**r D K Gupta – Promoter of Felix Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. – is one of those doctors in India, who is looked up to for his humane touch in whatever he does. Highly respected as a young and enterprising doctor, his patients have never been dissatisfied with the consultation and assistance he has provided them. Acclaimed as one of the best pediatricians in Delhi and NCR, he has supported and guided thousands of patients in India.

With a philosophy that “I want all my patients to be informed and knowledgeable about their healthcare, from treatment plans and services, to insurance coverage”, he has always utilized his thorough understanding of the subject matter and his experience to do good for his patients and society. Being true to his profession, he has delivered his best throughout his career, making a distinctive mark in the quality of healthcare in the entire region.

### STORY OF STRENGTH & SPIRIT

Born in a remote rural village in Shahjahanpur, U.P., he fought resolutely with his circumstances to emerge victorious in this highly competitive world. Unfortunately, losing his father at a tender age & overcoming great financial difficulties with the support of his relatives, he kept his eyes constantly on his goals.

A lustreless primary and secondary education in government schools didn't subdue his spirits, and he even did odd jobs to buy books and continue his higher education.

His success started with his MBBS entrance examination and his devotion in studies culminated in

his winning gold medals in several subjects.

### LIFE OF HIS DREAMS

After working a few years with a hospital of Delhi Municipal Corporation, he quit his job to join his wife Dr Rashmi Gupta to set up Felix Hospital. Overcoming hurdles at every stage of establishing Felix Hospital, he evidently opened its doors for the needy patients in a record time of 14 months, and turned his dreams into reality. Focusing on creating world-class infrastructure, modern equipment, modular Operation theatres and intensive care units with committed specialists, Dr Gupta has made Felix Hospital a well-known brand in a very short time. He made history in the Indian healthcare Industry by getting NABH accreditation for Felix Hospital in the shortest time. Then, using his extensive business promotion skills, innovative branding on social & digital media, he has made Felix Hospital a popular brand in urban & rural areas of Delhi-NCR including Western UP.

Committed to achieve patient satisfaction by providing best healthcare services at reasonable cost, he has shown exemplary vision & leadership providing even customized healthcare services from hospital to home for each segment of society. Believing that an active team can lead an organization to unprecedented success, he has ensured that the strategic and tactical direction of operations is fully aligned with the hospital's overall vision and core values. His unique leadership style and an entrepreneurial mindset have prompted unparalleled growth and pinnacle of popularity and success for Felix Hospital, while he leads by creating policies, processes, SOPs and protocols.

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# D K SINGHAL

## ENTHUSIASM PERSONIFIED

The vision and aspiration of Mr. D K Singhal and Dr K K Kaushal led to the promotion of Medinn Belle Herbal Care Pvt. Ltd., one of the fastest-growing companies in the healthcare sector. In addition, their legendary product Endura Mass has taken the market by storm

**W**hen post-liberalization the Indian economy witnessed an unprecedented boost in all its sectors, Mr. D K Singhal and Dr Simmi Dutta – Promoters & Directors, Medinn Belle – understood the opportunity well in advance, and started manufacturing health supplements for the bodybuilding industry. He envisioned an India that would soon be transformed into a leading marketing hub of all kinds of products and services, and where the citizens of the country would not only start a new wave of commercialization but would also be conscious of their appearance and health in line with the western nations.

At the same time, he was greatly motivated towards filling the gap highlighted by the then absence of reliable health supplements in the country. With such ahead-of-time visionary ideas, and utilizing his already almost two decades of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, he launched his joint venture in the year 1996. He had been working closely on subjects pertaining to bodybuilding supplements, so along with Dr Simmi Dutta, a research scholar from Moolchand Hospital and Dr K K Kaushal, a professional having an in-depth knowledge in the formulation of Ayurvedic Medicines, he established his company, which has since then accomplished many milestones.

### IMPRESSIVE LEADERSHIP

Today, Mr. D K Singhal has a rich experience of over four decades in Pharma and Health industry. He recalls his journey in this illustrious career with great enthusiasm, when he had joined the family business

of manufacturing and marketing of pharma products several years earlier. With a white heat of desire to learn with every experience in life, he has always wanted to do more than what he does at any given time. He also believed in the power of collaboration and brought in the expertise of his friends and colleagues to launch some of the most successful pharmaceutical and ayurvedic products in the Indian market.

Though today Mr. Singhal's name is synonymous with one of the most successful brands in food supplements in the entire country – Endura Mass, it took great concerting efforts, peerless entrepreneurial skills and immense faith in himself. If Endura Mass is a household name in India, Mr. Singhal has played a significant role in its rise to unprecedented success. Mr. Singhal made it sure that Endura Mass continues to win newer territories, markets, geographies and of course the imagination of the youth of India.

He represents his company, undertakes responsibility for its overall functioning and takes its key decisions.

### CELEBRATED ENDEAVORS

Associating with Mr. Raghav Singhal, Mr. D K Singhal single-mindedly focused on catering to the needs of a healthy India and his first product was Raahat, a high-quality and highly-effective laxative. There was no looking back and a large number of products have been launched under his supervision and guidance.

Mr. Singhal's products have a large fan following the world over. His stress on professionalism & dedication towards the brand has been extremely instrumental in creating a worldwide recognition for his products.

**“Mr. Singhal created the successful brand Endura Mass through his great concerting efforts, peerless entrepreneurial skills & immense faith in himself”**





# JITENDRA PURI

## FUTURISTIC AND INGENIOUS

One of the Founder Directors of Studio XP, Mr. Jitendra Puri has achieved remarkable milestones in his career. Making his passion his profession, Jitendra has brought on board international-level and trendy contemporary designs to satisfy several prestigious multinational clientele

**B**eing one of those few people who follow their passion and are never driven by the conventional norms of the society, Jitendra has set an example for the young generation of this country by modernizing the Indian interior designing industry according to the international standards. A veteran in his field, Jitendra has mastered the art of interior designing, gaining his experience by travelling to a number of countries & learning. Utilizing his experience well, he has brought a revolution in the way the industry works, by enhancing the core designs & yet keeping them trendy.

### SAGACIOUS & SKILLFUL

A graduate in Architecture from TVB School of Habitat Studies, Delhi, he did his MTech in Construction Engineering & Project Management from the prestigious IIT, Delhi. Prior to the launch of Studio XP, he was the Director and Head of Interior Design Division in Design and Development India Pvt. Ltd. for over 12 years. After gaining experience, he started his own company.

Successfully serving his international clients by providing his insights on voguish designs, his expertise lies in interior designing Corporate Offices, Software Development Centers, BPOs, KPOs, Schools, Food Courts, Data Centers, Hospitals, Commercial Spaces, Hotels, and Restaurants for many renowned national, international and multinational brands. Holding an expertise in Modern Interior Designing, especially in creating environment-friendly green interiors, selection of trendy cost-effective material & specifications, projects estimation, budget & quality control, he is

invariably and totally in command of Project Design Management & Implementation processes for Interior Projects. His skills include Project Planning, Client Management, procurement, maintenance, free design solutions, buildability, sourcing international products locally, balancing sustainability, aesthetics and capital.

### WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION

Jitendra has executed several prestigious projects for Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), Alstom, Patni Computers, Ericsson, Accenture, Fiserv, Magic Software, Sapient, R Systems, ACS – Xerox, Kronos Solutions, Perrot Systems, HNS, Max New York Life Insurance, Jubilant Infosys, Reach India, Pearson, etc. His satisfied corporate clientele includes DELL, Newgen Software, Huawei, Century Link, Ericsson, HCL, RMS, XL Catlin, Oyo Rooms, Three Pillars Global, ASF Insignia, DLF, Brookfield & others.

He believes in the philosophy, “Green environment & sustainable development is the way ahead. An average mankind spends one third of their life in a workplace which can be made more comfortable & congenial by Green Interiors through efficient light fixtures with sensors, localized controls for air conditioning & lighting, Carbon dioxide sensors, recycled materials, renewable resources of energy & human-friendly materials for wall covering, furniture & upholstery, hard flooring carpet, etc. Though Green Interiors can be achieved by both simple and high-tech ways, initial cost is a bit more but human capital that it occupies is the supreme cost of any facility.” Today, he is hailed as the leading designing consultant in India & abroad.

**“Successfully serving his international clients by providing his insights on voguish designs, he designs Corporate Offices, BPOs, Food Courts, KPOs & many more”**

# KOHELI PURI

## ENTERPRISINGLY AESTHETIC

Establishing Studio XP as one of the top brands in the architecture and project management industry at national & international levels, Ms. Koheli Puri – MD of Studio XP Management Consultants Pvt. Ltd. – has created artistic & elegant footprints adored by her reputed clients worldwide



With about two decades of experience in the real estate & construction industry, Ms. Koheli Puri is an adroitly skilled individual & a dynamic Real Estate Project Management professional with M.Tech. in Building Engineering and Construction Management from IIT Delhi and graduation in Architecture from Bengal Engineering College, Shibpur.

### FUSING HARD & SMART WORK

After acquiring professional qualifications & managerial experience by working for MNCs and a leading Development Firm, she quickly brought together the right mix of people & processes, systems & protocols, core values, and passion & attitude to deliver projects as per clients' commercial requirements with strict adherence to time, quality & cost, and set out on her own to prove her worth with the brand Studio XP in 2011.

Due to her arduous work and a philosophy of "Never say Never attitude", she kept on winning her clients' trust and gradually created a formidable list of celebrated clients including Kronos Solutions, Century Link, 3 Pillars Global, Zee Entertainment, Huawei, Ericsson, Jakson, HCL, RMS, DLF, ASF, Ansals, Ireo, Brookfield, SPAZE, OYO Rooms, Decathlon, Bank of America, JFL Group and many more. Starting with one client, one location and one project, she has already completed over 5 million sq. feet area with more than 50 clients and multiple projects pan-India in corporate, retail, education, engineering and hospitality sectors.

Firmly believing in delivering as per commitment to her clients" she focused on knowledge & importance of

systems, processes, ethics, protocols & best practices to combine with ownership, passion and innovative ideas to render one-stop solutions to her clients ensuring Innovative Designs and On-time Project Delivery within Quality and Cost parameters. With a unique proposition of Architects and Project Managers as one team to ensure coordinated project delivery model, she offers her clients a single point of contact and hassle-free services.

Deriving inspiration from her father and holding a clear goal of becoming an Architect since her childhood, she has painstakingly transformed herself into a powerhouse of creativity designing her own path of dreams.

Being a highly proficient leader in Procurement Management, Project Budgeting, Contract Administration & Management, Project Scheduling, Budget Control & Quality Control for various projects, she is always totally in control of project management processes for Construction & Fit-out Projects.

### COMPASSIONATE & HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL

She has donated for CRY's initiation of 3000 schools. She also ensures that whatever latest technologies are coming in the market, she must be adequately informed & using them to the benefit of her projects.

Her "actions speak louder than words", as she has consistently created out-of-the-box designs & concepts always breaking the conventional design practices & thus bringing in the requisite freshness & innovation in all her projects. The spaces that she builds are eye-catching & hence are lauded by her clients, who impressed by her ingenuity become her esteemed partners providing her firm with the opportunity to work with them over & over.

**“Ms. Puri’s ‘actions speak louder than words’, as she has consistently created out-of-the-box designs & concepts always breaking the conventional design practices”**







# MALLIKA JAIN

## THE DYNAMIC DIVA

A game changer of fashion industry, Mallika Jain, the Founder of Fashion Capsule, has soared high in the sky with her astonishing courage and innovative ideas. Her graceful poise and ever-refreshing smile is her natural beauty, which resonate the passion that lies in her heart

**A** fierce-yet-compassionate lady, Mallika Jain believed in a dream to provide an exceptional platform to the young designers of India and moving strategically towards this dream, she established Fashion Capsule in 2013, never looking back since then.

### FOUNDATION YEARS OF THE FASHIONISTA

Cherishing her life filled with beautiful chapters of her formative years spent in India and the USA, Mallika believes that her surroundings always imbibed in her some new ability to become the leader that she is today. Her education at Mussoorie International School helped her become an independent and strong spirit who knew how to face the struggles of life and still be empathetic to her fellow beings.

Her years at New York acquainted her with the Western culture & the universe of fashion. She kept moving while learning little things that forged her towards a greater success. Her determination paid great dividends, and soon Fashion Capsule started shining like a bright star.

### A VORACIOUS VOYAGE

Incredibly talented as she is, Mallika's entrepreneurial journey is no less than a spirited voyage. Hailing from a family of entrepreneurs, she was born with that go-getter attitude. It was her dream to create new and effective business opportunities which later transformed into what we know today as Fashion Capsule.

It is the outcome of her unwavering faith and determination that her early marriage did not let her dreams sink down the ocean of responsibilities. She

sailed her boat steadily and joined her husband's retail business. Later, she joined an international luxury brand at DLF Emporio, New Delhi as Sales Director. One night, she saw a dream whose grandeur glittered her eyes. She decided that she wanted to turn that dream into reality, and Fashion Capsule was born!

Under her extraordinary guidance, Fashion Capsule quickly became a platform through which young and talented designers across the country could exhibit their exceptional and promising work of fashion. Its kaleidoscopic exhibitions offer a rich luxury for the fashion lovers. Its talk-of-the-town exhibitions have gathered a reputed list of clientele including luxury car brands such as Audi R8 and Porsche and renowned designers such as Mandira Wirk, Soltee By Sulakshana Monga, Chhaya Mehrotra, Autre By Gautam Gupta, Nikhita Tandon, Saaj By Ankita, Pawan Sachdeva and Kylee By Ruchi Jain.

Her élan is matchless and her sophisticated professionalism is also the mark of her perfection. Her success and perfection is reflected in several awards as she has been felicitated by Shabana Azmi, Sushmita Sen and Huma Qureshi. A leading publishing house has even written a book on her life, achievements, growth and success. She hosts and organises exhibitions internationally also, including her first international show in London, UK in May 2017 – "London Luxe" – bringing emerging and renowned designers from India and all across the globe, under one roof. This fashionista also holds a humanitarian heart and is actively involved in NGOs like Ankur and Lakshyam which work towards the welfare of underprivileged children.

**“Her extraordinary guidance led Fashion Capsule's emergence as a platform for exhibiting young & talented designers' exceptional and promising work of fashion”**

# DR MAMTA DIGHE

## INSPIRATIONAL AND RESOLUTE

Understanding concerns of modern couples with busy schedules and growing stress ratios, Dr Mamta Dighe has painstakingly built up her expertise and developed solutions to partner with them in their journey to parenthood focusing on utmost care in fulfilling their dreams

**C**urrently holding the position of Founder and Director of Xenith Advanced Fertility Centre, Dr Dighe has committed her life to alleviating the pain of thousands of people in this age of increasing infertility. Focused in her approach and aiming to show a ray of hope to those in distress, she has already dedicated more than two decades of her life to others' happiness.

### COMPASSIONATE TO THE CORE

She has experienced immense joy in bringing her patients' lives on track, when she successfully delivers solutions to their infertility problems. Staunchly believing in a conservative clinical approach that aims to minimize medical & surgical intervention & maximize the chance of pregnancy, by offering optimum & personalized infertility treatments & options, in the right way to each individual patient, she is on a mission to support couples in creating their families.

She actively comforts her patients into believing that they are not alone and there is no need to feel dejected, while she helps them in conceiving and staying pregnant. Having created an international-standard team and infrastructure to assist patients at every step, she promises complete infertility treatments under one roof at Xenith IVF Clinic.

Focusing on building a strong relationship with patients & keeping transparency at utmost importance, she explains situations and treatments to them and plans ahead for best results. Further, believing in providing patients with a homely atmosphere to build a relationship of mutual trust and respect, she is dedicated

towards rendering the finest wellness to her patients. Her quest to reach out to people & educate them is also sans pareil yet tremendously self-satisfying to her.

### EXCELLENCE AND EXPERTISE

Being one of the first board-certified IVF practitioners in India, Dr Dighe has been an influential figure in the industry with about 20 years of experience. This certification is not only mandatory but is also considered in high regard in European countries and the US to be eligible to practice IVF. Working previously as Director of IVF initiative at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, she had played a pivotal role in setting up a specialized IVF treatment practice in the hospital premises.

She is a member of Indian Medical Association (IMA), Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies of India (FOGSI), Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction (ISAR) and Pune Obstetrics and Gynecological Society Academy of Clinical Embryologists, thereby trying to contribute to the industry in multifarious ways.

After her MBBS and MD (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) from Seth G.S. Medical College & King Edward Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, she joined the Cooper College & KEM College as a lecturer in 1996. Being deservedly felicitated with the prestigious Scientific Chairperson ISAR in 2009 and Joint Organizing Secretary IFS Western Maharashtra in 2014, she has always given importance to attention to details, individualization of treatment, superior laboratory techniques, and a caring & committed staff. She also offers workshops to her patients, consequently rendering invaluable yet cost-effective services with minimal medical intervention.

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# MANOJ BISHT

## AN ASSIDUOUS ACHIEVER

An entrepreneur who fought against all odds with incredible perseverance and faith to actualize his dreams, Manoj Bisht, the dynamic Chief Executive Officer of MK Infosystems Pvt. Ltd., is now all set to create new breakthroughs in the tech world

**H**is beginnings were humble but his dreams were big! Coming from a lower middle class family, Mr. Manoj Bisht knew that if he had to achieve something big, he would have to put his best efforts to the fore. He got his inspiration from his father Shri Gajpal Singh Bisht who served in the BSF and was disciplined and hard working.

Bridging the gap between dream and reality, he aced ahead with hard work and determination to mark a distinct name among the already established brands of the Networking and Security Surveillance Solutions industry.

Mr. Manoj Bisht did his schooling from government schools and later joined Pusa Institute of Technology, Delhi to pursue Polytechnic in Electronics and Electrical communication. In 1993, he completed his graduation and began working with a small company. However, he could not find solace in the limited knowledge he was getting in his position. Therefore, along with his job, Mr. Manoj Bisht continued his education and pursued several courses like MCSE, Cisco certification, Tyco Network Certification, and Management Studies.

### WAY TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP

It was in 2002 that he finally took a strong step, left his job and established MK Infosystems Pvt. Ltd. Earlier, he used to provide only LAN/WAN solutions, but with the passage of time he forayed into other areas of Security Surveillance after understanding that only networking solutions will not form the graph of success.

Wading through hurdles that came his way as he

was a fresher in the industry, Mr. Manoj Bisht created strong roots for the company's long success. Due to his untiring efforts, MK Infosystems has become a leader in Networking and Security Surveillance Solutions.

MK Infosystems has completed some of the most prestigious projects in Security Surveillance – Indian Parliament House, Delhi City, Hyderabad Metro, Vardhman Group, Air force stations, Delhi Airport, Uttarakhand Police, etc. and in Networking – UID (the biggest data center of Asia), BITS Pilani, ICICI Bank, Reliance, BEL, BHEL, NTPC, IOCL, and many more.

### A STRONG SUPPORT

He is a true entrepreneur who strived hard to reach his goal. He believes in the philosophy that "Praise yourself for your good work, dream big, if people are not laughing on your goal then your goal is small."

A modest and amicable personality, Mr. Bisht was not alone when he made the biggest decision of his life to establish his own firm. His wife, Mrs. Preeti Bisht, always supported and encouraged him. They together overcame all the initial setbacks and failures and helped the company grow and rise in the competitive market.

Mr. Bisht is focused to provide the best solutions to his customers and ensures that his company creates long-lasting and trustworthy relations with its customers and employees, paving a quality way to its constant growth. Under his unmatched guidance, the company has become synonymous with trust and quality and expanded its operations in Dubai and Muscat, making a great venture into international markets as well.

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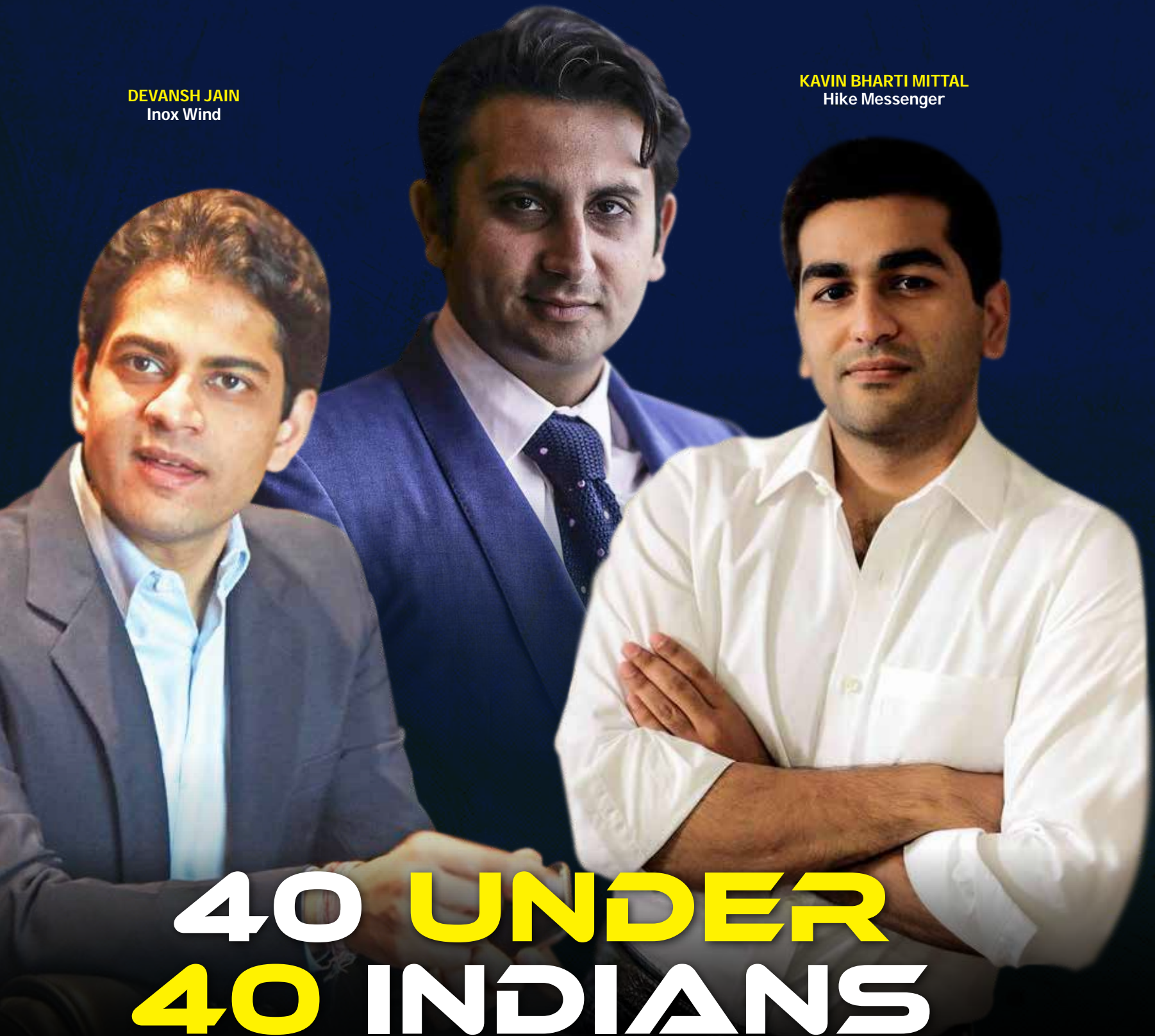
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# DR SUMITA SOFAT

## AN EPITOME OF SOLICITUDE

In recent years where the chances of cancer and infertility among couples have increased, Dr Sumita Sofat is a benevolent soul whose expertise and in-depth knowledge of the subjects have saved many lives and helped many infertility patients to experience and enjoy parenthood

**C**urrently holding positions of Scientific Director of Sofat Infertility and Women Care Centre and Managing Director of Sofat Diagnostics and Cancer Detection Centre in Ludhiana, Dr Sofat is highly regarded in the IVF treatment domain because of her significant contributions to the industry and her pioneering work in Punjab to educate people about the worrisome issues of infertility and opening up a hospital solely dedicated to the cause of infertility and IVF treatment. With a work experience of almost two decades, she has become one of the most influential figures in the industry.

A paragon in the field of infertility, Dr Sumita Sofat graduated from the prestigious Govt. Medical College in Patiala, and later did her postgraduation in Gynaecology from Dayanand Medical College & Hospital in Ludhiana.

### TRENDSETTER FOR A NOBLE CAUSE

She is a trailblazer for infertility hospitals that are now following her path, as she was the first specialist doctor in Punjab to start an infertility hospital. She is known for her innovative skills, integrity, medical & technical expertise, and personalized attention in every stage of treatment, and follows the motto of consistent willingness to accept patients facing most troublesome medical conditions.

A proficient and renowned Gynaecologist and fertility specialist herself, she has developed advanced technologies and highly trained professional technicians to help her realize several people's dream of having a baby.

Her experience and vast knowledge of the subjects she

deals in are her strengths, and her zeal to be relevant in this fast-changing environment and her passion to fight the insurmountable odds make her stand out.

### PROWESS & INGENUITY

Dr Sofat's infertility center is a perquisite for all those couples who are bereft of parenthood. Her hospital has delivered innumerable successful pregnancies with the reproductive techniques like IUI, IVF, Donor Sperms, ICSI, Egg Donations, Embryo Donation, Surrogacy, Infertility Treatment, Male Infertility, Sperm Banks, etc. Using different and latest techniques of assisted laser hatching to improve pregnancy rates in patients for previously failed cycles, she is unmatched in her quality and positive results, for which patients from across the globe choose and rely upon Sofat Infertility and Women Care Center.

### HUMANE & CELEBRATED

Known for accurate and precise cancer detection, Dr Sofat has saved thousands of lives each year by cancer detection and treatment. She has always tried to support all her patients whole-heartedly in their stressful times, and has also helped the EWS of the society.

She is well learned, extremely kind and an inspiration for many. She has conducted several international and national conferences on chances of Fertility and Recurrent Pregnancy Loss. She has been awarded by the Deputy CM of Punjab, Shri Sukhbir Singh Badal for her meritorious contribution in the field of infertility, and has also been felicitated by Shri Kaptan Singh Solanki, the State Governor of Punjab and Haryana.

**“Dr Sofat is a trailblazer for infertility hospitals that are now following her path, as she was the first specialist doctor in Punjab to start an infertility hospital”**







# SIDDHARTHA LAL

## DRIVEN BY ARDOR

Not every promoter chief is as passionate about the brand as 43 year old Siddhartha Lal. He is no less than a brand ambassador to the Royal Enfield. He is currently serving as the Managing Director & CEO of Eicher Motors Ltd., the flagship listed company of the Eicher Group in India

**T**he name Siddhartha Lal is India's passion driven CEO, and is definitely too far from being done. He holds a Masters degree in Automotive Engineering from University of Leeds and is a Cranfield University qualified mechanical engineer. Mr. Lal is also an Economics graduate from St. Stephens College in Delhi and an alumnus of The Doon School.

Mr. Lal is also passionately involved in the subject of transportation and the role it has to play in sustainability, especially in urban settings; and its role on our health, safety and quality of life. He is now co-championing a Young Global Leader (part of World Economic Forum) initiative 'Transforming Urban Mobility'.

### RIDING IT RIGHT WAY

Mr. Lal is known to test the latest collection of the brand by test driving the same on road trips. It may seem like a cake walk for many but the stakes are much higher. As the bike is in the last stage of development there might be major defaults which can cause fatal accidents. But not paying heed to the same Mr. Lal rides the motorcycle along the Manali-Leh Highway, subjected it to various tests and closely observed the performance of the prototype.

His focus has always been rider comfort, and more importantly, whether the bike is in line with Royal Enfield's brand positioning: To offer its customers a distinctive riding experience and road presence.

Back in 2006, when he first joined the company, the brand was Rs 1,912 crore conglomerates that

had spread it thin across 15 businesses. It was his magic wand that turned the figures to be Rs 9,459 crore company with a clear focus on only two areas—leisure bikes and commercial vehicles. Profits have risen from Rs 212 crore to Rs 701 crore in the same period.

The success ladder was well climbed as the stocks of Eicher Motors saw an all time rise with a Rs 300-levels towards the end of 2005-06 to Rs 18,000-levels as of 2015.

### THE APT SUCCESSION

Mr. Lal hails from a business family that is unique in many aspects. For one, the Lals are not obsessed with business. "We rarely discussed it at home, and my father (Vikram Lal) gave up his role in the company as soon as he could," says Siddhartha. He was not expected to enter the family business. "Eicher has always been a professionally managed company and that gave Siddhartha all the freedom to make up his mind about what he wanted to do," says Sandilya, who joined the business in 1975.

It was his fervor that drove him to join the family clan. He sought a year's time from his father to revive the ailing Royal Enfield, which the management wanted to sell or shut down. He became CEO of the motorcycle company in 2000 at the age of 26. Between 2000 and 2004, he based himself out of Chennai, where Royal Enfield is headquartered, and got to work. By the turn of this century, Royal Enfield was bleeding, unable to sell even 2,000 bikes a month. But the man pushed the profit margins very high.

**“Mr. Lal is also passionately involved in the subject of transportation and the role it has to play in sustainability, especially in urban settings”**

# PARITOSH ARORA

## THE TURNAROUND MAESTRO

Walking his talks, this young trailblazer is carving a new niche in the healthcare sector of India with his exceptional expertise in crisis management. The dynamic MD & CEO of Widex India, Paritosh Arora knows how to turn things around with optimum results

**A**n innovative and astute strategist, Mr. Paritosh Arora is a new-age magnate armed with a rich experience of more than 19 years in the medical device sector. Forging ahead with an analytical mindset and exceptional management skills, he believes in results and has to his credit the turning around of businesses in loss for healthcare giants like Medtronic (Neuro), Lumenis, and Widex.

Currently, he is charting out a successful path for Widex which marks its name among the largest suppliers of Digital Hearing Devices in India. Under his astute leadership, the Company has witnessed a tremendous boom in its profit chart. It always comes up with the latest technologies with improved and innovative versions focused on giving the best results to the customers.

An alumnus of prestigious institutions like IIFT & Jamia Hamdard, Paritosh perfects his perfectionism each time by achieving the impossible. Lauded as the trump card by most of the companies he has worked with, Paritosh has moved up the ladder of success within a short time span.

### VERVE OF SUCCESS

Beginning his mornings with a splash of happiness and blooming zest, Paritosh takes up every task as a new opportunity to grow more in life. His energy is that of a soldier who faces a battlefield everyday and wins it with an air of perfection.

A stellar leader with proven success in the healthcare arena, Paritosh strongly believes that one can easily

reach the top of anything with innovation, integrity & excellence in execution. He also believes that the ecosystem plays a huge role in determining the success of any organization. According to him, "Be it colleagues at work, or the family members at home, one's individual success is a function of collective contributions made by all the people who relate to you. So, a leader's ability to catalyze teamwork & demonstrate a deep sense of care for his colleagues really counts for a lot in delivering successful outcomes."

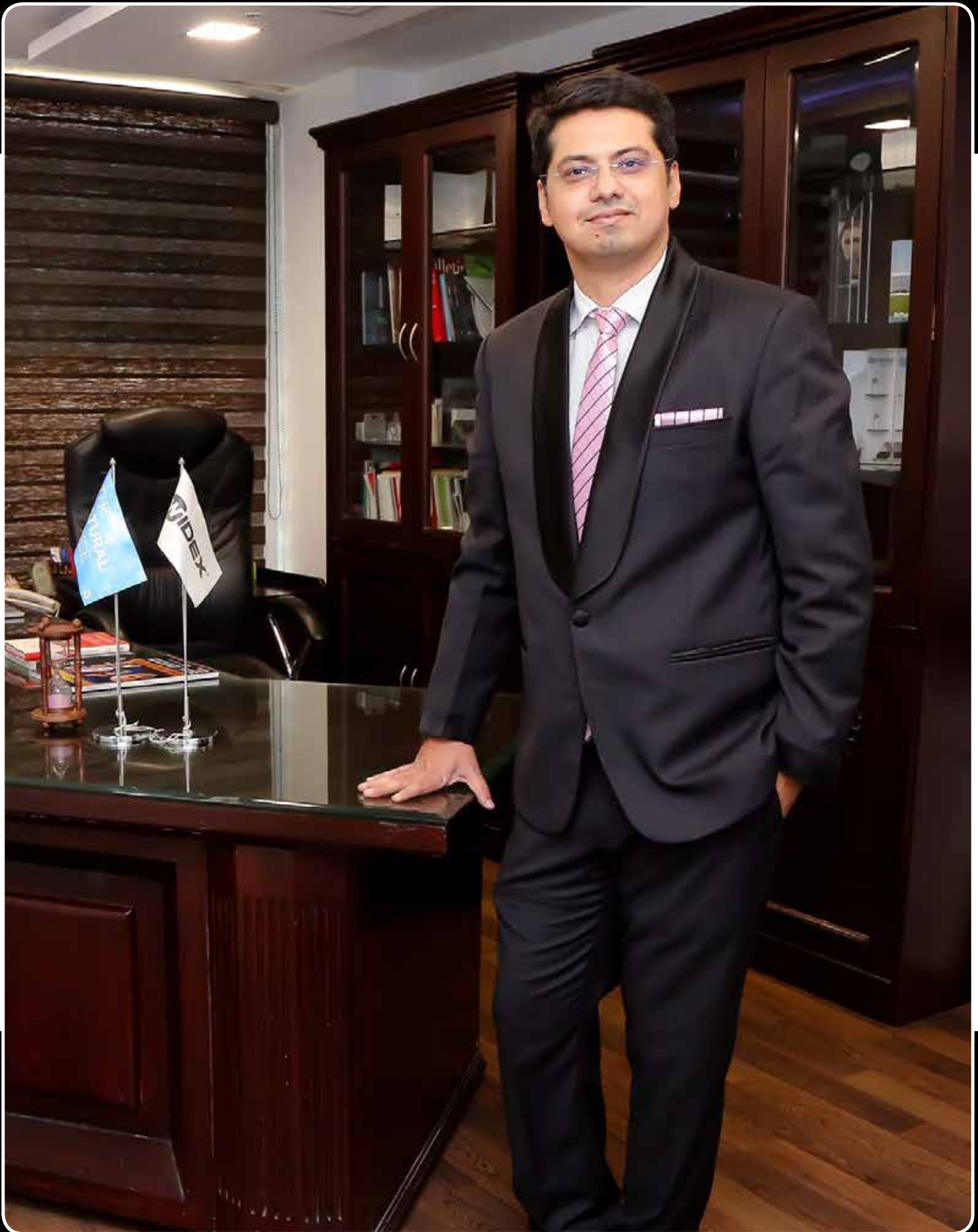
Team management is his core strength. His teams are addicted to his enthusiasm and fireball of energy, and adopt his work pattern passionately. His ideology is that enthusiasm breeds more success and voila!

### THE MANAGEMENT VIRTUOSO

This passionate individual has also been honored with various awards for his professional achievements. He was awarded as the "First employee in Asia" to complete advance level training matrix exhibiting clinical competency at the highest level. In 2008, he was felicitated with "Director's Club Award" at Cairo, Egypt. He has consistently received "Outstanding Sales & Marketing Excellence Award" for consecutive 5 years for his superb execution. The list of Paritosh's achievements is long and flourishing, which demonstrates his unparalleled skills and steadfast dedication towards his work.

Paritosh is a genius personality who not only thinks about the growth of his company but also concentrates on strengthening the social fabric of his surroundings with his assiduous deeds and enthusiastic spirit.

**"An alumnus of prestigious institutions like the IIFT and Jamia Hamdard, Paritosh perfects his perfectionism each time by achieving the impossible"**





# PIYUSH PAREKH

## CREATING INDELIBLE IMPRESSIONS

A dynamic innovator edging forward with innovative services in the travel and tourism sector, Piyush Parekh leads the prominent Bonton Group of Companies. His extraordinary leadership has helped his establishment grow by leaps and bounds while creating a remarkable presence across international borders

**P**iyush Parekh, the man behind the success of the Bonton Group has earned a huge respect for his contribution to the travel industry. A Non-Resident Indian (NRI), he has been living in the UAE since 2005. Mr. Parekh has an impressive experience of around two decades in global financial markets. He laid down the foundation of VIBHS Group offering unmatched comprehensive online trading services, & also helped establish financial institutions working and trading on global exchanges and jurisdictions in Dubai, Bahrain, Mauritius, New Zealand, Singapore and London.

Having a high level of expertise in currency trading business, both exchange-traded & over the counter (OTC) markets, this young leader takes well-calculated steps and has expanded his business interests in a wide variety including bullion, financial broking, currency trading, travel trade, real estate, call center, education and software. Apart from this, Mr. Parekh is also the Promoter & Director in Vinayaka Overseas Gold LLC (VOG) that is engaged in trading and physical delivery of Gold, Silver and Precious Stones.

### THE OUTSTANDING OVERSEER

In the travel trade, Mr. Parekh is the Chairman, Shareholder & Promoter of the Bonton Group of Companies which includes Bonton Holidays Pvt. Ltd. in India, Bonton Tours and Travels LLC in Dubai, Bonton Tours Pvt. Ltd. in Mauritius, Bonton Canada in Canada, Bonton Infotech Pvt. Ltd. in India and Bonton Money Exchange Pvt. Ltd. in India. The Group is well known across the travel agent fraternity in India for providing

travel services of international standards. With its huge presence across India & its global footprint, the Group has a strong workforce of over 250 people, & has served more than 400,000 passengers since its inception in 2008.

Over time, the company has evolved into a leading player in the travel space under the outstanding leadership of Mr. Parekh. The company provides a wide array of services including travel planning, contracting hotel space, arrival & in-resort assistance, organizing excursions & safaris, visa processing, ticketing, & authorized money changer services among many others.

### CAREFULLY CARVING GOALS

Mr. Parekh makes travel experience of every wanderlust individual into a memorable chapter of his/her life, while paying meticulous attention towards the progress of his Company. He carves out specific goals for the organization & then follows a path that will be strategically effective for reaching them. He strongly believes in providing innovative & hassle-free services.

Mr. Parekh is a firm believer of customer delight & service excellence. His focus on the customer has driven the Bonton Group of Companies to impressive growth; his trustworthiness & responsible nature has endowed him with the glory of success; and consequently, Mr. Parekh is reaping the fruits of his great hard work in the form of exponential growth of the Bonton Group.

To revamp the travel experience of every customer, he is on a mission to emerge as a top leader in the travel & tourism industry & has been honored with the coveted awards like "Best New Comer In The Africa Region" & "Best New Comer In The Gulf Region 2012".

**“Mr. Parekh takes well-calculated steps & has expanded his business interests in bullion, financial broking, travel trade, real estate, education and software”**

# DR REUBINA SINGH

## YOUTHFUL AND ENTERPRISING

Dr Reubina Singh is a trusted name when it comes to infertility and IVF treatments across the country and abroad. With IVF still fighting myths and fallacies in India, Dr Singh has successfully made a difference with her conventional and futuristic treatment methods

**D** aughter to two successful doctors, Dr K D Singh and Dr Lovleen Kamal, Dr Reubina has made a powerful impact in the field of IVF and infertility treatment at a very young age. After completing her MBBS from Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences in 2013, she went on to do her MS in Obstetrics and Gynaecology from HIHT University. Dr Reubina also has a fellowship in infertility and ART from CIMAR in Kerala and a Diploma in Reproductive Medicine from Germany.

### REMARKABLY SOLICITOUS

With an experience so vast and qualifications so esteemed, Dr Reubina Singh is one of the leading IVF specialists in India, who has transformed the lives of hundreds of couples facing infertility issues. She has treated more than 500 couples struggling with infertility disorders & has brought joy to their lives.

Dr Singh is a young-age visionary and has been acknowledged for her skills and rich experience in the field of Assisted Reproductive Technology. Apart from her exceptional knowledge and high success rate in ART, she has also participated in various national and international camps, lectures, seminars & workshops as she believes in gaining & sharing knowledge.

Dr Singh is not only an active participant at medical seminars and lectures but also has a deep interest in public service and has participated in several medical camps to provide free service to the needy and poor. She plays an active role in spreading awareness about infertility issues among people and suggests ways in which they can avoid such problems.

### ERUDITE AND ASSIDUOUS

A dynamic personality, Dr Singh is also a member of ESHRE (European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology) and American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM).

Dr Singh has worked under the State Health Society. In her journey of bringing smiles to faces of several couples, she has been awarded various times for her achievements in the field of medical sciences.

Some of her notable achievements include being awarded with Young Achiever Award in 2016 by the Health Minister of India. On 15th April 2017, the government body MAGICKA awarded her with the Young Entrepreneur IVF Specialist Award. She was also awarded with Rising Leader in IVF of the World in Dubai. The list of her achievements is too long to be put into words.

Dr Singh has presented several papers at various prestigious summits and conferences. At IOBG in 2012 she presented papers in the conference on Ovarian Ectopic. At North Zone Yuva Fogsi, she presented a highly appreciated work on Histopathological Evaluation of Endometrium. A significant presentation of hers Unusual Massive Lump in Abdomen with Obstructive Uropathy has been published in the International Journal of Gynae Plastic Surgery and some of her works are in the process of being published.

Dr Singh has proved that with goodwill in your soul and dedication in your heart you can achieve the impossible. She is a charismatic leader and a great asset in the IVF sector and people around her admire her for the work she does.

**“Dr Singh has successfully treated more than 500 couples struggling with infertility disorders and deserves the credit of bringing joy to their lives”**







# PARMOD JAIN

## INNOVATING IDEAS TO BRING SMILES

One of the top players in the market of home appliances, Marc Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., led by the visionary Mr. Parmod Jain, has not only increased its turnover figures but has also successfully created a loyal customer base with its top-class and affordable products

**W**ith his extraordinary business acumen and pro-active leadership skills, Mr. Jain has brought his company to a new height where it gives competition to the seeded ventures in the market. Gaining constant growth and market share Marc Enterprises has now become one of the leaders in cooling and heating business pan India.

Mr. Jain has done his B.Com. and has held several responsible positions in various social and trade organisations. He joined Marc as Managing Director in the year 1996 after the untimely demise of his father and the founder of Marc Enterprises, Late Shri J C Jain.

Soon after taking up the business he started expanding it in every possible way. Two years in the setup, Marc had started manufacturing exhaust and ceiling fans in the year 1998. A few years later in 2003, stepping ahead Marc had its hand in the water heating business. Presently, the company is into manufacturing air coolers, room-heating appliances, water heaters, fans, exhausts and almost all home appliances. The company today boasts of having more than 8000 outlets across the country with millions of satisfied customers, who buy its products not only at the shop, but also online at Flipkart, Snapdeal, Ebay and more.

According to Mr. Jain, "The key to success is to maintain cordial relationships with shareholders and people working around you." He prefers to have an open culture for people to reach out to the management, irrespective of their position in the organisation.

### MAN ON A MISSION

Displaying exemplary vision, Mr. Jain plans to plant his

company in the top three players in the market of fans and water heaters.

In his more than a decade-long journey Mr. Jain has received several recognitions and awards such as the Udyog Ratna Award and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise National Award for "Outstanding Effort In Entrepreneurship In MSE (Manufacturing).

Apart from excelling in the business world Mr Jain is socially committed to empower the society in all ways and regularly sponsors charity programmes. The company under him has been practicing ethical business, putting customers first, serving no compromise on the quality of products or service and continuously trying to bring innovation and development.

### PROMOTING THE LEGACY

Mr. Parmod Jain considers his father, Late Shri J C Jain, as his life inspiration. Shri J C Jain, who was often regarded as the 'King of Fans', was an ordinary man with extraordinary willpower and exceptional ability who foresaw opportunities and ventured into retailing of electrical fans in the 1960s. His hard work paid, and he established his brand and became a trusted name in the industry. After him, carrying on the legacy, Mr. Parmod Jain has very efficiently maintained the standard of his products. He says that his father taught him to always be innovative and create value in all his product offerings, which he has religiously inculcated in his organisation.

Mr. Jain's life is an example for people who want to rise and live their dreams of being successful while creating a better and brighter future for their country.

**"Mr. Jain believes that the key to success is to maintain cordial relationships with shareholders & people working around you, and prefers to have an open culture"**

# SYLVIA PAUL

## THE ELUSIVE EDUCATIONIST

Starting as a young teacher, this vivacious lady is the Principal of St. Mary's Senior Secondary School – AmbicaVihar in New Delhi. She is currently entrusted with carrying forward the objectives of St. Mary's Schools, founded by her parents, to provide good quality education

**M**s. Sylvia Paul is passionate about carrying forward this dream of providing opportunities for young people to excel in life and the school a perfect vehicle. Her USP – she is the most approachable Principal ever.

On being raised by parents who have been more than ambitious on spreading education to the weaker section of the society, Ms. Paul inculcated the zeal to become an educator at a very early. She completed her graduation in the year 1987, soon after which she started getting involved at the primary stage of spreading knowledge.

### UNVEILING THE BRAND

The journey of St. Mary's Schools started in the 1960's with a primary school in Punjabi Bagh, expanding to Patel Nagar where it was upgraded to a secondary school. In 1997 the education society, which runs St. Mary's Schools, was allotted land in AmbicaVihar in PaschimVihar. The school grew at a slow but steady pace based on demand and resources to meet these demands. St. Mary's Senior School now operates as a fully fledged Senior Secondary School from this campus where a brand new school building has been established this year.

Ms. Sylvia Paul began her teaching career in this school and served the school as Vice Principal from 1994 and as Principal since 1998.

She is supported in her efforts by an able and committed faculty of teachers for pre school, primary school, arts and sciences, humanities, counseling, music, drama, dance and other co-curricular activities.

The School now has a fledging association of alumni and Mrs. Paul has stated that one of the joys of her

life has been to see former students excel in life and acknowledge St. Mary's for its contribution to their lives.

### LEADING FROM THE FRONT

Having started as a teacher in a school established by the Parents who came from being educationist themselves, Ms. Paul raised the bars of schools in the capital.

The metropolitan city like Delhi, is not blessed with many businessperson who look into the benefiting the society before filling their own pockets. Ms. Paul made sure that fees were never an issue. The children who wanted to learn and be educated were always treated as priority at St. Mary.

It was the dedication and hard work of Ms. Paul that led to the rise of St. Mary to be a senior secondary school. Having firm beliefs in the philosophy of giving than receiving, she has being an epitome of freedom.

One shall not notice many Principals to be as approachable as Ms. Paul. She takes personal interest in grooming each and every child studying at her institution. Giving overall development of the child utmost importance, she always evaluates situations putting her in the other one's shoes. She is the bridging stone between the teachers and the students. Her personal involvement with each activity in the school brings in a sense of belongingness amongst each one.

She would give place to the students coming from the weaker section besides the privileged ones and let them learn to be friendly with each other. Innovation being one of her prime areas, she gives completes freedom to the students, for them to be able to learn and practice basics of life such as being humble, caring and more sensitive towards the lower strata of the society.

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# HRH PRINCE ALWALEED BIN TALAL

## A GLOBAL ICON

The iconic visionary with exceptional ideas and charismatic personality, His Royal Highness Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud is the spearhead behind the towering success and infinite growth of Kingdom Holding Company which is one of the world's most successful international holding companies

**A** lion-hearted man who is ever ready to go the extra oceans to achieve his aims, HRH Prince Alwaleed's dedication and devotion towards his work is remarkable. The Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Kingdom Holding Company, he is all set to transform the firm into the largest company in the world.

### PATH TO PROSPERITY

Born in 1955, he is the grandson of two remarkable leaders—King Abdulaziz Al Saud, founder and first ruler of Saudi Arabia, and Riad El Solh, an iconic statesman in Lebanon's drive for independence and its first Prime Minister. Completing his studies from prestigious institutes, HRH Prince Alwaleed received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Menlo College in California in 1979. Later in 1985, he earned a Master's degree with honors in Social Science from Syracuse University.

He started his career in 1979 with a small fabricated office in Riyadh. Today, transformed into a giant name in the investment sector, the company boasts of an impressive international investment portfolio containing many blue-chip companies including Citigroup, News Corporation, Twitter, Time Warner, Apple Inc, Walt Disney Co., Disneyland Paris, etc. KHC is also active in private equity in Saudi Arabia & developing markets within the Middle East, Africa & Asia.

Prince Alwaleed also holds a chief position in the diversified media company Rotana Group. In addition, Prince Alwaleed privately owns the new international news channel "Al-Arab".

### MAGNANIMOUS MOGUL

Elegance and flamboyance are true signatures of Prince Alwaleed, while grace, self-assurance and philanthropy can be called his initials. His tireless work towards the welfare of the society through Alwaleed Philanthropies has received international acclamations. The organization aims to build bridges for a more compassionate, peaceful & efficient world. Through this, HRH Prince Alwaleed collaborates with a range of philanthropic, governmental & educational organizations to combat poverty, empower women & youth, develop communities, provide disaster relief and create cultural understanding through education. Over the years, he has supported thousands of projects in over 120 countries and has served millions of people across the globe. Recently, the Prince has pledged that he would donate his entire fortune to help build a better world of tolerance, acceptance, equality & opportunity for all by fostering cultural understanding, empowering women & providing vital disaster relief.

All these achievements are the result of his shrewd entrepreneurial prowess. Due to the extraordinary milestones that he has crossed over the years, he has earned the title of "Arabian Warren Buffett".

Prince Alwaleed has been the recipient of numerous honors & accolades, including 23 Honorary Doctorates from universities in the US, Britain, Korea, Egypt, Malaysia, Ghana, Palestine, Philippines, Tunisia, Uganda, Indonesia, Bulgaria and Madagascar.

HRH Prince Alwaleed's exemplary achievements in the business world, make him one of the world's most influential names in the investment sector.

**“Due to the extraordinary milestones that he has crossed over the years, Prince Alwaleed has earned the title of Arabian Warren Buffett”**

# INDU JAIN

## THE GUIDING LIGHT

An entrepreneur, an educationalist, a spiritualist, and a humanist, Ms. Indu Jain is that powerful pioneer who beautifully demonstrates the spirit of women empowerment. As Chairperson of India's largest media Group she has carved a niche for women in the media industry

**H**er journey is an inspirational saga that reminds the patriarchal world of the potential a woman entrepreneur has in her actions. Today, this 80-year-old billionaire has proved what a woman can do when she breaks the monotonous cycle of the stereotypical roles assigned to her by the society. Reaching ahead with a determined mind, she now focuses on creating more Indu Jains for establishing equilibrium in the society.

Ms. Jain's enigmatic strength and astonishing achievements have certainly made an impact on the way people see women's status in society. This epitome of women power graciously manages Times Group which is one of the largest media names in the country.

It is the result of her matchless determination that the Times Group has become one of the largest media moguls of the nation. The media publishing house of the Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd—owned by the Times Group—produces huge brand names in newspapers and magazines like the Times of India, The Economic Times, Femina, Times FM and the Filmfare. It also has a number of TV channels and radio stations to its credit like Zoom, Times Now, ET Now and Radio Mirchi.

### PHILOSOPHIES OF SPIRITUALITY

Reflecting her spiritual philosophy in her own words, she once said, "In life whatever step I take, every step is for nothing but giving people the touch of spirituality." This is what she aims to do through her initiatives.

Her spiritual heart also beats with the philosophies of peace and integrity. The Oneness Forum, formally launched by the President of India in 2003, also works

under the leadership of Ms. Jain. In the year 2000, she addressed the United Nations at Millennium World Peace Summit. Spreading the message of Peace Within First, Ms. Jain spearheads a movement to spread the principles of peace across the world.

A passionate lover of art, she writes spiritual columns for Times Foundation. Ms. Jain is the sponsor of literature & culture and Founder President of the Ladies Wing of FICCI. She also works as chairperson of the Bharatiya Jnanpith Trust, which is India's highest literary award giver.

### GENEROSITY PERSONIFIED

Ms. Jain's life reflects her passion, her zeal to reach for perfection and her dedicated soul. A role model for many women, she is one of the leading figures that actively support women empowerment and entrepreneurship. She motivates budding entrepreneurs & believes in their abilities to make way for themselves in the world.

Her versatility reflects through the initiatives she takes to bring positive transformations in the society. The philanthropic organization, Times Foundation, was the result of her sheer dedication towards the society's welfare, running community services, research groups and relief funds for various disaster reliefs such as floods, cyclones, earthquakes and epidemics.

While her foundation has received numerous accolades on national & international platforms, Ms. Jain has also been felicitated with many prestigious awards. She has been awarded the International Life Time Achievement Award by the ICW. She was honored with the Padma Bhushan by the Indian govt. in 2016.

**“Ms. Jain’s life reflects her passion and her dedicated soul. A role model for many women, she actively supports women empowerment & entrepreneurship”**





# JACK MA

## THE NEW-AGE PHOENIX

Jack Ma's story is a story of perseverance, struggle & determination which arouses feelings of inspiration and motivation among the readers. The famous rags-to-riches journey contours his amazing spirit making him one of the most respected business tycoons of the world

**E**veryone has a passion to attain greater height and traverse the life with a successful career. To achieve such a desire, many strive hard and always move on with an undying spirit of determination.

One such perseverant personality is Jack Ma.

A not-so-very-talented child, he has become the most influential personalities of China who made a significant impact on the Internet industry of the country.

The Founder and Chairman of E-commerce giant Alibaba Group, Mr. Ma Yun, or as he is professionally called, Jack Ma, was born and brought up poor in communist China. As a child, he always wanted to learn English and would spend his mornings giving English tours to foreigners for free.

### ONE WHO NEVER GAVE UP

Jack Ma saw numerous rejections in his life but never gave up on his dreams. In his childhood, he failed in Primary School examinations twice. Later, he failed 3 times in his Middle School exams. He got admission in Hangzhou Normal University after 3 failed attempts. His application for Harvard University received rejections 10 times. In an elongated series of failures, he could not make it to a job as he was rejected every time.

All these dejections are enough to shatter a person's hopes, dreams and ambitions. But Jack Ma was an amazingly strong character & rose the way a phoenix rises from its own ashes. Instead of lamenting over his constant failures, he gathered courage, calculated his mistakes & turned them into his strengths.

In 1995, Jack Ma visited the US where he was

introduced to the Internet and computers which were rare in Chinese market. To put his country on the map of Internet industry, he decided to lay down the foundation of his own e-commerce startup Alibaba along with 17 of his friends.

The company commenced its operations from his apartment. Initially, the company had no money but it later raised \$20 Million from SoftBank and another \$5 Million from Goldman Sachs in 1999. Since then there was no looking back. Jack Ma took risks and won the trust of his country emerging as the new face of the business world.

It sounds amazingly interesting that Jack Ma never wrote a single line of code or sold anything to anyone but today, he oversees one of the biggest E-commerce establishments of the world.

### EMPOWERING THE NATION

Once he was out in the industry standing on the threshold of a glorious business, he stepped ahead with new opportunities focused to help the larger section of society. For instance, he established Jack Ma Foundation to work towards "a world with bluer skies, cleaner water, healthier communities and more open thinking." Jack Ma is also associated with The Nature Conservancy's China Program and holds the position of Chairman of the Board since 2013.

Named one of the top influential and powerful entrepreneurs of the world numerous times on international platforms, this soft-spoken yet strong-willed magnate has undoubtedly scaled unbelievable zenith of success in the modern business world.

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# ABDUL RAHMAN SAIF AL GHURAIR

## THE BUSINESS BOOSTER

The Chairman of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), Abdul Rahman Saif Al Ghurair is the man who has shaped up the Al Ghurair Empire to become the best in the country. He is responsible to bring together the family's diverse and expanding business interests



With a deep understanding of the family business, he has developed Dubai to be the ideal place for investment. He believes that being the capital of the Islamic economy, the region already has significant advantages and growth opportunities.

### DEVELOPING THE ISLAMIC ECONOMY

With Islamic economies of the world are estimated to represent more than US\$8 trillion in GDP, the driving force by Mr. Abdul Rahman Saif Al Ghurair shall surely evolve Dubai to be an investment hub.

The huge untapped potential in the global Islamic economy and a population of 1.6 billion Muslims the development spree channelized under the leadership of Abdul Rahman Saif Al Ghurair is bound to happen.

A born entrepreneur, he has led many progressive initiatives that have helped Dubai scale up the success ladder and is known to have seven key pillars and 46 different initiatives where resources and strengths remain the focus areas.

Some of the many initiatives include creating a logistics corridor with Dubai at its centre for halal products, setting out guidelines for accrediting halal hotels and tourism facilities, establishing an Islamic Economy faculty in Zayed University, research centre for Islamic finance, and another for standards and certification would help advance the policy side of the Islamic Economy.

In a detailed interview with local media, he quoted "Developing and adopting standardization alongside market efficiencies, competitiveness and sustainability concerns is an important area as these will lay

the foundation for the Islamic economy. Dubai has already started to make progress in this area with the establishment of the Dubai Centre for Excellence in Islamic Banking and Finance. This centre, which is part of the Hamdan bin Mohammed e-University, will provide students with masters and foundation certificates in Islamic banking and finance. It will also conduct research to advance the professional and theoretical foundation for Islamic banking and finance and play a role in improving access to Islamic banking and finance education for the Arab world."

### EMBRACING THE HUMAN FACTOR

It has been a focused journey to come forth and become the best in diverse genre of businesses. The group has a wide vision with the businesses, and Abdul Rahman Saif Al Ghurair's contribution has been iconic in building the image.

Believing in the concepts of conducting business with ethics, the man leading the group firmly abides by CSR policy to function as a built-in, self-regulating mechanism whereby a business monitors and ensures its active compliance with the spirit of the law, ethical standards, and international norms.

Having nurtured the leadership skills in the best manner, he lends a helping hand to the society and the lesser privileged ones. He embraces the responsibility of the group's actions and encourages a positive impact through its activities on the environment, consumers, employees, communities, stakeholders and all other members of the public sphere who may also be considered as stakeholders.

**“Dubai has already started to make progress in this area with the establishment of the Dubai Centre for Excellence in Islamic Banking and Finance”**







# SHARIEF HABIB AL-AWADHI

## TAKING FUJAIRAH TO GREATER HEIGHTS

As Director General of Fujairah Free Zone Authority, Mr. Al-Awadhi is responsible for turning vision and strategy into striking reality, as he is instrumental in developing lucrative investment opportunities to bolster the national economy by increasing commerce and industry activities

**M**r. Sharief Habib Al-Awadhi is a significant benefactor of growth and economic development in the Emirate of Fujairah. Mr. Al-Awadhi joined the free zone in 1991 and got promoted as Director General in 1996. He delegates authority at a departmental level to ensure that all areas of activity comply with the authority's established policies and directives while working toward a common goal. Mr. Al-Awadhi plans to continue dedicating his efforts to supporting the country's economic vitality and competitive strength.

Established in 1987 under government direction, Fujairah Free Zone Authority in the UAE is committed to supporting the national economy through the strategic attraction of foreign investments. Headquartered in Fujairah, the agency capitalizes upon the region's geographical proximity to major shipping routes to attract international entrepreneurs & business enterprises willing to enter the Middle Eastern markets.

Mr. Al-Awadhi was assigned a special 2-day mission to provide training on the topic, 'Workshop on Free Economic Zones' by the United Nations for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in Tajikistan.

### BUILDING CONFIDENCE & TRUST

Mr. Al-Awadhi feels that the development of the free zones has played a key role in the UAE's economy. He asserts that free zone companies have contributed to infrastructure like ports and airports, thus increasing movements of cargo, they have raised manpower, increased trade value, and the movement of banks, leading to expansion of business and foreign investment.

The numbers and the variety of investments in the UAE's free zones have proved that investment in free zones has a significant role in the Emirates' economy. This has built a foundation of confidence, trust and reliability. In Mr. Al-Awadhi's opinion, the half a million people that work in the free zones represent a significant amount of buying power and any type of investments in the free zone will yield a positive result.

Mr. Al-Awadhi feels that the same effects can be seen in the Emirate of Fujairah, which accommodates over 2,000 different companies. About 30% of these cater to the processing, manufacturing, and services sector. This has moved the small Emirate to the international stage as the activity through the port has increased, and the Emirate is playing a key role in the growth of the economy.

### FUTURISTIC & VISIONARY

Mr. Al-Awadhi believes that to raise the investment opportunities, location is of prime importance. Certain guidelines & infrastructure need to be considered before trying to accommodate opportunities. Fujairah, in Mr. Al-Awadhi's opinion, has the grounds for all activities & to achieve better results & greater contribution, companies willing to set base here must be selected.

Due to his futuristic approach, he thinks that branding is very important & wishes to develop Fujairah in such a way that its businesses contribute in East and West through either raw material or final product.

As per Mr. Al-Awadhi, Fujairah must have access to the international market for the development of companies in F&B, marine activities and petrochemicals.

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# HUSSAIN SAJWANI

## UNFOLDING CRAFTSMANSHIP

The Founder of Damac Properties, Mr. Hussain Sajwani is a man on a mission of persuading the world to empty their pockets investing in multiple figures at the real estate sector in Dubai. He was born to a middle-class, conservative family of Dubai

**M**r. Sajwani received his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Washington. He had a keen desire to acquire knowledge. Like many other vivacious young man, Mr. Sajwani wanted to pursue his career as a white collar professional. He wanted to work for regular hours.

According to his official biography, Mr. Sajwani stepped out for his further education in Baghdad at a medical college after scoring a government scholarship, but he did not complete the course and went to the US to pursue an engineering degree. But soon after that destiny and genetics intervened. Sajwani rediscovered his latent entrepreneurial talents while studying in the US. He then joined his father in a watch and pen store in creek-side Deira district where he worked for long hours.

He picked up the business related intricacies from his father, very early in life. He was a very observant child and drew inspiration from his father's hard work, amazing entrepreneurial skills and ambition through the stories of his success and failure.

Mr. Sajwani lost the zeal to join the family business after gathering the harsh experiences while working closely with his father, but the true spirit of entrepreneurship always prevailed. The rest as they say is history.

More than two decades in business, Mr. Sajwani is listed by most of the Arab press and businesses to be amongst the 50 richest Arabs in the world, with a net worth crossing \$2.1 billion. The first job of the multi-million dollar businessman was that of a contracts

manager. He left this job after a short period and joined Abu Dhabi National Oil Company as a subsidiary.

His own venture, DAMAC came into existence in 1982 and today Mr. Sajwani's hard work has raised the business to be an empire spanning 18 countries, with 7,000 employees that cover real estate, hospitality, industrial projects, investment, logistics and commercial trading.

The brand created by Mr. Sajwani is said to be the largest private real-estate developer in the region and is also expanding its horizon rapidly in North Africa, Jordan, Lebanon, Qatar and the Far East. The investment arm, Damac Invest, has more than \$1 billion in assets. Damac Holding also operates the largest catering company in the Middle East.

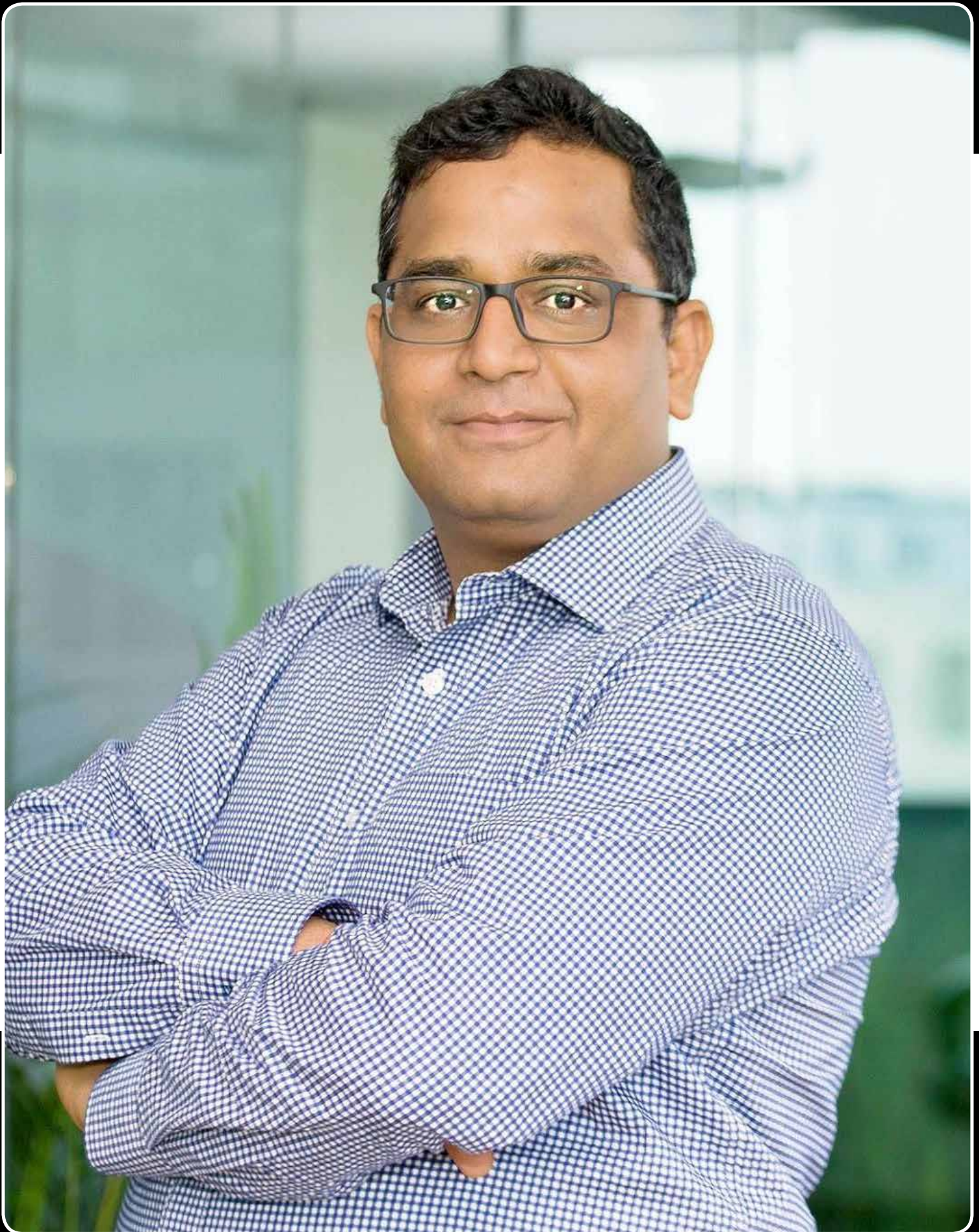
Mr. Sajwani invested in several other verticals, he established ZDICO Invets, an investment company, in the year 1992. He also found Al Jazeira Services Co SAOG which has a capitalization of over US\$125 million.

Hussain Sajwani is also a board member of the US and Emirates Takaful Company in Abu Dhabi. He also serves as the board member of Majan University College in New York. Presently, he has an approximate net worth of \$3.5 billion.

The brand built up by Mr. Sajwani, DAMAC Properties' goal is to be at the forefront of luxury real estate development. During this time we have strived to build a reputation for delivering the highest quality properties in Dubai and today are said to be the best in class amongst the Middle East's leading real estate developers.

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# VIJAY SHEKHAR SHARMA

## EXCEPTIONAL ENTREPRENEUR

In a world that rarely innovates, one of the best-in-class mobile applications turned the country's payment methods, highlighting the changing face of digital money, Mr. Vijay Shekhar Sharma is an iconic entrepreneur and his brand Paytm is new to none

**W**ith his brand valuing little over \$3 billion in the last financial year, Mr. Sharma's struggle during the most difficult times of his life has paid off very well. His journey has definitely not been a cake walk as he started with as low as Rs. 10 in his pocket, but as they say nothing comes easy.

The hard earned victory has many tales of tears hidden. A young boy hailing from a lower middle class family in Aligarh had always learnt to go achieve success step by step.

### DOMINATING THE TOUGH WORLD

Mr. Sharma was the topper in his school and got a bit lost in the transition while entering Delhi College of Engineering. He took a lot of time while settling down in Delhi as Mr. Sharma had completed his school education in hindi and thus did not know how to read and write in English.

Understanding the need of the hour, he started learning the language first and with the help of books, second hand magazines and his friends, he mastered the language in a way which few can.

With a never say die attitude, Mr. Sharma's modus operandi was to read a Hindi version of the book simultaneously with the English-one, a habit that ensured that he soon learnt to read two books at the same time! But it wasn't easy to say the least. The first-bencher in school slowly started gravitating towards the back benches, and in a short while, was so disheartened and disillusioned with his bad grades, mostly due to language constraints, that he completely

stopped attending college.

### EARLY START

The first ever company founded by Mr. Sharma was built while he was still studying in college. Joining hands with one of his batch mates Harinder Takhar, he built his company called Xs! Corporation, in the third year of graduation. His first venture was a web portal that offered web-guided services, including web directories, and was also a search engine.

They got seed money worth Rs 20,000 from Individual Angel Investor, a New Mexico-based venture capital fund. They were also able rope in two more of his batch mates into the venture. He finished college in 1998. It was this very company that fetched him Rs 50 lakhs which was distributed amongst four partners. Mr. Sharma's first venture was sold to Living Media India, which is now well known as the India Today Group. It was a color TV for his family that he first brought from his share, he also re-paid the debt that his father had taken to marry off his sisters.

With a motive to impact people's lives, Paytm was launched in December 2010. Today, with demonetization Paytm is one thing that every businessman is using. As per the data, paytm had crossed the 50 million mark way back in 2015 and is and recorded 1 bln transactions in 2016.

It is the vision of Mr. Sharma that has made Paytm to become India's largest mobile payments and commerce platform. The brand started as an online mobile recharge and bill payments portal and has an online marketplace today.

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# H. H. SHEIKH DR. SULTAN BIN MUHAMMAD AL QASIMI

## IMPECCABLE RULER

His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qassimi is a member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates, the Ruler of Sharjah, and President of American University of Sharjah. He has placed great emphasis on nurturing civic awareness, participation and social responsibilities

**T**he year 1972 witnessed the appointment of Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi as the ruler of Sharjah and an esteemed member of the Supreme Council. He is the 15th Ruler of the Emirate of Sharjah in the reign of the Al Qassimi rulers since the year 1630. As the Emirate leader, he has led the social, economic and cultural sectors.

His Highness has also invested a lot of efforts and resources to promote intercultural interactions and dialogues among the peoples of the world. He is known all around to be a strong believer in the importance of art and culture in bridging mind and soul of people across the world. With the same thought, he has come up with Sharjah Cultural Festivals, which bring out the Arabic and Islamic arts and culture to the cities around the world.

### BEYOND BUSINESS

His Highness emphasises mainly on nurturing civic awareness, participation and social responsibilities and has encouraged the establishment of many non-governmental organizations to promote social interactions between the communities and the government. He was the one to establish municipal councils in the cities and towns of the Emirate of Sharjah to decentralize the consultations between the communities and the different levels of government.

He has played the role of a leader who promoted the establishment and development of numerous organizations, museums, institutes and associations fostering culture, the arts and science, academia,

cultural and national heritage conservation, commerce, industry and agriculture.

He has actively participated to be a visiting professor at Exeter University, UK; Visiting Professor at Cairo University, Egypt; and Professor of Modern History of the Gulf at the University of Sharjah.

### KNOWLEDGE WELL

His Highness holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering from Cairo University, Egypt; a Doctor of Philosophy with Distinction in History from the University of Exeter, UK; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Geography from Durham University, UK.

His Highness is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees from universities around the world, including an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the American University in Cairo, Egypt; an Honorary Doctorate in Arts from University of Sheffield, UK; an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Tübingen, Germany; an Honorary Doctorate from the Armenian Academy of Science, Armenia; an Honorary Doctorate in Administration from McMaster University, Canada; an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, UK; an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy in Education from International Islamic University of Malaysia; an Honorary Doctorate in History from the Eastern Studies Institute, Academy of Russian Studies, Russia; an Honorary Doctorate in Arabic and Islamic Studies from Exeter University, UK.

He has also authored a number of important scholarly texts as well as plays, which have been translated in English, German, French, Spanish, Russian, Urdu.

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# ARUN MAMMEN

## DILIGENT INDUSTRIALIST

The brand MRF Ltd. is the first Indian company to export tyres to the US, the very birthplace of tyre technology. It is also the first company in India to manufacture and market Nylon tyres passenger tyres commercially



MRF's Managing Director Arun Mammen is the man who has built the brand to be a million dollar name with the brand equity being the key positioning factor. The very household name was a dream of K.M. Mammen Mappillai, who started with a small toy balloon manufacturing unit in a shed at Tiruvottiyur, Chennai.

In an age when you can buy anything and everything online, being the head of a manufacturing brand of a commercial product is nothing but a huge responsibility that has been successfully adhered to by Mr. Arun Mammen, the elder son of Mr. K.M. Mammen. He is the driving force behind ensuring brand loyalty in an extremely volatile market.

The success of the company can be well anticipated with it crossing INR 30 billion turnover mark in 2004.

### ENCOURAGING MOTORSPORTS

Under his guidance, the brand has been actively involved in motorsport for 25 to 30 years with a view to actively showcase the innovative technology. Also, motorsport is where one can demonstrate the tyre technology and there's a lot of testing and development that they do of the tyres in motorsport.

It further helps the brand to be on the edge of technology in whatever they do. In motorsport they can demonstrate so many different things, such as track to track, vehicle to vehicle, the tyres behave differently. There's so much technology involved in the same that it helps the brand understand the whole thing.

The brand has a separate motorsport division where

they have a group of people handling motorsport. The brand has also widened its scope to many sports right from go-karting, motocross as Mr. Mammen has diversified the range of tyre manufacturing in the company.

### DRIVING SUCCESS

Mr. Mammen has always been branding the company on several platforms; MRF FF1600 is the National Championship to look forward to. The man has been driving the same from past three years and has plans to continue doing it for long. The Championship is believed to be a stepping stone for young drivers who want to get into the platform of racing in the overseas market. There wasn't really a category of racing in India earlier for them to demonstrate the skill.

He strongly feels that one can't just jump from a small go-kart to say an overseas series. One needs an intermediate category to get into a higher category in the world market. That is why when they do the 1600 category, it helps the Indian drivers to learn and also to experience what single-seater racing is.

Apart from the 1600 category the company will also have the MRF 2000 which is really a championship they have probably managed to make the best in Asia. It is the fastest single seater car in the whole of Asia, in terms of speed and everything.

MRF also did the support series for the Indian GP for the last three years, and last year they took the championship to Bahrain for the first time. They went to Delhi, did the Formula 1 support races, then they went to Bahrain.

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# DR. RAM BUXANI

## MAN ON THE MOVE

Impresarios across the world must be salivating at the prospect of Dubai way back in 1959. It was scarcely more than a sleepy pearl-fishing community, “Simply a Desert” as Dr. Buxani would recall. After 58 years, Dr. Buxani’s Empire in Dubai is the envy of most businessmen around

**F**rom kick starting as a clerk at the mere age of 18 to heading the biggest and oldest businesses in the country, Dr. Ram Buxani is one of the most charming and ever-smiling businessman of the UAE.

Serving as the chairman of International Traders Limited Cosmos Group, or ITL Cosmos Group, Dr. Buxani has always liked Dubai’s idyllic setting and put down roots.

### RISE OF AN ENTREPRENEUR

With operations across the U.A.E., Oman and India, textiles account for around 30% of the diversified company’s revenues, but it also deals in banking, information technology and consumer electronics. Mr. Buxani is a major shareholder.

The brand ITL deals in textiles, electronics and home appliances, information technology and hospitality sectors, and is also well-celebrated for representing a wide number of global brands including Sharp, Rhythm and Fujitsu Siemens, among others, and for having over 500 dealers in the UAE and Oman.

Spurring its growth, Mr. Buxani is well-respected in the industry. In addition, he is also a director/board member for several other firms around the globe. Being a father of three daughters, and a grandfather to seven grandchildren, he is best described as a humble family man who lives every moment of his life to the fullest.

A deep-rooted man who never fails to amaze people with his chivalry, Dr. Buxani was born in 1941 in Hyderabad. After his father’s dismal at the age of 5, Dr. Buxani started quick in his career. At the early age he

was in Mumbai looking for a job so he could support his mother. He saw an advertisement in a local newspaper for a job as an executive assistant with International Traders Limited in Dubai and the rest is written in history.

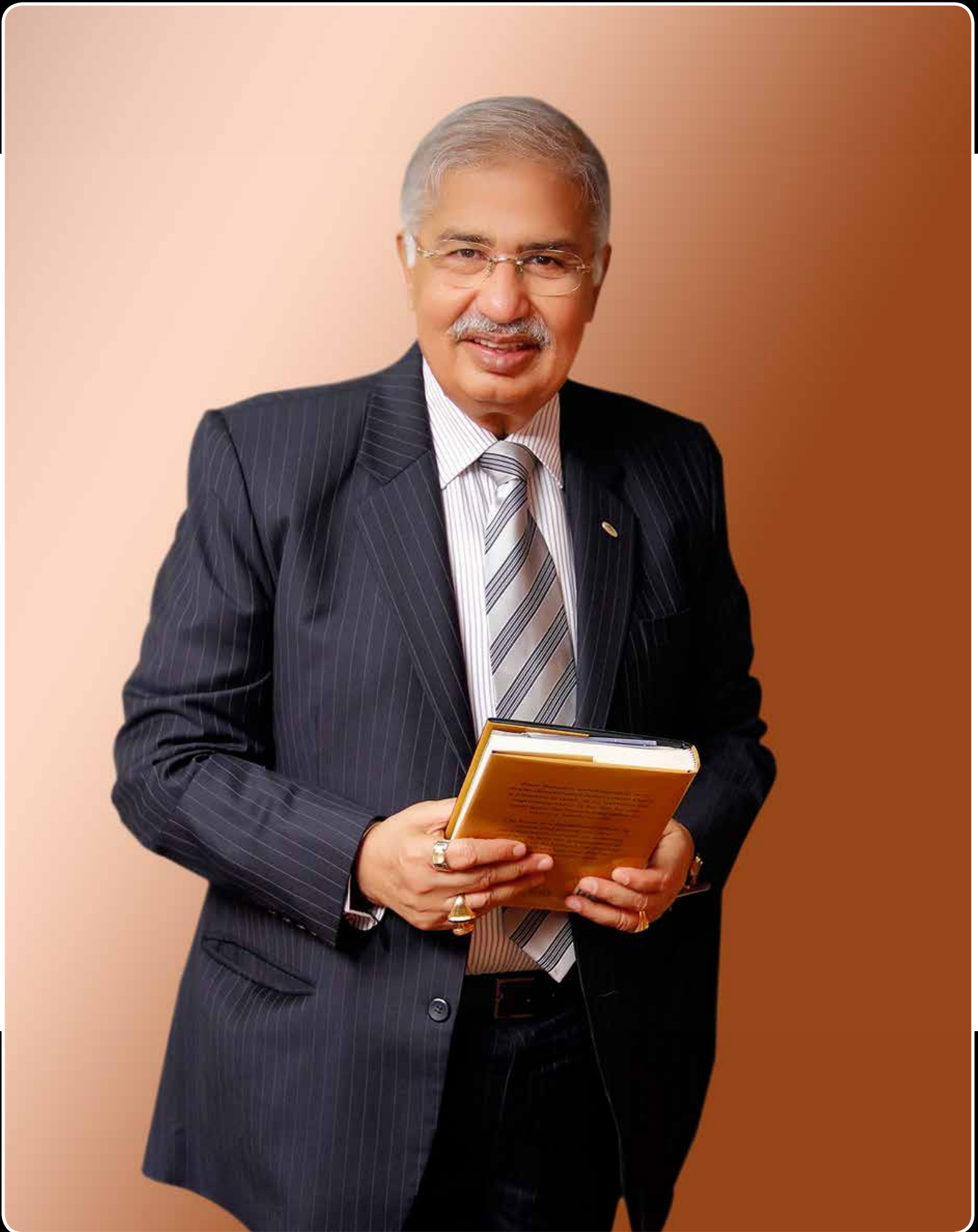
### CULTIVATING CIVILITY

Dr. Buxani’s name is synonymous to grit and determination, a quality required to succeed in the competitive city of Dubai. His achievements read like a credits sequence at the end of a movie with him having a hand in literally every aspect of the Indian community’s growth in the UAE. He is a prominent spokesperson of the NRIs and has played a key role in interacting with the Indian Government on their behalf. He is the Founder-Chairman of the Overseas Indians Economic Forum, a prime NRI organization which subsequently merged with the Indian Business & Professional Council.

He has also received a shield from the President of India for his contributions to the NRI community. His involvement extends to institutions like India Club Dubai, of which he served as chairman from 2012 – 2015. He earlier chaired the Club from 1990 to 1994. He was also chairman of the Indian High School Dubai from 2000 to 2004. He is a board member of Al Noor Training Centre for Children with Special Needs and is connected with various other charitable and voluntary organizations including Rotary Club of Jumeirah.

Back in the year 2004, Dr. Buxani was conferred a doctorate degree by Washington International University for his thesis ‘Governance of Dubai: The influence of tribal tradition in decision making, especially in the critical periods of the development of the city-state’.

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# H.E. MOHAMED ALI RASHED ALABBAR

## EMPOWERING TOMORROW

A global entrepreneur with active interests in high-value property development, retail, luxury hospitality, mining and commodities, Mohamed Alabbar is the founder and chairman of Emaar Properties PJSC

**H**e spearheads the growth strategy of Emaar, which has a presence in over 18 countries, with a focus on developing prime real estate, shopping mall and hospitality and leisure assets. Mr. Alabbar heads Emaar's joint venture with Giorgio Armani to set up the Armani-branded luxury hotel and resort chain in key international destinations.

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

He is also the Founder and Chairman of Africa Middle East Resources (AMER), which unlocks the value of natural resource opportunities in Africa and links them with large consumer markets in Asia. He is a board member of Eagle Hills, an Abu Dhabi-based investment and real estate development company that funds and develops large-scale projects in high-growth international markets.

Mr. Alabbar is the Chairman of Tradewinds Corporation, a premier leisure and hospitality owner-operator in Malaysia, focused on developing world-class real estate developments in the country and Southeast Asia. He is also the founder and major shareholder of RSH, the leading Singapore-based pan-Asian marketer, distributor and retailer of some 60 international fashion and lifestyle brands through more than 70 outlets in over 20 countries.

Despite that, Emaar still recorded a 35 percent profit growth in 2006, to \$1.735bn. Crucially, the company had diversified, effectively going from home builder to dream builder. In his results statement on January 30 2007, Alabbar looked back at the previous twelve months as a

"defining year", adding that his international expansion and diversification strategies were "coming to fruition."

"I remember when we opened, our sales were not good. First of all, maybe we were little too early. Secondly, people didn't trust us because they didn't know us. People preferred that they deal with possibly somebody with a track record. Or probably they didn't understand this thing of living on a golf course or a community," he says.

### REDEFINING PANACHE

Mr. Alabbar sits on the board of Noor Investment Group, an affiliate of Dubai Group, the leading diversified financial company of Dubai Holding. He is also a member of the Dubai World Expo 2020 Preparatory Committee. He was the founding Director General of the Dubai Department of Economic Development (DED), and served as a member of the Dubai Executive Council and Dubai Economic Council.

"The reason is mainly the idea of taking decisions for you to enhance your quarterly results, or your annual results, besides keeping in mind the long-term value creation of what you need to do and what you create for the company, is something I am struggling with. We need to make decisions based on this year's profit being better than last year's profits. Sometimes if I could just shift things around, the year after that will probably be so much higher by strategically not making certain moves in this year."

A graduate in Finance and Business Administration from the Seattle University in the US, Mr. Alabbar also holds an Honorary Doctorate from the University.

**"He was the founding Director General of the Dubai Department of Economic Development (DED), and served as a member of the Dubai Executive Council"**

# HARI MOHAN GUPTA

## INGENIOUS AND ENLIGHTENED POLYMATH

Mr. Hari Mohan Gupta, a master of observation, an ardent humanitarian, an embodiment of wisdom and icon to the youth, has proudly risen above the rest with his intense stoicism, astuteness and decisiveness. This has empowered him to be a path breaker who has always seen great opportunities in a difficult situation

**A** life committed to illuminate 100s of others by spreading the light of education, performing selfless acts, providing exemplary leadership and following ethical business practices- these words aptly sum up the persona of Mr. Hari Mohan Gupta, Chairman of the prestigious Jagran Social Welfare Society, Bhopal.

### HEARTY HUMANITARIAN

Motivated by the vision of educating & empowering the children of the society & realizing multitudes of other social objectives, Mr. Gupta is assiduously dedicated to provide world-class education to masses at affordable cost. He also endeavors to build an equitable & fair society, with equal opportunities and better prospects for all. He aspires to provide wings to the dreams of young learners so that they can pursue their goals & achieve their dreams. The passion to contribute to the building of a new and modern India, reverberating with pride, enthusiasm, equality & contentment, has catalyzed Mr. Gupta to walk many extra miles and leading a selfless existence.

He believes that the future of the country lies in the tender hands of our children who will be the harbinger of change. Thus, he has established 3 Delhi Public Schools (Neelbad, Bhopal; Indore and Kolar Road, Bhopal); the acclaimed Jagran Institute of Communication & Management, Bhopal; the internationally renowned Leeds Met India – offshore campus of Leeds Metropolitan University, Leeds, UK; and above all, the prestigious Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal, where best possible technology-driven teaching facilities can be found.

### MAGNIFICENT LUMINARY

As a beacon of light for the deprived and marginalized children, he has endeavoured to include them, enable them and uplift them to compete and share similar platform with the privileged ones. Shiksha Kendras which are at par with other modern schools is a step in this direction. These academic institutes benefit the underprivileged students by providing them world-class education from Class I to XII, in an all encompassing system with freefee-ship, free books, free uniforms & free transportation facilities. This has resulted in 1000s of such students rubbing shoulders with the mainstream students in India & abroad. Moreover, in this process, with his prudent and prodigious vision, he has created a secured future for every youth.

As an entrepreneur, he has led his organizations and ventures with ingenious business sense & innovative spirit. His dynamism, optimism, steadfast belief in his team & prescience makes him a living legend & a true leader to emulate. He was honored as “Education Evangelist of India” in 2013, a testimony to the impact he has created on the society. He attributes his success to working selflessly, striving for excellence, keeping faith in God, & believing in “You are your only limit.”

He has received numerous personal and professional adulations & accolades, and has emerged as a mass leader. Humility and simplicity are the hallmarks of his personality which have accredited him to shine luminously as an epitome of goodness & selflessness.

Mr. Gupta’s Midas touch has nurtured the youth to flourish as literate human resource, capacitating them to be the agents of change.

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# SUNNY VARKEY

## MILLION-DOLLAR EDUCATOR

Sunny Varkey is the Founder and Executive Chairman of the GEMS Education Group. He is a passionate education entrepreneur who is the driver behind GEMS' mission to advance education for all. He is an educators first, and is driven by a single purpose to put quality education within the reach of every student



In 1959, Sunny Varkey developed a gene knockout platform for producing the next generation of educational institutes. He initiated reform in the educational sector to poverty, prejudice and conflict around the world. With a view to find remedies to world education challenges, he has teamed up with some of the major brands like World Economic Forum, Microsoft, UNESCO, and The Clinton Global Initiative.

He has gained fame for his visionary's ambition and campaigning efforts and was also named as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Education Partnerships. Varkey has a focused vision of delivering the best in education to the students across the globe.

Mr. Varkey has led the brand not with mere 55 years of experience put together, but nurturing GEMS Education at the forefront of education leadership around the world. It's the collective experiences of all the people ever connected with the brand. It is one brand that enables you to meet the expert practitioners who serve on the governance board, as advisors and as partners. Together they are creating the future of learning.

Along with the mindset of running a flourishing business, Varkey the India-born entrepreneur also the founder of the Varkey Foundation aims to improve access to quality education around the world. Last year, he came up with the concept of the Global Teacher Prize, a \$1m competition that seeks to raise the status of teaching.

### HONOUR & ACCOLADES

Sunny Varkey was felicitated with an award of

distinction for his service to education industry by the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education. The Indian Government also honoured him in 2009 with the Padmashri Award, one of the highest civilian honours, and the Rajiv Gandhi Award for Eminent Educationist in 2008.

### GIVING PLEDGE

The 10 new signatories to the Giving Pledge also name Varkey, the founder of private sector schools operator GEMS Education, and his wife Sherly, Brazilian real estate developer Elie Horn and his wife Susy, and Turkish-born yoghurt entrepreneur Hamdi Ulukaya.

According to a statement given by Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, when they started the Giving Pledge five years ago, they had no idea they will get this many people to come together. It has really grown, first in the US but more recently all over the world.

The world's richest man, Bill Gates created the Giving Pledge five years ago with Warren Buffett, initially to target US-based billionaires. It expanded overseas in 2013 from an initial 40 families in the US to now 137 signatories in 14 countries.

In a recent statement by Varkey, he stated that he is delighted to sign the Giving Pledge. He is fortunate that he grew up in a family where charity was ingrained in us from a very early age. Even when his father earned a small amount, a large portion was shared with the community they lived in, sometimes at the cost of their own comfort.

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# HUSSAIN JASIM AL NOWAIS

## SANS PAREIL STRATEGIST

Continuously creating investment opportunities that will help the nation in its journey towards sustainable development and economic diversification, Mr. Hussain Jasim Al Nowais has reaffirmed to all his stakeholders about his commitment to contribute to the industrial success of Abu Dhabi

**A** man of responsibility and ever ready to shoulder several responsibilities at a time, Mr. Al Nowais is the Founding Member and Chairman of Abu Dhabi-based ALNOWAIS Investments, Chairman of AMEA Power, Chairman of Waha Capital, Board Member of Rotana Hotel Management, Chairman of MENA Infrastructure Fund, Vice Chairman of Abraaj Capital, Chairman of Senaat, Chairman of Khalifa Fund, and Board of Trustees Member of Khalifa University.

### INIMITABLE EXPERTISE

An entrepreneur and unparalleled strategist of international repute, Mr. Al Nowais brings with him over 30 years of combined experience of working in business and public service, and being associated with numerous nations and industries, including banking & financial services, investments, heavy industries, petrochemicals, energy, construction, hospitality and real estate.

Born and raised in Abu Dhabi, UAE, he made his first crucial learnings from his self-made businessman father. Entrepreneurial blood running in his veins, he began his career as an entrepreneur, and established his first company in 1979.

Mr. Al Nowais earned his BS degree in Finance from Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon & Executive Management courses at INSEAD-France and LBS.

Several years of entrepreneurial skills have helped him understand in depth the world economy and how it relates with the Abu Dhabi economy and the strategies of the various companies he manages. For instance, as

the Chairman of Senaat, the UAE's largest industrial conglomerate and a prime mover in implementing the Abu Dhabi government's industrial diversification policy, in cooperation with public and private sector investors, he has established strategic partnerships in large-scale capital-intensive industries, meeting local, regional and international market demands.

In the capacity of Board of Trustees Member of the Khalifa University, a science-focused university founded in 2007 in Abu Dhabi, he has also actively endeavoured to support a knowledge-based economy that will contribute to the state's post-oil future.

Senaat, under the proficient and well-managed leadership of Mr. Al Nowais is at the heart of the Capital's Economic Vision 2030 as also envisaged by the UAE President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi. The visionary Mr. Al Nowais has been the prime supporter of achieving a development model for the UAE.

### INTROSPECTIVE AND OPTIMISTIC

He believes that Abu Dhabi's economy will become stronger as "Business confidence in our country is high; government borrowings from the domestic financial system are low; & there is no external debt." He attributes the growth of Abu Dhabi's economy to its people.

He exhorts young entrepreneurs to build & acquire businesses with a long-term view for sustainability, well analyzing the volatile global markets & learning from them to be mindful of risk management, yet recognize the opportunities volatility brings.

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# PHILIPPE HAYDON

## THE MUSICAL MASTER

Having made profits for the brand over two decades, Philippe Haydon, President and CEO of Himalaya Drug Company has defined the brand to be transformed into a mainstream FMCG player

**N**ot resting a day on the laurels and rather using them as springboards is what Mr. Haydon has been doing from the very start of his tenure both as a corporate entity and a musician. His journey started from Ahmedabad in 1980 and is also the vocalist and lead guitarist of four-member blues rock band Ministry Of Blues.

When not making important decisions for the brand, Mr. Haydon's intellectual excellence and uninhibited fun can be seen coexisting harmoniously. He is striking the right chord between his responsibilities towards the brand and following his passion.

### CHANGED THE TUNE

Mr. Haydon is often quoted saying that he never wanted to be a pharmaceutical guy, but he did quit his band to focus at an early age of his job at Himalaya. He started as the company's youngest medical representative; he has spent 37 years with the company, becoming the youngest regional manager, zonal manager, sales manager, general manager and CEO.

Being one of the best vocalists playing in the city, and sharpening his skill with practice sessions every evening the talent has remained a secret to the company's 7,000 employees, with only six people aware of it.

Chairman of the Himalayan Drug Company, Mr. Meraj Manal has always encouraged Mr. Haydon to pursue his passion and has also gifted him close to half the 20-odd guitars he owns as birthday gifts.

In a recent interview with a leading media house,

Mr. Haydon stated "I have always had a bit of a split personality—a musician and a very serious business person. I believe in taking my work seriously and not myself." He dedicates his personal time to practice music, which involves "discipline" and "sacrifice", but adds, "It's the same with my job at Himalaya. We cannot dream of perfection unless we work hard for it."

### BRAND FINE TUNING

Under his esteemed leadership, Himalaya reorganized the pharmaceuticals business in 2007, with a view to compete better with rivals in the market. He broke up the single division into nine bits and ramped up hiring of salespeople to reach out to doctors who could then prescribe Himalaya products. The company now covers 450,000 doctors from just 100,000 in 2008. He was quoted saying "A doctor who meets 25 medical reps (representatives) on a day switches off after the second or the third. So if you want to sell 50 brands to the doctor, there's no way he's listening. To build credibility, you need verticals (divisions). After years, we're finally being viewed by the medical community as a company with specific products and not a general Ayurveda company."

Mr. Haydon never shies away from giving the due credit to his team. With an elaborate experience of 21 years in sales, he very closely understands the importance of having a strong sales team. It was the same year of reorganization of the brand when Mr. Haydon launched new products and business verticals, such as prescription-based oral care.

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# PNC MENON

## FORTITUDE BUILDING

There are only a handful of leaders across the globe who do not give up in difficult times but make best out of the worst. After losing his father at a tender age of 10, Mr. PNC Menon started with an early struggle to complete his education

**K**eeping just the right spirits intact, he kicked started his career with jobs catering to interiors and designing at small firms without taking any professional education. It was during this period that P.N.C Menon learnt some of the most important lessons of his life.

Until many years, the definitive brilliance of Mr. Menon was too often blurred around the edges. But he sharpened his skilled right, kept his edge and yielded the real estate's biggest bet. One fine day as they call it, Mr. Menon met a gentleman who asked him to settle in Oman. Understanding the scope of opportunities, Menon decided to take the risk to explore the totally unknown country. With just Rs 50 in his pocket, Menon went to Oman.

### SPINNING THE GAME

He entered the market of Oman in the year 1976 and it was within a time span of 8 years that Mr. Menon was ranked at the fourth position amongst many leading names of the region. The year 1986-87 saw his company named as The Services and Trade Group of Companies to become the industry leader and the legacy continues till date.

When he first entered the business, his competition were the European brands, which looked at him like an outsider who will never be able to fit in. It was only a few witching hours after which his company began to succeed and the rivalry took him with utmost seriousness.

The key factor that helped Mr. Menon achieve success was that he invested back whatever he earned into the

business. It took a lot of time for him to establish his enterprise in Oman and being a new businessman it was all the more difficult. It was like learning on the job with each passing day.

In 1986, he decided to be a full time builder. What he started doing was backward integration: from architecture to structural engineering to designs. This is what stands unique with the brand till date. They are probably the only backward integrated company of this size and type in the whole world.

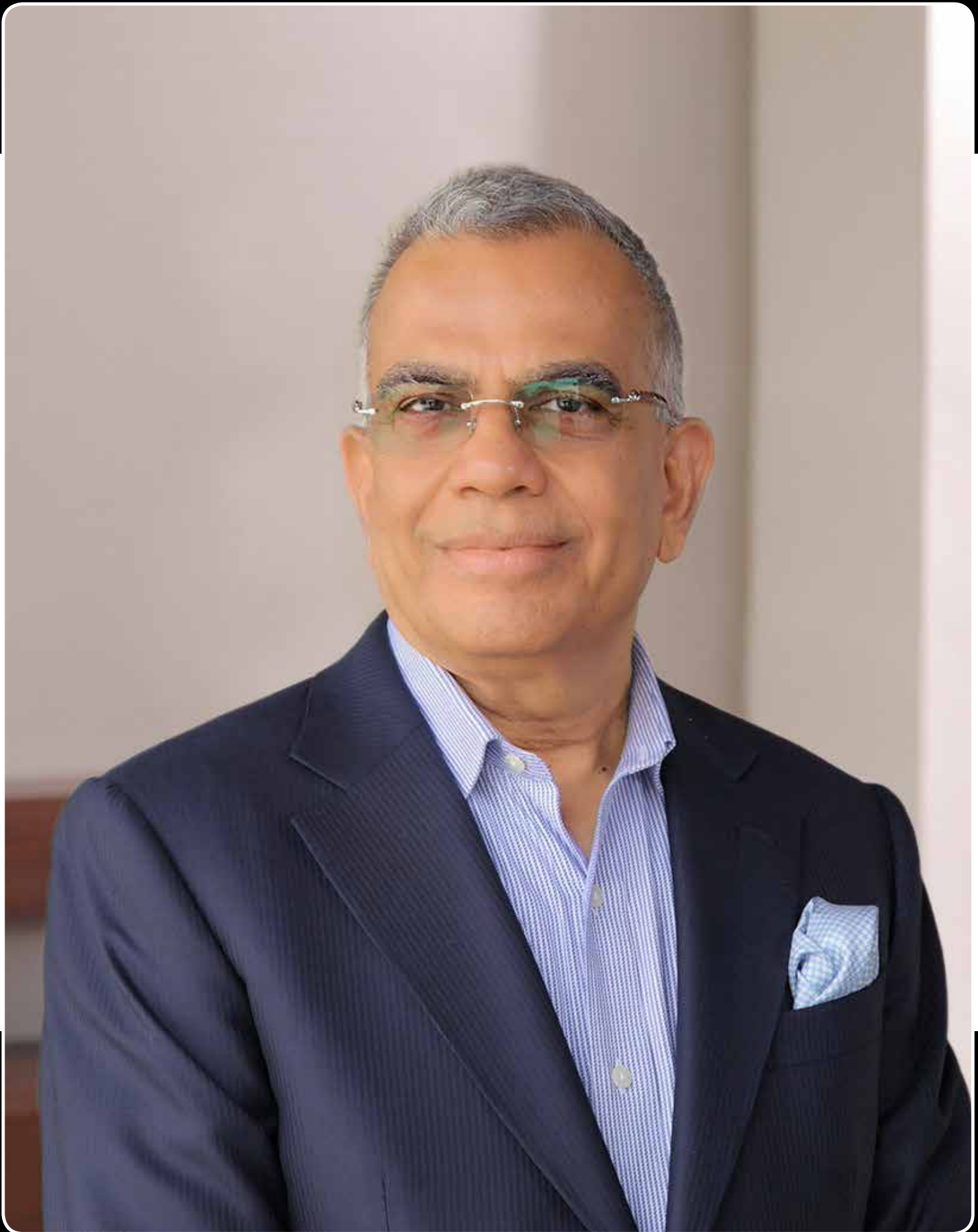
From there they started constructing factories to houses to even large commercial buildings and also private places in the Middle East. He was granted the citizenship of Oman after a decade and from there he moved to the United Arab Emirates.

### NURTURING THE ROOTS

He came back to India 14 years ago; the land seemed to diversify the geographical spread to him. He handpicked Bangalore to be his city in India; there he started Sobha Developers, which is named after his beloved wife. Having gathered and an extensive experience of constructing palaces in the Middle East, his success was well anticipated in his own land.

They have happily delivered more than ten commercial projects on turnkey bases, covering 1.85 million sq ft. around forty residential projects have been completed and about 32 are in the process of completion. They have also built many known projects on contractual basis, namely: Infosys, Timken, Taj, Mico, HP and Dell. They went public in 2006 and are Rs 1,500-crore brand today.

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# SHEIKH WALEED AL-IBRAHIM

## BUILDING COGNITIVE BUSINESS

Profoundly called as the leader who changed the face of Arab media, Sheikh Waleed Al Ibrahim is a man of substance. The Middle East Broadcasting Company is a brand unknown to none and its independent satellite broadcasting gave rise to a new entertainment era in Arabia

**T**he media group grew from humble beginnings in 1991 to become the Arab world's biggest TV broadcaster. Sheikh Ibrahim gave a new wave of entertainment to the Arab community around the world through fun, engaging and informative content.

Being the first private and non-encrypted free-to-air Arabic satellite channel, MBC TV was a pioneer in this domain, shouldering the responsibility of being creative and innovative with its content that is broadcasted to millions across the world.

### SUCCESS STREAM

Born and raised in Saudi Arabia, Al Ibrahim completed his higher education in America and returned to the Middle East to establish ARA Productions and Television Studios, his first endeavor in the world of media.

After the resounding success in the field of Television broadcasting, MBC extended its reach into radio broadcasting, by launching the first private radio station live on air, MBC FM, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The key to MBC FM's success is the local flavor of its content, tailored to popularly suit the Saudi society's tastes and values; combining Khaliji music, side by side with entertainment and poetry.

All these factors played a major role in helping MBC FM become the No. 1 station in KSA, enabling it to control the majority share of the local advertising market.

### COMMUNICATING ON CONCRETE MILESTONES

Driven by passion, Sheikh Ibrahim harnesses all the capabilities of the brand to not merely broadcast the

best news and shows in the world, but also to depart quality communication. It was his idea for MBC group to launch a new production company, "O3 Production", in 2002. The company specializes in the production and acquisition of programs, both for the group and/or independent customers. It is also considered as one of the top production companies specializing in high quality documentaries and shows in the region.

It was in the year 2007 that other milestones for the Group were achieved with the launch of the adrenaline packed channel, MBC ACTION, which offered the latest action packed movies, dramas and thrillers and became an instant success.

Since then, the channel has flourished and attracted a lot of Arab youth through its localized content that appeals to the passions of young Arab men. It went on to broadcast popular television shows such as Driven, the premier car magazine show which was launched on 23 November 2010 followed by Action Ya Dawry in 2011, hosted by Walid Al Farraj, which is regarded as the most controversial and influential Saudi league talk show. Desert Force events were launched in 2012 followed by the reality show desert force Al Academiya in November 2013.

Motivated by its commitment to provide and nurture the rising artistic talents, MBC established 'Platinum Records' in the same year, a company which operates under the slogan 'Creating the Stars', and is active in the entire Arab world. However, the company's work isn't limited to the discovery of new emerging talents, but also plays an essential role in the marketing of songs and music in the Arab world.

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# SHIV NADAR

## THE ILLUSTRIOUS INDUSTRIALIST

His persona needs no introduction as his name is enough to entice respect & admiration. Mr. Shiv Nadar, the well-renowned Chairman of HCL, is that Indian tycoon & pioneer whose contributions have transformed the tech market of the nation with path-breaking initiatives and high-end innovations

**E**ducation was the power that enabled him to bring a remarkable turn not only in his life but also in the business domain of India. Mr. Shiv Nadar utilized his power of education to be the torchbearer of the IT industry and also brightened up lives of thousands of people by presenting them the gift of knowledge through his philanthropic initiatives.

Today, his name is listed among the greatest tycoons of the business world known for their astonishing journey and commendable humanitarian steps.

### THE SPECTACULAR STORYBOARD

Mr. Nadar came from a small village Tiruchendur situated in Tamil Nadu. He received his initial education in Town Higher Secondary School. Later, he joined PSG College of Technology in Coimbatore and received a degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

His career journey began in the year 1967 when he began working at Cooper Engineering of the Walchand Group in Pune. As a great mind never rests on mediocrity, Mr. Nadar wanted to create something of his own and following his ambitions, he launched a company with six of his colleagues. Initially, his company manufactured products for offices such as copiers.

When IBM left India, Shiv Nadar grabbed the opportunity to fill the spot left behind. He effectively spearheaded HCL by launching the first computer in 1982. The rest they say is history!

Today, the company that was established as a garage start-up in 1976 to make microprocessors is one of the top software service providers of the nation.

### RENOWNED HUMANITARIAN

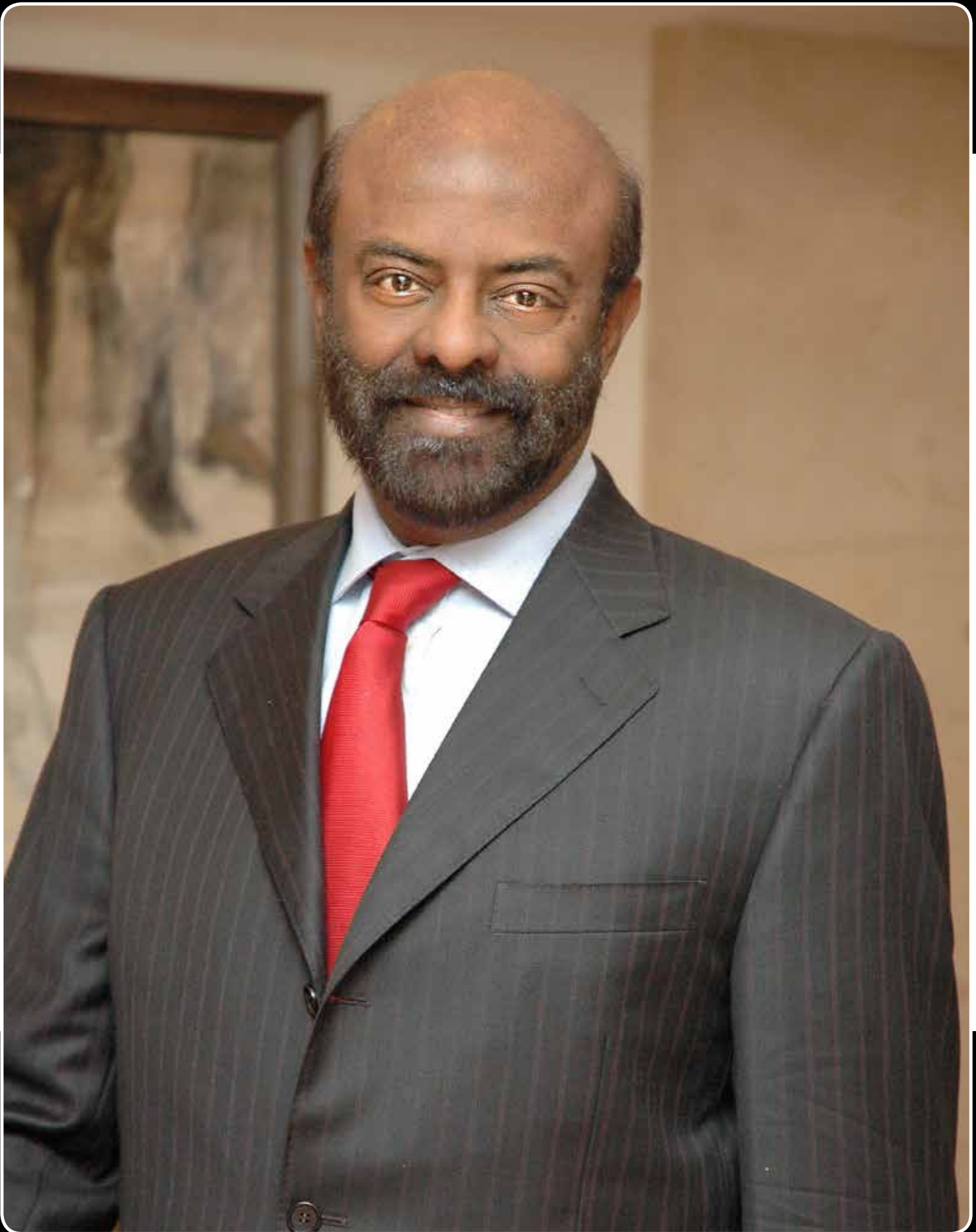
A sharp-witted yet generous soul, he has committed to keep aside well over 10 percent of his wealth for philanthropic endeavours. Mr. Nadar has also been named the most philanthropic Indian in 2016 by Hurun Research Institute. He has donated Rs. 630 crore to various charitable activities, including healthcare, through the Shiv Nadar Foundation.

This tech wizard completely understands the significance of education and therefore has decided to share the gift of knowledge with the nation. In 1996, he laid down the foundation of SSN College of Engineering in Chennai along with providing close to Rs. 1 million in shares. Going ahead, in 2008, he established the first of his various schools, namely, VidyaGyan in Bulandshahr of Uttar Pradesh. Today, there is a large chain of schools where free scholarships are provided for thousands of students across the region.

### GLISTENING ACHIEVEMENTS

Apart from getting matchless success in the tech field, he has also marked his name in other non-IT ventures. He is a member of the Governing Board of Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI). In 2005, he became a member of the Executive Board of ISB. His terrific work and contributions have been honoured with many awards and accolades. In 2008, he was felicitated with the Padma Bhushan, which is the third-highest civilian honour in India. Mr. Nadar was recognized as 'E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year' in 2007. In 2006, the AIMA gave him an honorary fellowship.

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# TIRAD AL-MAHMOUD

## BANKING ON TRUST

The Chief Executive Officer of Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB) Tirad Al-Mahmoud, is leading the world's fourth largest Islamic bank by assets with over 30 years of experience in banking and finance. Tirad is a prominent voice in the global debate on ethical banking, advocating a "back to basics" approach

**H**is ideologies puts client interests and a transparent and honest service culture at the heart of the banking industry. Tirad joined ADIB in 2008, leading the bank as it successfully navigated the global financial crisis.

ADIB is now the 3rd largest retail bank in the UAE with 88 branches locally and presence in Egypt, Qatar, KSA, United Kingdom, Sudan, and Iraq. Prior to joining ADIB, Tirad held the position of General Manager & Head of the Corporate and Investment Banking of the Samba Financial Group (formerly Saudi American Bank) based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 2004 to 2007.

He previously held various leadership positions during his 22 years with Citigroup, including stints as Chief Executive Officer for Citibank Romania and Slovakia. He was also Regional Credit Director for Citibank North Africa, and a Division Head at Saudi American Bank.

### COMMANDING IT CORRECT

He is a strong believer in leaders being defined by their followers. The essence of leadership is not something I've ever read a book about – real leaders have a clear vision, and the passion and hope to achieve it. The world out there is looking for someone who offers hope for better things to come, in business and in life.

A former Citibank executive, who joined ADIB in 2008, is talkative and direct but he knows where to strike for the kill. The bank, before Mr Al Mahmoud took charge of it in 2008, was small both inside and outside the country with a network of 40 branches and a balance sheet size of Dh35 billion. One of his first tasks as chief

executive was gathering all the bank's employees at a town hall meeting to lay out his vision of how they would improve customer service by getting back to the basics of Arab hospitality.

### THE GAME-CHANGER

Today, the bank has assets to the tune of Dh103.2bn and 77 branches. As for many UAE banks, last year was a good one for ADIB – it had a record profit of Dh1.45bn – as the UAE economy grew by more than 4 per cent. Following years of lacklustre growth in the aftermath of the global debt crisis, low interest rates and a spurt of government spending on infrastructure spurred companies to take out new loans to finance growth. Individuals also rushed to banks in order to get advantage of cheap money to buy property, cars and other big ticket items. ADIB expects the momentum to continue this year with single digit loan growth, Mr. Al Mahmoud said.

ADIB has also been expanding its reach outside of its borders into emerging markets as it prepares for the possibility of lower future growth rates in a crowded home banking market with more than 50 lenders. ADIB, which was established in 1997 and is majority owned by the ruling family of Abu Dhabi and sovereign wealth funds, has a presence in Egypt, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar and the UK and is also planning on entering the Maghreb.

He seeks inspiration from his father Mr. Marouf Rafiq Mahmoud, who believed very strongly in public service. He was a poet, a teacher of poetry and Arabic literature, a columnist for a newspaper

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# YUSUFF ALI M A

## BUILDING A CAPITAL EMPIRE

As he says, “business is not just about money, products or services, it’s all about people”, Mr. Yusuff Ali M A is a man who leads one of the biggest Gulf based brand, but has always kept welfare of the people to be his priority



With businesses in diverse verticals, the Managing Director of LuLu Group ranks amongst the top business personalities. Under his dynamic stewardship the brand is a synonym in the UAE retail market.

Mr. Yusuff Ali M A was born in 1955 in Nattika in the Thrissur district of Kerala. He left the country to turn his fortune in 1973 at an early age of 18 to join his uncle MK Abdullah in Abu Dhabi.

He developed the import and wholesale distribution of the group, and soon ventured into retail. Today, he is considered to be the world’s richest Malayalee, having a net worth close to \$4 billion. He runs the brand LuLu Group that generated over \$6 billion in revenue in the last fiscal year.

The Group owns 132 retail stores, mostly malls and hypermarkets, in 21 countries in the world. The group operates in the GCC, India, the U.S. and some countries in Africa, Southeast Asia and Europe. While the group began operations in and continues to be focused on retail, it has expanded to numerous sectors such as imports and exports, trading, information technology, tourism and education.

The businesses headed by Mr. Yusuff Ali M A have raised high on the success ladder with the acquisition of a global scale presence in Malaysia, Indonesia and India.

### BEING THE HOSPITALITY HOST

With hospitality as his next area of interest, the 60-year-old staked a claim on history after he entered into a \$170-million agreement with London-based property developer Galliard Homes to create a five-star hotel at

the site of the original Scotland Yard Police Station in London.

He has set up a separate hospitality arm, Twenty14 Holdings, to focus on acquisition and management of assets around the globe.

Mr. Yusuff Ali M A is a man lead by his astute business vision and strategic mind have evolved ambitious growth plans for the Group and ensured their materialization through a team of people who share his drive and dynamism. With his vision of expanding the hospitality arm to Europe, North America and India, the already elaborate Group is experimenting well in other sectors as well.

Recently, the company acquired a property at Business Bay in Dubai, which is expected to open in October. It also jointly with Al Hashar Hotel owns the Sheraton Oman Hotel in Muscat. “The future growth markets for us in the hospitality sector include Britain, West Asia, India and Southeast Asia,” a Lulu spokesman was quoted in Abu Dhabi’s The National.

As his website reads, “Yusuffali is very closely involved in many social, charitable and humanitarian activities both in India as well as in West Asia, and plays a vital role in fostering the interests of non-resident Indians and keeping intact the communal harmony among them

LuLu Group, with its 40,000 strong workforce from 37 different nations and operational bases extending over the UAE, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, China, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA, Spain, Brazil and India.

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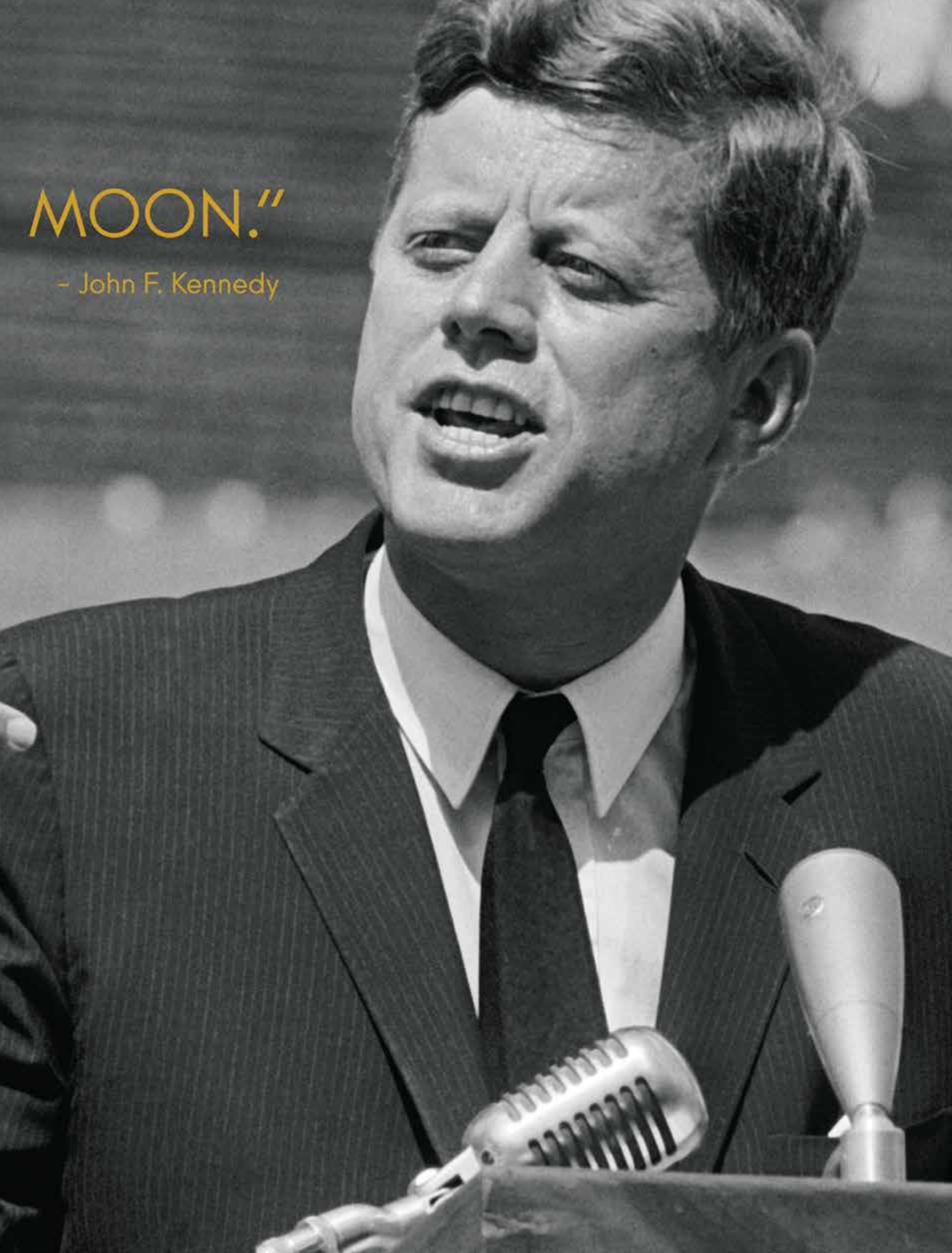


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# DR A V GURAVA REDDY

## INSPIRING GENERATIONS

With a mind set on purpose and soul determined to go extra miles, remarkable leaders write the saga of their success in golden letters. Dr Reddy has changed the course of his destiny through his assiduous deeds & remarkable contributions towards society

**A** renowned healthcare professional in the nation and a figure of inspiration for many, Dr A V Gurava Reddy, Managing Director of Sunshine Hospital, has strived hard with a dedicated spirit to be where he is today. Having performed over 30,000 knee-replacement surgeries in a span of 25 years, currently he does more than 4,000 surgeries a year.

### STORYBOARD OF SUCCESS

He pursued his Post Graduation at Sancheti Institute of Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation, Pune. Later, he moved to UK where he worked for ten years at Leeds, Exeter, and Liverpool Deaneries while earning a slew of degrees. From a child born in a middle-class family of Guntur to an achiever who is one of the leading doctors of India, Dr A V Gurava Reddy's journey is quite inspiring!

In the year 2001, he returned to his homeland with an aim to bring medical excellence for the people. He began his career in India by working at Apollo Hospital in Hyderabad for 5 years as Consultant Arthroplasty Surgeon. A major turning point of his life was when he established the Sunshine Hospital in 2009, and his entrepreneurial skills, dedication to serve people, and exceptional medical expertise helped him in taking Sunshine Hospital to new heights, spreading its wings across Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar. In a short span of time, his multispecialty institute has become the second-largest joint replacement centre in Asia.

### A PROTEAN PERSONALITY

Imparting skills has been a lifelong passion for Dr

Reddy, as he has trained over 500 young doctors who have taken joint replacement techniques to small towns and the districts. He teaches as a visiting faculty at various institutions and has also penned down various articles on healthcare.

A humanitarian by heart, he is also actively involved in various charities. Along with Dr Sivanarayana, a Neurologist, he has co-founded a free charitable foundation, namely, Gopalam Bramaramba Ramaswamy Foundation, which has been providing free treatment of Epilepsy, Stroke, Diabetes & Hypertension for 15 years. He is also the Founder Chairman of Manakosam Manam Trust whose objectives are in alignment with Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Dr Reddy also co-founded Laalana Welfare Organisation in 2009, which runs Residential Orphanage School-cum-Hostel in Hyderabad. His other trusts like "STOP (Society To Prevent) Accidents" & "Bhavanam Venkatram & Jayaprada Memorial Trust" help in empowering the society for a better tomorrow.

He has received national as well as international awards namely, 'Distinguished Doctor' Award by British International Doctors Association (for Medicine). He also received "Top Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgeon in India" Award from Leading Physicians of the World, USA. Former CM of Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Kiran Kumar Reddy, has felicitated him with Ugadi Puraskar.

Leaving everyone surprised with his unparalleled versatility, this 56-year-old idol plays many roles including that of an author, actor, and a radio jockey as well. With these multifaceted talents, Dr Reddy lives his life with immense passion while creating a happy tomorrow for others.

**“Passionate about imparting skills, Dr Reddy has trained over 500 young doctors who have taken joint replacement techniques to small towns and districts”**

# AKBAR SURA

## AN ILLUSTRIOUS LUMINARY

An influential figure, Mr. Akbar Sura is recognised across the world for his dedication and unwavering spirit that has taken his company to great heights. Despite achieving innumerable milestones already, he constantly perseveres to do better than the last time

**P**icking up the business from his ancestors, Mr. Sura has revolutionised the industry with his scrupulous efforts and dynamic approach. His work and products have been so spectacular that he has almost become omnipresent when it comes to receiving awards in functions. Rather, no award function is complete without a crest or a memento supplied by Crystal Gallery LLC. Currently holding the position of Managing Director of Crystal Gallery LLC, he has contributed tremendously to the industry with his innovative designs.

Always emphasizing on the perfect quality and unconventional formations of his company's products, he is acclaimed worldwide for not only winning many accolades, but also for his tenacious approach, impeccable management and his visionary ideas. His strenuous efforts have helped his company to achieve an inevitable position in the industry, and his strong leadership qualities have indelible impressions on his competitors and friends alike.

### WORTHWHILE ENDEAVORS

Established in 1975 in India, Crystal Gallery LLC has now become the largest supplier and producer of crystal products. After capturing the minds of their target audience in India, Mr. Sura expanded his business to the UAE, and opened his first store in the UAE in 1992, and since then the company has moved only up, and is now renowned as the world's largest producer of handcrafted crystal products.

He takes pride in the fact that Crystal Gallery LLC has become an indispensable partner for so many

industries over the years, and every time it has left its customers totally satisfied. Even Microsoft Corporation is included in their long list of prestigious clients, because they needed crystal certificates for their new headquarters. The superior quality of the products has attracted the audience all over the world, yet the products are marked at incredibly affordable prices. Mr. Sura is highly regarded for his special attention towards maintaining the superior quality of his products, as he feels that he doesn't sell products, he sells quality.

A virtuous leader and a distinguished entrepreneur, he is also venerated for his stable approach and high-mindedness, and has become an inspirational figure and a role model for innumerable young entrepreneurs.

### SLOW AND STEADY CAREER

He believes that crystal cutting requires the same level of expertise and precision that is needed for diamond cutting and polishing, and each and every piece requires ultimate smoothness & shine. The minute details of the designs need a lot of concentration & patience and for this he has even hired craftsmen from foreign lands.

The advent of Crystal Gallery LCC has taken the crystal industry to new & mind-blowing levels, which is evident by the fact that it has been recognized by a number of organizations and has been certified by bodies like Department of Economic Development, Dubai Quality Group, International Standardisation Organisation (ISO), Awards Recognition Association (ARA), etc.

Hailed as one of the biggest leaders of the contemporary times, Mr. Sura has already accomplished a disposition that takes years of hard work and perseverance.

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# DR BABU SHERSAD

## AN INGENIOUS LEADING LIGHT

With an impressive experience of more than 25 years in the healthcare sector, Dr Babu Shersad is one of the leading nephrologists and internal medicine specialists of the UAE. A philanthropist by heart, he has set up high-end dialysis centers in the region

**H**is heart gives him the courage to go greater miles to cure people and his mind gives him the best path to follow. Dr Babu Shersad is that luminary who has transformed the diagnostics industry of Dubai and has come up with the best technologies with ensuing accurate results. A passion for building and setting up dialysis centers in deserving regions internationally filled his heart and he embarked on his incredible journey. The most important step towards this journey was the establishment of Dubai's first private dialysis center in the year 2001 at Welcare Hospital.

Edging forward with a more strengthened vision, Dr Shersad went on to lay down the foundation of the First Medical Center in Dubai where he also served as the CEO and Medical Director till 2013. More recently, Dr Shersad initiated and set up the standalone dialysis center at Dubai Healthcare city in 2014, and currently serves as the Group Medical Director of AMSA Renal Care which now runs dialysis units at multiple international locations.

### PURSUING PEARLS OF EDUCATION

He claimed the highest position in the MD examination in Internal Medicine at Kasturba Medical College in 1990 in Mangalore. A fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Glasgow, he also received his fellowship in Nephrology at University of Chicago under Prof. Frederic Coe. Dr Shersad was also recognized as a special candidate for superior performance by the American Board of Internal Medicine during his Residency in Internal Medicine at Wayne State University, Detroit.

He is a fellow of the American Society of Nephrology & Member of American College of Physicians & ERA-EDTA (European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association). He is also a Fellow of the International Medical Sciences Academy, and is also American Board certified in Internal Medicine (1997) and in the subspecialty of Nephrology (1999).

### HUMANITARIAN DISSEMINATION

This public-spirited personality does not restrict his philosophy to the premises of his centers, but steps ahead in the real world treating the poor and needy in India, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Dubai. For his humanitarian initiatives, he presents a beautiful message of love and peace across the international boundaries. An experienced speaker, Dr Babu Shersad uses his words to inspire and educate people to be naturally healthy and introduces them to the world of integrated healing.

This Good Samaritan puts his patients first & is a vocal advocate for altruism in the medical practice. Utilizing his position, he takes every possible opportunity to contribute to several community outreach programmes. He is also actively involved in several charity programs & is currently on the medical expert panels of news media.

Dr. Shersad has published several research articles, and acts at the forefront of changing community perceptions and creating health awareness. He was named the best personality of the year by 'Seven Days' in 2009. He has also been recognized with awards like 'MediBiz TV Special award' and 'Middle East Healthcare Leadership Award 2016'.

**“This public-spirited personality takes his humanitarian philosophy to the real world, treating the poor and needy in India, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Dubai”**

# ASHOK KUMAR AGGARWAL

## IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

With a focused attitude and commendable leadership qualities, Mr. Ashok Kumar Aggarwal has built an outstanding career interspersed with several accolades for his determination, grit and courage. His ingenious ways of overcoming challenges has inspired countless youngsters in his distinct calling

**T**aking pride in the fact that his strength lies in building an efficient team, Mr. Aggarwal entrusts them with taking important decisions and maintaining complete transparency in the office environment. Founder-cum-Managing Director of HPM Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd., Mr. Aggarwal has become a youth icon because of his mind-blowing career trajectory. With an experience of more than 45 years, he has always tried to share his insights and lessons learnt during his struggling days with his team members and colleagues.

Believing in an imposing philosophy that, "When one starts working with me and when one finishes, I want one to feel one's career has progressed," he has arduously focused on creating independent leaders. Consequently, he has inevitably empowered his employees with major responsibilities and in the process has proved that it's the employees of an organization which can take any business to great heights. He stands out as an evergreen leader and a guide utterly dedicated and having clear-cut approaches to make sure that his employees outshine and perform well even in stressful situations to achieve the difficult and impossible.

### INSPIRING AND PIONEERING

Mr. Aggarwal is a leader, who creates path-breaking records for posterity and inspires millions in the country. He greatly regards his father, who was his constant source of inspiration and helped him become a great leader. He feels truly obligated to his father for teaching him the principles and values of life, helping him to remain grounded and break his own pre-

existing records. His father's way of dealing with his staff members had helped him to develop a strong and understanding relationship with his team members.

His in-depth knowledge of the industry and experience has helped him to stay relevant in this competitive world. He lays special emphasis on corporate social responsibility, and feels that his highest career point was when his employees participated dedicatedly in a CSR initiative rolled out by his company. With a vision to move with the times, he is excited about digitizing his company, since the efficiency of all the departments has increased by 20% after the launch of company-wide e-filing system.

### ETHICAL AND INSIGHTFUL

Like any other successful entrepreneur, he also wishes to take his company to great heights but without compromising with his morals and values. He wants to expand his business in all countries and provide quality agri-solutions while not only preserving but also contributing to the environment. He wants the worldwide presence of HPM Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. to accelerate the company's growth financially, and act as a catalyst in boosting the confidence of its employees. He is committed towards integrity and ethical dealings with all his clients, which has greatly helped him in building long-lasting relationships.

He opines, "I have lived by a single mantra, that is if you cannot do great things, do small things in great ways." His straightforwardness and fixated approach has swept a lot of budding entrepreneurs by their feet, giving them major life goals.

**"He feels truly obligated to his father for teaching him the principles and values of life, helping him to remain grounded and break his own pre-existing records"**







# SANGITA REDDY

## THE PIONEER OF PRIVATE HEALTHCARE IN INDIA

Ms. Sangita Reddy is the Joint Managing Director of the Apollo Hospitals Group. Widely acknowledged as the promoter of the avant-garde in Indian private healthcare and a proponent of integrated healthcare, Ms. Reddy has helped Apollo Hospitals touch the lives of millions from about 140 countries

**M**s. Sangita Reddy had formally joined the Apollo Group in 1983. She drew inspiration from her father and Founding Chairman, Dr Prathap C Reddy whose mission was to bring healthcare within the reach of every individual in the country.

A BSc graduate from the Women's Christian College in Chennai, Ms. Reddy also holds a post-graduate degree and has done executive courses in Hospital Administration from the National University of Singapore, Rutgers University and Harvard University.

### INGENIOUS AND VISIONARY

It was under her confidently led stewardship that Apollo Hospitals in Hyderabad bloomed as Asia's first Health City—an example that helped develop multi-dimensional holistic healthcare in India. An active participant of the founding team, she contributed immensely in the initial years of Apollo Hospitals as Executive Assistant to Chairman, CEO, Apollo Hospitals, Chennai and helped in evolving a patient-centric and process-driven culture.

Ms. Reddy is passionately committed to evolving healthcare using effective and efficient technology. Under her able leadership, Apollo has emerged as a recipient of three consecutive ICT achievement awards.

Instrumental in the Group's retail and primary healthcare expansion, Ms. Reddy has made giant efforts in promoting services and operations at Apollo Health and Lifestyle Ltd., having healthcare retail service formats such as family health clinics, diagnostic centres, birthing boutiques & maternal health centres, ambulatory surgery centres, dental spas and diabetes

management facilities. In addition to strengthening the care continuum, Ms. Reddy introduced Apollo Home Care for the provision of trusted medical care in the comfort of patients' homes and Apollo Elder Care to provide customised geriatric care.

Moreover, cognizant of the acute need for well-trained manpower, she has also led a partnership between Apollo Hospitals & NSDC, with a goal to employ half a million individuals before 2020.

### ENTERPRISING LUMINARY

She works with industry bodies and the GOI on various aspects of policy development and public health. A fervent champion, both believing in and strongly implementing the welfare of all through a global delivery model comprising rural hospitals, outreach camps and telemedicine, Sangita is actively engaged with governments to provide innovative health services harnessing digital platforms.

Ms. Reddy has also helped promote interests of the business community as the Chairperson of FICCI for the states of Telangana & A.P., & as its National Head of Healthcare. She has also been a part of the policy-making team of our country as an elected Member of the Steering Committee on Health for the 12th FYP (2012–2017) under the erstwhile Planning Commission.

She's a recipient of various prestigious awards for business & leadership. However, her mainspring is her resolute commitment to bring revolutionary changes in Indian healthcare making it much more accessible, affordable and truly inclusive. She is a true visionary & a motivational figure for millions across the country.

**“Ms. Reddy is a driving force for the eHealth initiatives & has enabled Apollo to emerge as a recipient of three consecutive ICT achievement awards”**

# BOO-KEUN YOON

## RAISING THE BAR

Samsung's Visual Display Business President and General Manager, Mr. Boo-Keun Yoon is one man army running a broad portfolio of devices, including TVs, monitors, blu-ray players and other connected consumer digital products

**U**nder his leadership, the division has maintained its No.1 status in terms of global market share for TVs, monitors, and blu-ray players. In addition, he has successfully led several efforts to commercialize market-leading innovations such as Samsung's LED TV in 2009 and, most recently, the company's total 3D entertainment solution – a full product suite consisting of TVs, blu-ray home theater systems and glasses that makes it possible for consumers to enjoy 3D content in the comfort of their homes.

### EARLY DAYS

Mr. Yoon has a diverse background along with consumer electronics which goes back to 1978, when he joined Samsung Electronics as a TV Engineer. In 1991, he was named Engineering Manager for Samsung Germany, where he managed product development for Samsung's TVs in the European market. It was in 2003, four years after earning the title of Vice President, that he was appointed to head the Visual Display R&D team.

In 2007, Mr. Yoon was promoted to Executive Vice President and placed in charge of Samsung's Visual Display business. Since he assumed this role, Samsung's TV revenue has doubled and the company has extended its leading market position across a number of categories around the world. Mr. Yoon holds a B.S. in Electronic Engineering from Hanyang University.

### BUILDING BRAND EQUITY

In 1992 Samsung became the sole leader in the

production of memory chips in the World and was second behind Intel in the chip-making industry. In 1995 their years of research paid off as they were able to create the first LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) screen. This revolutionized the television hardware industry and brought millions of dollars in profits for Samsung as all the other companies had to pay Samsung royalties to use their technology.

2016 was a big year for Samsung in terms of the IoT. As well as partnering with MTS and Nestle to explore opportunities in 5G and digital healthcare respectively, the Korean technology giant announced a four-year IoT R&D plan to the tune of \$1.2 billion and launched the Artik IoT cloud service.

Looking forward, Yoon suggested that 'connectivity' would also be a key concept for the company's consumer business in the coming years. He said that Samsung is aiming to make all home appliances and digital devices interconnected through Wi-Fi controllable with a single, integrated application. The aim is to realize this ambition by 2020.

Samsung is set to explore even more IoT opportunities over the coming months and years, after a statement of intent from CEO Yoon Boo-Keun this week. The moves will cover its already successfully connected device business, further R&D and acquisitions of technologies and operators both globally and domestically.

"Though the IoT business has not been flourishing yet, we are gearing up for the IoT era by developing platforms, devices and sensors while acquiring businesses like Viv Labs, Joyent and Harman," Yoon said during a press conference in Las Vegas.

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# DR DINESH KAPOOR

## THE FITNESS TSAR

Having participated extensively in sporting events since he was a child, Dr Dinesh Kapoor heads India's favourite brand in home and commercial segment, Fitness World. Consequently, he has played a significant role in making India self-efficient in the world of fitness

**D**r Dinesh Kapoor is a name to be reckoned with in the fitness and wellness industry. He is committed towards taking India to a fitter future. With his company providing the best-in-class equipment, it seems that his vision of a fit India will soon be a reality.

### THREE DECADES IN THE MAKING

Even as a child, Dr Kapoor was conscious about living a healthy life. From his school to college, he always kept himself involved in sports events. Realizing very early in his life that India lacked when it came to having enough and good fitness and sports paraphernalia, he started working towards a mission to make India efficient in the fitness world.

He travelled extensively to different countries in his quest to find quality fitness tools and technology, and in the year 1993 decided to import equipment from Taiwan and Korea. That was 24 years earlier, and today Dr Kapoor has succeeded in setting up a colossal business conglomerate single-handedly.

### THE FARSIGHTED TYCOON

Dr Kapoor always had the vision to see things others couldn't envision. His passion for fitness fused with his desire to help people reach the optimum of their health, and eventually led him to form Fitness World.

His infinite perseverance & keen business acumen, coupled with his deep determination, have inspired him to walk on an untreaded path and find success doing something no one before him thought of doing.

Under his powerful leadership, Fitness World has

made an indelible footprint across India and has facilitated health management through its range of fitness equipment and accessories. Apart from importing equipment, the company now has launched its own range of workout machines. With a belief that technology, when blended with fitness equipment, could bring amazing workout experience to the user, Dr Kapoor makes sure that people get the best fitness apparatus.

Helping gym owners realise their dreams of setting up their own gym, Fitness World has also initiated gym setup services. From planning the setup to choosing the right fitness equipment, Fitness World is always on the top when it comes to gym installation. Its Dr Dinesh's sheer willpower and dedication towards fitness that a company which started with the launch of a mere slimming machine in 1993, today has more than 500 equipments of renowned domestic and international labels. With a widespread network with over 112 dealers, a firm base of more than 4000 fitness facilities & over 4 million satisfied customers, he keeps over 6 lakh homes healthy, & the numbers continue to grow.

### SOCIALLY INCLINED

Dr Kapoor has deep interest in the growth of society. He is a member of Rotary and Lions Clubs, & has held various designations in their executive bodies. He holds the Presidentship of the Traders Association of Sporting Goods and Exercising Equipment, & keeps on undertaking CSR activities on a regular basis. He is also a regular blood donor and keeps participating in social and sporting events such as marathons.

**“Dr. Kapoor’s passion for fitness fused with his desire to help people reach the optimum of their health, and eventually led him to form Fitness World”**

# DARIUS ADAMCZYK

## RESONATE ENTREPRENEUR

The President and CEO of Honeywell, Darius Adamczyk was elected to be amongst the Company's Board of Directors in 2016. Previously, he served as Honeywell's President and Chief Operating Officer and was responsible for driving continued profitable growth of the Company's operating businesses

**P**rior to this role, Adamczyk served as President and CEO of Honeywell Performance Materials and Technologies (PMT), a global leader in the development of high-performance products and solutions, including low global warming refrigerants, specialty films for healthcare and photovoltaic applications, leading technologies for the global refining and petrochemicals industry, and process solutions with \$9.3 billion in revenue in 2015.

### SERVING THE EMPIRE

"Darius' election to Honeywell's Board of Directors is another important step in his transition to CEO in 2017," said Honeywell Chairman and CEO Dave Cote. "Darius' independent thinking, proven growth track record, and strategic insights into Honeywell's business strategies, its global operations, and strengthening position as a software-industrial company are already contributing to Honeywell's success. His election in advance of his becoming CEO is a strong statement of support by the Board in Darius' development as the future leader of our company and their confidence in his ability to continue our track record of success."

He also served as President of Honeywell Process Solutions (HPS), one of the world's leading suppliers of automation and control systems designing advanced software solutions that control and optimize refineries, oil and gas installations, pulp and paper mills, chemical, pharmaceutical, and power plants around the globe. HPS was incorporated into Honeywell PMT under Adamczyk's leadership.

Adamczyk has led the brand Honeywell to be a Fortune 100 diversified technology and manufacturing leader, serving customers worldwide with aerospace products and services; control technologies for buildings, homes, and industry; turbochargers; and performance materials.

### INNOVATIVE BRANDING

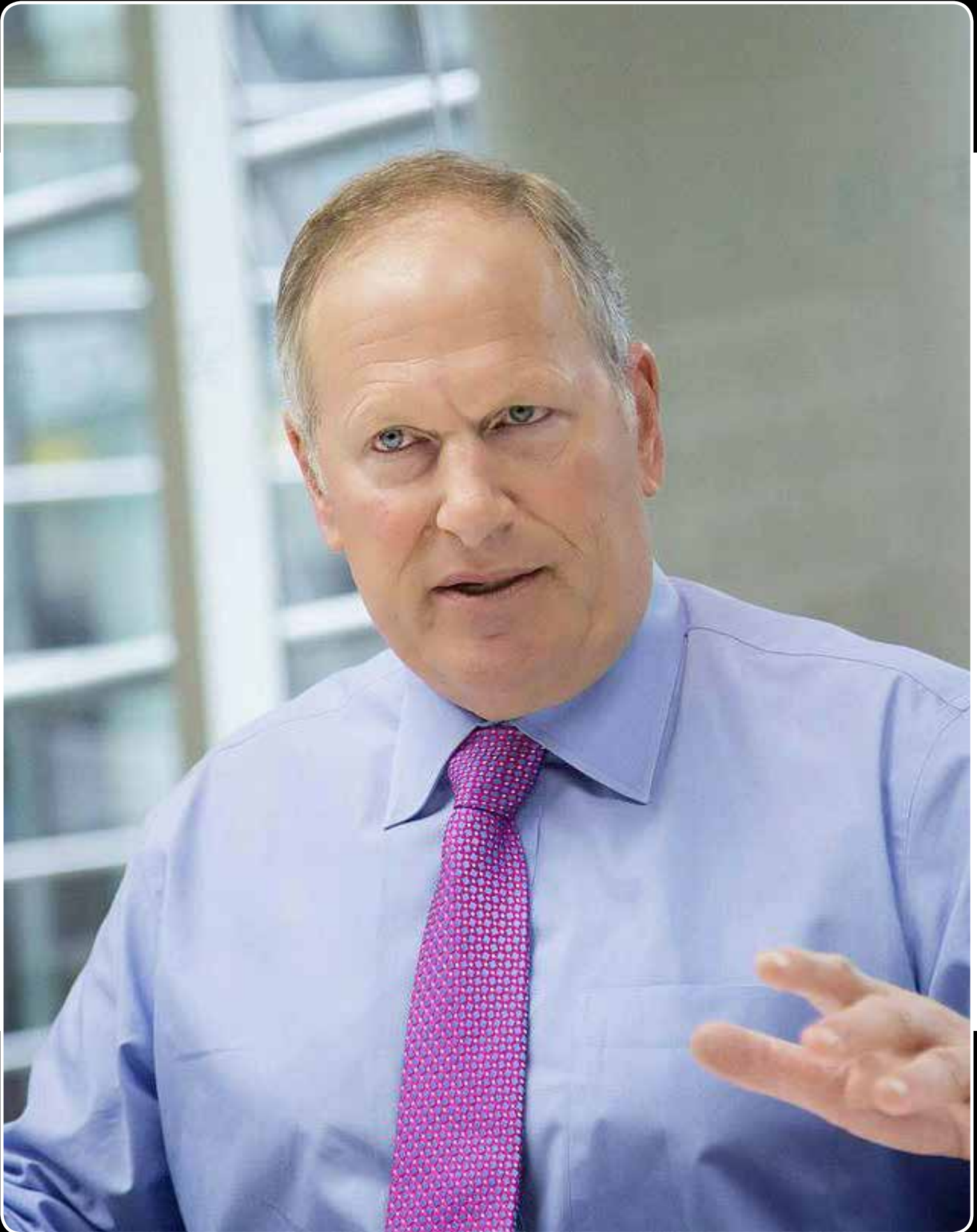
Adamczyk became the President of Honeywell Scanning & Mobility in 2008 when Metrologic (where he was serving as Chief Executive Officer), was acquired by Honeywell. Adamczyk has held various leadership positions with Ingersoll Rand, including President of Air Solutions Group, President of the Heavy Industrial Business Segment, and Vice President of Business Development. From 1995 to 1999, Adamczyk served as a senior associate at global strategy and technology consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton. He began his professional career as an electrical engineer at General Electric in 1988.

Adamczyk has an MBA from Harvard University, a master's degree in computer engineering from Syracuse University, and a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering from Michigan State University. Adamczyk also completed the GE Edison Engineering Program, as well as numerous executive development courses at Wharton and Duke, among other institutions.

"I am honored to have been elected to the Board," said Honeywell President and Chief Operating Officer, Darius Adamczyk in an interview, soon after the decision was made"

**“Adamczyk became the President of Honeywell Scanning & Mobility in 2008 when Metrologic (where he was serving as CEO), was acquired by Honeywell”**



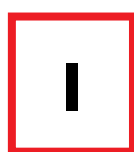




# DR DAVISH JAIN

## THE FORESIGHTED AGRI INDUSTRIALIST

Widely acknowledged as a 'Living Legend' in India's oilseeds sector, Dr Davish Jain – Group Managing Director of Prestige Group of Industries – is a dynamic and forward-looking industrialist, who has inherited the vision and foresight of his illustrious father, Mr. N N Jain



In a span of 35 years, Dr Davish Jain has come to be regarded as one of the most knowledgeable agricultural business specialists having extensive contacts with key global players. For two successive terms, he held with aplomb the key assignment as Chairman and in 2008-09 was nominated as President of COOIT (Central Organisation for Oil Industry & Trade). He has regularly received appreciation for his innovative initiatives to put Indian oilseeds sector on the global map by proposing ideas for a sustained increase in oilseeds production as well as productivity.

During the period he served as Chairman, SOPA (Soybean Processors Association of India) for two successive terms (1995-96 and 1996-1997), he directed the soybean industry & trade through critical circumstances with a pragmatic and persuasive approach with the Central and State Governments as well as farmers and processors. He played a key and catalytic role in the creation of National Board of Trade (NBOT), the first-ever Futures Trading Exchange in India for the oil seeds and their derivatives.

### MAN WITH A VISION

He was awarded the title of "Man with a Vision & Mission" by leading Journal 'Oils & Fats Industry in South Asia', in 2002, and was also complimented for his passion for the soya industry and clarity of perception buttressed by the purposeful advocacy of its vital interests.

Dr Jain has extensively travelled around the world especially as Leader of several Trade Delegations sponsored by the GOI & SOPA. He was accorded

the coveted sponsorship of US govt. in 1999 for the prestigious Orientation Program at the renowned University of Illinois, USA.

He was conferred with MPhil Degree on his thesis titled Impact of Soybean on Indian Economy in 2009 and with PhD Doctorate on his thesis titled Impact of Soybean on Global Economy in 2010 by The Open International University for Complimentary Medicines in special consultative status of UNESCO.

With his wide perspective and global networking, Dr Jain has significantly contributed to the emergence of Prestige Group as a leading agri-business enterprise with recognised brand image in soybean processing, edible oil refining-cum-hydrogenation, animal feed industry & wheat flour milling, whose exports are to the tune of over a billion rupees covering about 40 countries of Asia, Africa & Europe.

Prestige Group has been recognized as a large-scale Golden Status Trading House & a Star Export House by the GOI, & its soybean oil was the first brand in India to have been awarded ASA Seal of quality in 2000 by the renowned American Soybean Association. The Group has weathered the critical crisis confounding the entire Soya Industry with significant & positive results.

### SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Dr Jain has also been actively involved in social welfare. He has been an active member of Lions Club International since 1983 & is its Zonal Chairman in MP (India). He is a Founder Chief Patron of worldwide JITO (Jain International Trade Organisation) & its Zonal President for the states of MP and Chhattisgarh.

**“With his wide perspective & global networking, Dr Jain has majorly contributed to the emergence of Prestige Group as a leading agri-business enterprise”**

# HAMAD OMID ABDULLAH GHASEMI

## AN INTELLECTUAL AND A SAVIOUR

Considered as one of the most well-known names in his field, Mr. Hamad Omid Abdullah Ghasemi – the CEO of Freehold Mediation and Information – has been involved in settlement and asset relocations, amounting to a total value of approximately AED 1 billion

**A**fter studying Mechanical Engineering from Nicosia, Cyprus and then utilizing his 10 years of protracted experience, Mr. Ghasemi has been actively involved in the field as an advisor, real estate consultant, sales director, board member and a board advisor.

After completing his education, Mr. Ghasemi was engaged in manufacturing and family business for a few years until he started working in real estate which involved managing investments worth 100 million AED.

Working at the Al Masah International Real Estate Brokerage (LLC) as consultant or advisor for real estate developer companies such as Tiger Real Estate and Al Masah Real Estate Development (LLC), he played a key role in introducing the concept of unit transfers and the process of settlements within the developers.

Holding an entrepreneurial streak within himself, he established Emirates World Investments (EMWIN) and Freehold Sales Centre at the age of 27, and established and became the Chairman of Freehold Mediation and Information Real Estate Consultancy (FMI) at 32. He has successfully created a team of professionals involved in real estate settlements, totalling the market value of FMI to 6 billion AED.

### INNOVATIVE AND VISIONARY

Mr. Ghasemi likes client interactions, extensive research & analysis, and then using his immense knowledge of stages such as Situation Analysis, Option Analysis & Execution in consulting & guiding the real estate investors & developers in reaching a win-win solution.

He has also created several research and awareness

methods to be used during the FMI process so the investors can be well-informed about the current investment situations, projects, markets & can have an overall understanding of the investment value. With his practicality and wisdom in the real estate, he has also established real estate litigation monitoring which involves updates on previous cases within same or similar projects and a list of law firms with successful cases in similar projects.

A pragmatic leader, Mr. Ghasemi has undertaken a very beneficial & much-needed step by building a mediation team. In his matured exposure to the field, & realising that lack of license for mediation activities can put the investors at risk, he has taken an initiative to join the real estate consultants to cover the commercial negotiations & legal consultants to cover the contract terms, negotiations and preparations.

Asset Relocation is another one of Mr. Ghasemi's forte. This has largely impacted and benefited several clients facing issues with their developers. He has managed to create a platform where in case of disputed projects, clients can be easily transferred from one developer to another with an active & reliable project.

An experience of 10 years & arduous work in real estate has enabled Mr. Ghasemi contributing to an increase of foreign investment capital flowing into the UAE real estate market. His guidance has raised his company, FMI to heights of prosperity: FMI is managing 2,700 units individually enclosed to 10,000 units from real estate developments. The real estate market today needs enigmatic, visionary & honest leaders like Mr. Ghasemi to help build and attain the trust of investors.

**“Mr. Ghasemi likes client interactions, extensive research & analysis; & uses his knowledge to help in consulting & guiding the real estate investors & developers”**





# DR SATYAJIT KUMAR SINGH

## RENDERING A HEALING TOUCH

Aiming at providing quality healthcare services in Bihar with a constant and relentless emphasis on quality and excellence in service, Dr Satyajit Kumar Singh is on a mission to change the healthcare sector in the region for the better, for good

**B**eginning his professional career as a Rotating Intern at the Patna Medical College Hospital and then as a Civil Assistant Surgeon at the Bihar Health Services, he has worked as a Clinical Assistant and later as the Senior Registrar in the Department of Urology at the North Middlesex Hospital in London, and as the Senior Registrar in the Department of Urology and Renal Transplant in Belfast. He has also served as Lecturer at Institute of Urology, London University, a Consultant at George Zillion Hospital, U.K. and Consultant at King Farhad Hospital, Saudi Arabia.

### EXEMPLARY POLYMATH

In addition to being the Managing Director and a Senior Consultant Urologist at the Ruban Memorial Hospital and Ratan Stone Clinic in Patna, Dr Satyajit Kumar Singh is also an esteemed Urologist in India at the position of Chief Consultant Urologist and Andrologist. This highly qualified doctor has completed his MBBS and MS from the Patna University, has acquired the FRCS degree from the Royal College of Surgery in Glasgow, UK, and also holds a Diploma in Urology from the London University, UK. In addition, he has prestigiously served as a registrar, consultant and lecturer in various countries like UK, Scotland and Saudi Arabia.

Besides working as the Registrar at the Monkland Hospital in Scotland and as a Senior Registrar at the North Middles Hospital in London, he has also rendered his services as a Consultant Urologist at the George Eliot Hospital in Nuneaton, UK and the King Fahad

Hospital in Al-Bahah, Saudi Arabia.

### BACK TO THE SOCIETY

In 1964, he contributed in the relief work during the flood caused by Punpun River in Bihar and Jharkhand, and has been actively involved in various ventures pertaining to social work for the past five decades.

He helped in 1967 in the collection and distribution of food items & clothes among the victims of draught in Central Bihar. His empathetic approach towards beings had also led him to help in serving the victims of Indo-Pak war in 1971, at the border areas of Bangladesh. He also collected and distributed funds for victims of Latur and Bhopal tragedy as a member of the Indo-Scottish Society in England. He has organized various health camps and caterer operation camps in India.

Through his varied positions of responsibility and prestige by being the Senior V.P. at the Indian Doctors for Peace and Development, which is an Indian alternate of the International Physician for Prevention of Nuclear War – a Nobel Peace Prize winner organization, he has worked actively within and without the medical field in rural and urban areas alike for the society & the nation. In the capacity of the Secretary of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati Ashram, he is also involved in the upliftment of rural masses.

Dr Satyajit is an inspiration and motivating figure for most aspiring doctors today, through his several professional and philanthropic contributions, and the country is definitely in need of more doctors like him who not just relate to medicine but contribute towards building of the nation.

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# HEMANT KAMBLI

## A DYNAMIC LUMINARY

A promising young man from Mumbai whose high ambitions and strong faith in those ambitions forged him on a transformational trek up the peaks of success, Hemant Kamblī, the Chief Executive Officer of 7 Sands Group, has become one of the prominent leaders of the Middle East

**C**oming to the fore with an impressive experience of more than two decades, Mr. Hemant Kamblī's shot to success was a big one. His amazing entrepreneurial story inspires many young hearts with its tenacious and strong course.

Hailing from Mumbai, India, Mr. Kamblī was a talented youngster whose dreams were big. He is a great sportsperson too and used to represent Bombay University from where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Arts.

His game instilled in him sportsmanship and a passion to win. He is a fighter and believes in taking challenges head on, "I was someone who was a fighter – I would ensure that if I were to lose, I'd do that fighting on the battlefield. This sowed my strong skills to succeed at business, no matter what the situation."

### CHANNELIZING ROBUST GROWTH

He arrived in Dubai to change the course of his stars and emerged as a star himself. While his career began with firms like P&G and Motorola in Oman, his real job started when he joined Excel International, a company that dealt in tissues. Gaining expertise in the tissues industry and learning about the challenges and opportunities that the sector offers, he established Dhofar Global with the help of Dr Amer Al Rawas who is a friend and a client during his Motorola tenure.

Established in 2015 as a partnership with Metropolis Business segment, 7 Sands specializes in tissue paper and other away-from-home hygienic paper products in Dubai. His giant firm Dhofar Global enjoys a wide

presence in the UAE and boasts of a reputed clientele including majority of the Emirates' hotels, shopping malls, restaurant chains, airports, government and utility companies.

### EFFICIENCY PERSONIFIED

The secret of success, for Mr. Kamblī, is the great teamwork that has helped him run his establishments with excellence. He makes sure that his workplace offers the perfect ecosystem for creativity to grow and become a habit of each and every person connected to the firm. Mr. Kamblī's mantra for success is a simple one that just focuses on winning— choosing the right products to right customers and let the perfection do its own work.

Family and friends play an indispensable part in Mr. Kamblī's life. "My wife Preeti Kamblī my greatest support and my friend and colleague, Mr Michael Anthony, who was one of the inspirations in my endeavour to build the Dhofar Global Dream," his words certainly convey the warmth and respect he feels for these inspirational idols of his life.

Over the years, he has achieved numerous milestones that mark his prominence in the business world. He has bagged several coveted honours for his exemplary entrepreneurship skills at various platforms. His entrepreneurial evolution was, in reality, the outcome of his sheer dedication and the ardor his heart had for reaching the glorious peaks of success world. Today, this outstanding leader is growing by leaps and bounds by going the extra miles to further enhance his business capabilities in other parts of the world as well.

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# DR SONIA MALIK

## CELEBRATED VIRTUOSO OF INFERTILITY MANAGEMENT

An esteemed Obstetrician, Gynaecologist, and IVF & Infertility specialist of India, holding MBBS, DGO and MD degrees, Dr Sonia Malik carries with her a professional experience of more than three decades in the healthcare sector, and has executed over 10,000 ART cycles

**A** veteran gynaecologist, Dr Malik has always dreamt of helping people and fulfilling their dream of having their own child, using her exceptional expertise in ART & IVF. Establishing centres and a team that focuses more on its core purpose of helping couples conceive than anything else, has not only helped her remain true to her principle values but has also created patients' unbreakable trust in her organization. It is because of her exemplary leadership that Southend Fertility & IVF has built a strong & ethical team, and has also become one of the leading names in fertility services in India.

### ETHICAL & INDUSTRIOUS

Since Dr Malik established her first centre in 2001, she has carefully followed the values of transparency in treatment, benevolent staff members, lively environment and reassuring results for her patients through a compendious Infertility Management programme for couples who face complications in having a child. Steadily performing well, the centres have become a reflection of the confidence and satisfaction that its patients exude after availing the various modes of healing, which is conspicuous in their repeated return for treatment.

Believing in the philosophy that patients must be analysed properly for their problems, and then the most appropriate therapy must be administered, she has even helped her patients avoid IVF, contrary to widespread belief that patients are always made to undergo IVF if they consult a fertility doctor.

Starting her medical career in 1977 as a Senior Registrar in Medical College, Rohtak, she has also practised in countries like Iraq and Saudi Arabia before finally returning to India in 1987. She has also conducted various workshops and training courses in India and abroad, based on subjects like IVF Techniques, Micromanipulation in ART, Advanced Hysteroscopic Surgery and several others. As of today, under the able leadership of Dr Sonia Malik, Southend Fertility & IVF performs over 100 IVF Cycles per month. Her outstanding contribution to Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Infertility and IVF, is truly commendable.

She has been felicitated with several awards such as Chairman's Appreciation Award from Indian Medical Association, President's Appreciation Award from Indian Medical Association, Dr Kanak Goyal Award, Scroll of Honour for Exemplary Service to the Indian Menopause Society, Best Paper Award and many more.

### AN AVID AFICIONADO

Successfully treating patients for more than 30 years, her expertise lies in Reproductive Endocrinology & Immunology, Genital Tuberculosis, Advances in Assisted Reproductive Techniques (IVF, ICSI, IMSI) and Premature Ovarian Failure. Guiding the Southend IVF Centres turn into a perfect blend of academics and ethical clinical practices, Dr Malik is the most sought-after expert in infertility management. She helps couples in decision making, makes treatment cost-effective and advises them to choose other options when successful treatment is unlikely. She is committed to her patients, rendering above all love and care than mere treatment.

**“Dr Malik carefully follows the values of transparency in treatment, benevolent staff members, lively environment and reassuring results for her patients”**

# JAMES MATHEW

## THE GENIAL GENIUS

A man of substance, James Mathew is that numerical genius whose humble beginnings and intellectual personality became the talk of the echelons of the Arab world when he held the reins of Crowe Horwath as its Managing Partner in the 1990s

**H**ailing from the historic Calicut district of Kerala, Mr. James Mathew's success is a magnified version of the small steps that he took towards his goals. He learnt the lessons of integrity, humility, discipline, hard work, and faith – all from his parents with a special guidance coming from his mother.

He was only 11 years old when he joined a residential school and strived hard and learned the importance of discipline and hard work. Here, he also created sporting records which have still not been broken in 100, 200 and 400 meter races. He was also the only student who scored 100% in Mathematics throughout college.

A sharp-witted youngster, Mr. James Mathew later became a Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India followed by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) from Denver, Colorado, United States of America.

### WINGS OF DREAMS

With big aspirations and dreams twinkling in his eyes, he arrived in Dubai in the year 1992 and worked as a Senior Auditor for Mahendra Asher & Co. (UAE) till 1996. His acute business acumen and enthusiastic spirit led him towards the turning point of his life when he joined Horwath Mak in 1996 as a Partner and carved his niche to be among the management leadership.

His 24-year-old career journey is embellished with remarkable accomplishments. Mr. James Mathew has also been a renowned speaker on topics pertaining to finance, audit, accounting, business and global economic trends. Apart from this, he is also widely

published in international publications and print media, both in the UAE as well as in India.

### PERFECT BLEND OF ETHICS AND ASPIRATIONS

Lauded as an eminent business personality, he has also held the position of Chairman of the Dubai Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). As the Secretary General of the Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC), Mr. James Mathew actively involves himself in representing the largest Diaspora of the UAE at varied platforms in the UAE and India.

Magnates like James Mathew are known for their miraculous command over business strategies and unmatched success. Their work not only gathers admirable attention but also finds itself honored with various awards and accolades. Mr. James Mathew has also been bestowed with prestigious awards, a notable one among which is "Indira Global Super Achievers Award". In 2015, he was awarded for "Leadership Excellence" by the World Malayalee Council. Not only this, he was also adjudged as one of the most Successful Non Resident Indians from the State of Kerala.

A perspicacious mind and ethical outlook are the touchstones of his personality. Mr. Mathew never underestimates the power of human connections which he values more than the material aspects of the business world. With a cheerful smile and generous attitude, he brightens up the faces of the people he meets. Today, his powerful persona and amazing achievements build relationships that count, on trust and compassion, reflecting the magnetism that this sterling stalwart has.

**“Endowed with a perspicacious mind & ethical outlook, Mr. Mathew cherishes the power of human connections which he values more than the material aspects”**





# JAY CHEN

## PURSUING PASSION

Raising the competition bar, Chinese telecom giant Huawei India CEO Jay Chen is an astonishing personality. Fully focused at his field of work, Mr. Chen has always paid emphasis on churning out revenues or driving consumption and revenue for operators

**T**he Brand Trust Report, India Study 2016, ranked Huawei as “India’s Most Trusted Telecom Diversified Brand”; the onus of brand doing exceptionally well lays on Mr. Chen, the man who runs the show for the Indian division of Huawei.

### GOING HAND-IN-HAND

The Chinese firms, especially in the telecom sector are looking to invest in India as the communist nations are battling some serious slowdowns. It is the far-sightedness of a great leader who had planned the brand growth of Huawei India going in sync with the country’s progress on projects like Smart Cities.

Mr. Chen doesn’t shy away stating that with the Indian government actively flourishing projects like these, the brand looks forward to joining the path. But the mobile world has still a long way to go, before they make actual profits out of such projects.

“Competition is there everywhere. We always discuss the same internally in Huawei, and are confident about our products and solutions. Currently, the market is led by some western companies (like Ericsson and Nokia), but we are equally competitive. We are confident that by 2020, we will be one of the leaders,” says Mr. Chen.

### EXCELLING IN A VOLATILE INDUSTRY

Mr. Chen believes that its India business, which has seen good growth during the last one year – post the spectrum auctions last February – is expected to report more growth this year as well, following the soon-to-be-held spectrum auctions.

He sailed the brand well when the industry was seeing tough times. It was only after the spectrum auctions, mergers and acquisition policy in 2015 that the mobile world picked up well, the industry sentiments were closely monitored by the mentor to leverage the most.

Mobile operators today are ready to put in more investments as they have rebuilt the confidence in the sector.

Addressing a mobile world congress, Mr. Chen stressed on the importance of video for driving consumption and revenue for operators. He said that the video market will potentially generate revenue of over 1 trillion dollars for operators. “Video revenue for operators will surpass 50 per cent. We need to think about how we can shift our video strategy from reactive to proactive,” added Chen.

### AUGMENTING REALITY

In India, as compared to other countries, operators have no other choice because of the system. In other countries operators know the value of spectrum. He shares his personally view by saying that more spectrum is good.

“Under Narendra Modi a lot of things have been clarified. As I said earlier, with more spectrum and the M&A policy under process, operators who are strong right now will become stronger. They will have the capability to take more spectrum from auctions as well as M&A deals. And, weak operators will become weaker. This will lead to consolidation, which is good for the Indian telecom market.”

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# TAPAN SINGHEL

## THE CANDID ADMINISTRATOR

A pioneer in the banking and finance sector of India, Mr. Tapan Singhel has made a distinctive mark of success in his professional journey. Over the years, this 50-year-old strategic leader & innovator has initiated a remarkable growth graph for BAGIC

**A** celebrated and prominent spearhead, Mr. Tapan Singhel – as MD & CEO of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company (BAGIC) Limited – has been valiantly making most of the crucial decisions in BAGIC, sailing it towards new shores of success. Mr. Singhel has an exemplary track record in improving organizational efficiency, enhancing customer service and developing innovative products while driving revenue growth & profitability, which has earned him a reputation of one of the most reliable personalities in the banking and insurance landscape of India.

An alumnus of the prestigious Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Mr. Singhel did his schooling from La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata and St. Peter's College, Agra.

### UPRIGHT PROFESSIONALISM

He started his career in 1991 as a direct officer in New India Assurance Company Limited. However, his true career contour became conspicuous when he joined Bajaj Allianz General Insurance at the time of its inception in 2001 and became its integral part, leading insurance business in the retail market. Since then, he has been working diligently and has led the overall growth strategy of the company apart from managing various international projects like setting up of retail business for Allianz in China and Bancassurance development in the Asia-Pacific region. The organization flourished under his leadership.

With a vast experience of more than two and a half decades in the insurance industry, he has handled

portfolios as varied as accounts, IT, underwriting, claims, marketing, sales, etc. Apart from being a trailblazer for Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, he also holds the responsibility of Convenor of the Working Group on Non-Life Insurance of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Mr. Singhel is also the Chairman of IRDAI's panel to promote e-commerce in insurance, Member of both IRDAI's Advisory Committee on Reinsurance and IRDAI's Insurance Advisory Committee. Not only this, he was the President of Indo-German Chamber of Commerce for the year 2014-15, and a member of the Board of Directors for Berkshire India Limited and Berkshire Hathaway Services India Private Limited during 2011-12.

### EARNING EXEMPLARY CREDENTIALS

It is the result of his sheer hard work and brilliant mind that today he has carved his name in golden letter among the outstanding leaders of the industry. For his stellar performance, he has been felicitated with various awards and recognitions. For instance, he won the 'CEO of the Year' award presented by ABF Insurance Asia Awards in 2016. He has also been featured in the list of LinkedIn Power Profiles for being the most viewed profile in the financial sector on LinkedIn in India for two consecutive years since 2015.

He never hesitates to express his views and is often seen taking bold steps to turn his ideas into strategic actions, leading to profitable outcomes. Mr. Tapan Singhel is an active blogger and blogs regularly on various topics of general interest on his personal blog titled 'My Take'.

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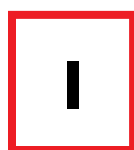




# JEGAN DURAIRATNAM

## THE LOCAL BANKER

The Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Mr Jegan Durairatnam joined the Bank in 1982. His experience as a banker promises diversity in many aspects of International Trade, Off-shore Banking, Credit, Operations and IT



It has been seven years for Mr. Durairatnam to be leading the management ladder at the bank. He holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of Peradeniya, Mr Durairatnam has served Commercial Bank in several senior management positions, including Deputy General Manager, Assistant General Manager – International Division and Head of Imports.

### EARNING LAURELS

It was only last year that the Commercial Bank of Ceylon won the global banking fraternity's most coveted award – the 'Bank of the Year' – presented by The Banker of the UK, ending 2016 with the industry's 'Oscar' in respect of Sri Lanka.

The bank marks it as the tenth occasion that Commercial Bank has been adjudged Sri Lanka's Bank of the Year by The Banker, making it the only Sri Lankan bank to achieve this feat in the history of the awards. Mr. Durairatnam personally accepted the Award in London at a gala ceremony at which 400 senior bankers from across the world gathered to celebrate their achievements.

### LEADING THE BRAND

It is under the esteemed guidance of Mr. Durairatnam, Commercial Bank of Maldives, a subsidiary of Commercial Bank of Ceylon and a joint venture with Tree Top Investments Maldives, formally inaugurated its banking operations in the Maldives. The head office and the first branch was inaugurated in the archipelago's capital Malé by Maldivian President Abdulla Yameen

Abdul Gayoom.

The merger enabled the brand to bring together the expertise and strength of Sri Lanka's benchmark private bank, which holds a majority stake of 55 percent, and the deep local market knowledge of the Maldivian partner, which owns 45 percent of the joint venture, Commercial Bank of Maldives said it will follow a strategy of providing access to its services through the integration of modern technology and infrastructure to serve the growing consumer and business needs in the market.

With an aim to be the most technologically advanced innovative, customer-friendly and most sought-after financial services organization in the Maldives, the joint venture is the third overseas banking operation of Commercial Bank of Ceylon, after Bangladesh, which the bank entered in 2003, and Myanmar, where the bank opened a representative office in June 2015. "We are truly delighted to be here," said Commercial Bank of Ceylon Managing Director/CEO Jegan Durairatnam, who led a team from the corporate management of the bank to the opening ceremony in Malé. "Our countries enjoy extremely close social and economic ties and our bank is well known to thousands of Maldivians. Many businesses in this beautiful country have already obtained off-shore loans from us and are among our most valued customers."

The company's aim is to invest in diverse sectors such as hotels and resorts, financial services, food and beverage, construction, real estate, retail and wholesale, transportation, energy and engineering and healthcare.

**“It is under the esteemed guidance of Mr. Durairatnam, Commercial Bank of Maldives, a subsidiary of Commercial Bank of Ceylon was inaugurated”**

# JOHN SLOSAR

## THE FLYING TRENDSETTER

At the age of 60, John Slosar has been a Director of the Company since May 2006 and its Chairman since March 2014. He is also serving as the Chairman of John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited, Swire Properties Limited

**S**ome of the other organizations that Mr. Slosar chairs are Swire Properties Limited, Cathay Pacific Airways Limited and Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited and a Director of Air China Limited and The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited.

Mr. Slosar joined the Swire Group in 1980. He has held various management positions in the group's operations in Hong Kong, the United States and Thailand. He was appointed as the Managing Director of Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited in 1996, Managing Director of Swire Beverages in July 1998 and Chief Operating Officer of Cathay Pacific in July 2007. He became the Chief Executive of Cathay Pacific on 31st March 2011. He was appointed to his current position on 14th March 2014.

### BORN TO EXCEL

Mr Slosar is an Independent Non-executive Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, as well as a Non-executive Director of Air China Limited. He is also involved with a number of trade and professional bodies.

He has been appointed by the HKSAR government as a member of the Economic Development Commission's Working Group on Transportation. He is a member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, a council member of the Employers' Federation of Hong Kong and a council member of the Hong Kong Management Association.

Mr Slosar is also a General Committee Member of the

Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Hong Kong - United States Business Council, and a co-opted member of the General Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Slosar is active in community activities, being a Board Member of The Community Chest, a member of the Advisory Board of Hong Kong Red Cross, a voting member of the Riding for the Disabled Association, as well as a member of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society Limited.

### SUCCESSING THE LADDER

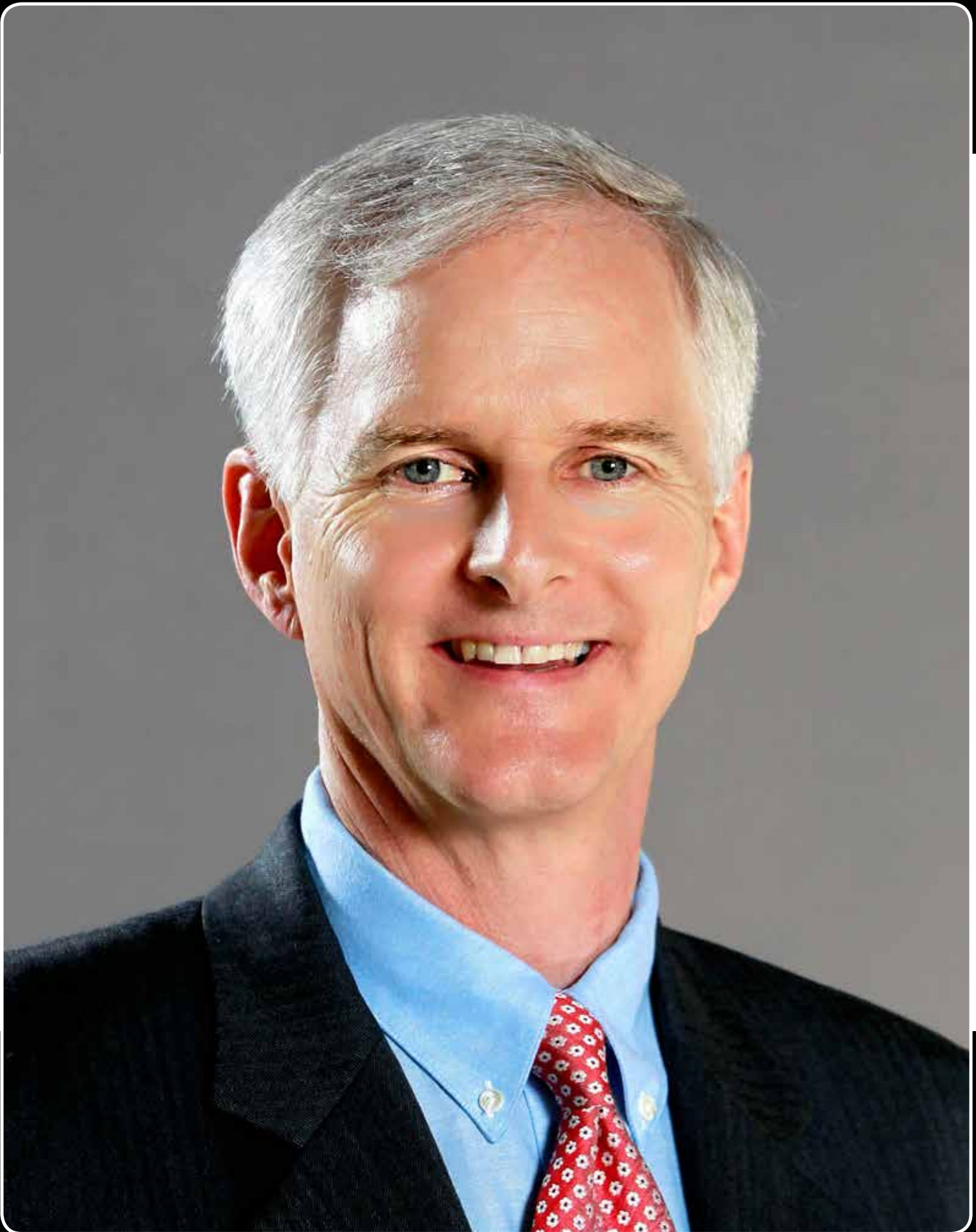
It was under his guidance that the brand entered the new millennium in full stride, recording a record HK\$5 billion profit in 2000. Yet in following years the airline faced some of its greatest commercial challenges including the 11 September terrorist attacks, a second Gulf War and SARS.

As a pure performance driven brand, Mr Sloskar has driven the commitment of the brand to strengthen Hong Kong's role as an airfreight hub.

The leading man is now channelising the brand to build the new Cathay Pacific Cargo Terminal which will open in mid-2011. This HK\$4.8 billion facility serves as an additional air cargo throughout of 2.6 million tonnes a year and will be open to all cargo carriers using the airport.

At the same time they are enhancing freighter fleet with six new Boeing 747-400 "Extended Range Freighters" in the process of being delivered and 10 new-generation Boeing 747-8F freighters arriving between 2009 and 2012.

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# DR KABERI BANERJEE

## BOON FOR THE HUMANKIND

Currently working as Medical Director of Advanced Fertility and Gynecological Centre (AFGC), New Delhi, Dr Kaberi Banerjee has already made exceptional contributions to the field of fertility, and is acclaimed as one of the leading IVF specialists in India

**W**ith a determined mind set & an objective to create a spur in the infertility industry, Dr Banerjee single-handedly converted 10 years of IVF practice into successful self-run IVF chains, doing one of the highest number of IVF cycles in the city of New Delhi with patients coming from all over the world. Earning her MBBS & MD degrees from India's most renowned & prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi in Obstetrics & Gynecology, she is also a member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS).

One of the most renowned faces in the IVF industry in India today, she has created a revolution in the IVF industry, inspiring innumerable young entrepreneurs through her journey. Being an untiring visionary, she has established CUPART – Congress on Current Practices and Recent Advances in ART – a congress dedicated to the latest developments in fertility knowledge and industry.

### A PASSIONATE MAVERICK

Considering herself a self-styled leader with no formal qualification or training in leadership, financial & management skills, she has learnt entirely from her rigorous training under Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital, London, & through privately run centres in London & Delhi. Believing adamantly in following her heart and being sincere and passionate about her work, she is a role model for her employees, who, she feels, "follow what you do, not what you say." Treating her employees with respect and firmness at the same time, she holds weekly meetings to coordinate her administrative, financial, doctoral and nursing employees and

services in her organization, and thus ensures smooth functioning and implementation of rules.

Not afraid to take risks, she believes in sheer hard work and then purely contributing to the noble cause of relieving others of their inexplicable pain. Inheriting her mother's philosophy of "You have a right to your action not to its fruits," she has dispassionately worked hard without worrying about results throughout her life.

She regularly writes for specialized magazines, scientific publications and IVF websites, to make her own personalized contributions towards awareness.

### CONTRIBUTIONS AND AWARDS

A practical dreamer, she aims to deliver good results & services in the short run, and make AFGC a top international fertility brand in the long run. Contributing directly to the society in her own capacity, she is not only a voice for gender equality, but has also consistently denied sex selection. She also gives huge discounts regularly to unfortunate patients who are either financially weak or consistently unsuccessful in treatment.

She has been felicitated with President's Prize at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Tokushima, Japan; Commonwealth Scholarship from Guy's & St. Thomas' Hospital, London; IMAAMS Distinguished Service Award in IVF; Bharat Jyoti Award for Outstanding Contribution in Medicine; C L Purandre Award at All India Congress of Obstetricians & Gynaecological Society of India, Jaipur; IMA – NatCON Best Clinician Award; India Today Health Conclave Excellence Award; B L Jhaveri National Award in Medicine, etc.

**“With a determined mindset to create a spur in the infertility industry, Dr Banerjee single-handedly converted 10 years of IVF practice into successful self-run IVF chains”**

# KULWANT SINGH

## WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE

Due to his strong grit and determination, Mr. Kulwant Singh has created a huge business from scratch over time. Mr. Singh, today, manages nearly 20 companies and a vast tourism and transport network spread across the GCC, India and the UK

**M**r. Kulwant Singh is the MD and CEO of Lama & CarFare Groups. He is thankful to the UAE for helping him fulfill his dreams. Born in a Sikh family of India, he came to Dubai when his family moved to the UAE, interested in vast opportunities in the construction industry. However, in 1996 when his family moved to the United States of America following a slide in its fortunes, Mr. Singh, a mere high-school graduate took the brave decision to stay back in the UAE not only to complete his studies but also work his way up and build his future here, literally from scratch.

### BUILDING A CAREER

Mr. Singh, with an annual turnover of more than Dh 300 million, is the MD of the CarFare and Lama Group of companies. Served by a team of 700 professionals, he runs 3,500 vehicles, four desert camps, two cruise vessels, two yachts and a vast tourism and transport network to serve customers across the UAE and the world.

Singh's first job was at Caravan Tours, a travel agency, where he worked for a salary of Dh 1500. Even when life was a struggle, he did not let go of his dream. He wished to head one of the biggest tour operating companies in the UAE.

Mr. Singh strongly feels that the UAE has played a significant role in his success story, and that the country has a lot to offer to those who dream big. He feels UAE's tax-free environment and policy of equal opportunity to all is a major factor a lot of residents invest in the country.

### TURNING CHALLENGES INTO MOTIVATION

No journey to success is complete without challenges and Mr. Singh's journey too is dotted with struggles and battling the odds to emerge victorious. He claims his dedication, hard work and ability to remain focused helped him overcome numerous challenges.

He feels that starting a new business is a great challenge that requires a lot of financial capital. When Lama started in 1997, investors were hesitant to take the risk. There were also limited resources available from banks and financial institutions; hence, it was a struggle to convince the banks to approve finances for vehicles and other infrastructure.

He reminisces that for amateurs in the industry, it is always difficult to have an unobstructed vision of where the company is headed and one has to instantaneously learn the ropes of the business.

As Dubai grew into a major economy, Lama also expanded its wings from being only a desert safari operator to operating a one-stop shop tourism business offering air tickets, worldwide hotel accommodation, visa, and tours.

The company has won numerous awards from the Department of Tourism & Commerce Marketing of Dubai. At the National Tourism Awards 2010-2011 in India, it won the National Tourism Award from the Ministry of Tourism. He has personally received many awards like the Gulf Indian Excellence award-2016, National Tourism Award from the India's Ministry of Tourism as the best overseas tour operator for India in 2014 and Forbes Middle East Top Indian Leaders in the Arab World 2016.

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# DR MUDIT SAXENA

PHENOMENAL AND GRACIOUS

Armed with an amazing amalgamation of clinical excellence and strategic management, Dr Mudit Saxena has been transforming the healthcare sector of India by spearheading CARE Hospitals, which is renowned as the fifth-largest chain of hospitals in the country

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arnering pearls of knowledge & experience, Dr Saxena has made his way up the ladder & has brought smiles on thousands of faces through the exceptional healthcare services offered by his organizations.

Dr Saxena graduated from SMS Medical College, Jaipur, pursued academics with Johns Hopkins University, USA & Singapore Management University, & received a Masters in Hospital Administration and an Executive MBA from IIM Bangalore.

## ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE WITH EXPERIENCE

Theseeds of his humanitarian deeds sprouted with his first stint at primary health centres in rural Rajasthan where he served the people with great care and compassion. Later, he played a vital role in the establishment of the first private medical college and hospital in Rajasthan – Mahatma Gandhi Hospital and Medical College – where he became an essential Member as well.

While he served as Head of Operations at Wockhardt Hospitals, Bangalore, he also headed the prestigious Cunningham Road Hospital of Fortis. It was during this time that he completed his management studies at IIM and later held the position of Program Director at the flagship hospital of Fortis – FMRI, Gurgaon.

Prior to his joining at CARE Hospitals, he was the COO of HCG Enterprises Ltd. which is the most significant Cancer Chain of Hospitals in India. He was among the key Management Personnel involved in listing of HCG at National Stock exchange. He also launched HCG Homecare Services that offers services in nursing, physiotherapy, sample collection & pharmacy and led

the initiative towards a successful path.

## MANIFESTATION OF VIRTUOSITY

Having an impressive experience of more than 16 years in the healthcare sector, Dr Saxena has proved his mettle. His matchless expertise & knowledge certainly make him a genius and thus Dr Saxena has also served as Chairperson, Key Speaker and Panelist at various international and national healthcare forums. For instance, he was Chairman at the Healthcare World Asia Conference 2013 (Singapore) and Key Speaker at Healthcare World Asia Conference 2014 (Singapore) and National Oncology Nursing Conference 2015 (Bangalore). In addition, he was a panelist at the UK India Healthcare Summit 2016, organized by the BSICC at UK Parliament, London.

Endowed with a charming personality and generously amiable nature, Dr Saxena is known to be a “media-savvy” leader. Dr Saxena has always believed in sharing his gems of knowledge with the new generation and has played the role of a mentor and guide to over 30 students in India and abroad. With more than 10 publications under his name, he has also been a faculty at IGNOU and IHMR, Jaipur. For promoting management studies, he has also developed in-house Management Programmes for HCG and is currently involved in partnering with a leading MBA school of Bangalore for developing their Healthcare Management Programme.

Gaining laurels for his noteworthy work in the healthcare sector, in 2015, he was recognized for his “Outstanding Contribution to Indian Healthcare Industry” by the Editorial Guild of a leading healthcare publication.

**“The seeds of his humanitarian deeds sprouted with his first stint at primary health centres in rural Rajasthan where he served the people with great compassion”**

# SUDESH AGGARWAL

## BUSINESS GIANT

A successful businessman, Mr. Sudesh K Aggarwal worked for four years in Dubai, and then he decided to establish his own business & identity. He has achieved his success with immense hard work – he was the first Indian in Sharjah to own a Rolls Royce

**I**n the year 2000, Sudesh Aggarwal established the Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC) in Sharjah. Then India beckoned this NRI and he followed his heart. In 2003, this successful businessman from Sharjah established the All Indians Foundation, a trust registered in New Delhi. “The mission was to make India into a developed and well regulated nation,” he shares.

### SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

At the annual convention of AIF, held in December 2007, he decided to form a political party, and Samast Bhartiya Party (All Indians Party) was set up in April 2008. “If you have to understand the internal side of India and correct the existing issues, you have to live there. India lives in the villages. But most parties have failed to discharge their responsibilities towards basic issues. If you want to see a change in the country, then good people must enter politics.”

Believing that social work is more important than politics, he wanted to change the face of India. To create change from scratch, he decided to create a new political party with his own ideology, and along with his wife he worked full time in Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Though both social work and politics are very time-consuming and strenuous, he believes that “someone has to do it.”

In between this time-consuming devotion to serve the nation, he succeeded in establishing the India Trade and Exhibition Centre (ITEC) in Sharjah. This

has been a determined endeavour to promote trade and investment between the UAE and India, GCC and India, and India and MENA region. It was inaugurated by the then President of India Smt. Pratibha Patil during her visit to the UAE and Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the UAE Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah on November 25, 2010.

### ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

A young Aggarwal decided early in his life that economic strength is vital. He had seen a lot of hardships while growing up in Simla. “Economic strength is vital for independent thoughts and actions. Else, one comes under the influence of those who are providing one with the economic support. And if one really takes that away, one becomes mentally independent,” he shares. He decided very early in life that no one could influence him to change his path. So he went on to pursue what he really liked to do. He knew that most people get into the sanctity of their comfort zone and do not have the guts to venture beyond that, and he wanted to be different.

So, he boarded the train of life which was headed to the destination of his choice. He was also very clear that the money he would make would be the means to an end: to serve his nation. “I like to make money, I made money. But the money was a tool for me to pursue what I really wanted to achieve, which was to help the business community in UAE. So I went ahead and created the Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC) so that I could help people to create valuable networks.”

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# DR. MINNIE BODHANWALA

## EMBLEM OF EMPATHY

Endowed with a benign attitude, soft-spoken personality and compassionate heart, Dr. Minnie Bodhanwala, CEO of Wadia Hospitals has played an instrumental role in creating amazing benchmarks in the healthcare industry of India, and perfectly defines her noble occupation of being a doctor

**B**eing a strong-willed woman and aspiring high, Dr. Minnie Bodhanwala always dreamt of serving the people with best healthcare facilities. As the Chief Executive Officer of two charitable semi-government hospitals, Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children and Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity Hospital, Mumbai, she has been shouldering the responsibility of contributing to the society through healthcare services.

It is the effect of her sheer dedication and incredible vision that Wadia Hospitals now have a dedicated nodal center for clubfoot treatment in Maharashtra, a dedicated clinic for cancer, malnutrition, HIV, TB, epilepsy, occupational therapy, etc. Recently, the Hospital has also started with a human milk bank and a clinic for children suffering with multiple disabilities and vision impairment, which is one-of-a-kind initiative in this region. In addition, Wadia Hospitals also host the largest NICU in the country with 110 beds.

### REACHING OUT TO THE DESTITUTE

Having a distinction in General Surgery and Dental Surgery, Dr. Bodhanwala never hesitated to go extra miles to help the needy. Her most important contribution to humanity is her careful attention towards patients with rare diseases. She makes sure that her hospitals provide affordable services to such patients while giving them a happy and healthy future ahead.

Her inspiring persona and dedicated spirit has brought a positive transformation in her hospitals, making them extend helping hands towards the underprivileged women and children of the society. Recently, she was

praised for adopting and treating an abandoned baby girl who was suffering from a genetic disorder.

### MANY ROLES TO PLAY

A multi-tasker, she not only spearheads Wadia Hospitals but also plays vital roles in several other organizations. She is the advisor to the Chairman of Wadia Group for CSR activities, Advisor to Impact India Foundation by UNDP, UNICEF and WHO, Advisor to the Modern Education Society which operates 7 colleges in Mumbai and Pune, Advisor for Britannia Nutrition Foundation, and Advisor to Sir Ness Wadia Foundation.

She has also been an indispensable part of community projects in dental health for Impact India Foundation by UNDP, UNICEF and WHO for their "Hospital-on-Wheels" project, where she handled the functionalities as a Coordinator Surgeon to set up the first Dental Unit on the Train, and catered to thousands of underprivileged people in MP, Rajasthan and UP.

### EMPOWERING THE NATION

Spreading awareness for prevention of cardiac diseases amongst children, Dr. Bodhanwala has started a charitable initiative known as Little Hearts Marathon. This annual social event also aims to raise funds for the children belonging to economically weaker sections of society who cannot afford expensive surgeries.

She has organized medical camps in Deoghar district in Jharkhand treating more than 45,000 impoverished people. A prominent personality in the healthcare sector of India, Dr. Bodhanwala has been a recipient of 40 prestigious national and international awards.

**“Her inspiring persona & spirit has brought a positive transformation in her hospitals, making them extend helping hands towards underprivileged women & children”**

# MUNEER FAROOQUI

DRIVEN BY DECISIVENESS

From subtly inspiring to downright passionate, no matter what qualities you seek in your mentor, the CEO, Warid Telecom; Muneer Farooqui is your most definitive match. Prior to taking over the command of Warid Pakistan, he worked at Warid telecom in Bangladesh

**U**nder Mr. Farooqui's leadership, Warid Telecom has made a place in the Pakistan telecom market which was earlier conquered by others. Warid is now gaining more popularity and a larger user base.

Elaborating on the expansion, Mr. Farooqui stated, "The reason for that is the unique selling proposition that Warid carries, which is helping us grow further in the market, is the quality of the network. Warid qualified as the best network in terms of quality on technical parameters and as the best network service provider."

#### CUTTING EDGE WITH COMPETITORS

With the new ilk of an accessible and patient leader, he excels the brand in the fiercely competitive telecom industry of Pakistan.

On the other hand a price sensitive environment might be expected to provoke most operators into a destructive price war, Warid Telecom, the country's fourth largest operator by subscriber numbers, is keen to steer clear of a fixation on price.

Indeed, the operator, which is 70% owned by the UAE's Abu Dhabi Group, and 30% backed by Singapore's leading operator, SingTel, is far more set on developing its reputation as an operator committed to the quality of its network. And to this end, the company is making a play for high-end customers in a bid to drive growth.

#### POSITIONING POWER

It is to the endless work done by Mr. Farooqui that Warid today stands tall to be Pakistan's fourth largest operator.

Warid Telecom currently rules the Pakistan Telecom market share of about 17% and has some 17 million subscribers. This compared with the market leader Mobilink which has about 32 million subscribers, number-two player Telenor with about 24 million subscribers, and Ufone, which has about 20 million subscribers. The fifth operator, Zong, a unit of China Mobile, was launched in Pakistan in 2008. Despite Warid's current fourth position in the market, Farooqui is optimistic that the company can move up the rankings.

While Pakistan's mobile market is dominated by voice services, Farooqui strongly believes that Warid's subscribers are becoming more aware of various mobile applications and that a significant proportion of users are moving towards GPRS and EDGE data services.

"The operator is also introducing a greater range of value added services (VAS) and now offers its customers a choice of about 60 different VAS. The popularity of data services and VAS is evident from the strong customer uptake, with about 9% of Warid's revenues now generated by VAS."

"The reason for that is the unique selling proposition that Warid carries, which is helping us grow further in the market, is the quality of the network. Warid qualified as the best network in terms of quality on technical parameters and as the best network service provider," Mr. Farooqui stated.

"Many times there were hidden charges and what you see is not what you actually get, so what we decided upon was quality and simplicity. These are the core values of our organisation," he further added.

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# DR. NAWAB SHAFI UL MULK

## THE NEOTERIC NAWAB

His glistening glory and inspiring contributions exemplify success in their own way. Dr. Nawab Shafi Ul Mulk – Managing Director, Global Hawk Telemedicine – has set a unique standard for himself by carving an unmatched niche in the arena of medical innovation in the Arab region

**A**scion of the royal family of Kurnool, India, this flamboyant entrepreneur holds the reins of Global Hawk Telemedicine which commenced its voyage in 2008. The beginning was small – with a personal staff of only two. However, the journey expanded like a wide river that broadens on its course overcoming every obstacle that comes its way towards the ocean of success.

Today, under the magnificent leadership of Dr. Nawab Shafi Ul Mulk, the firm has taken a quantum jump bringing radical changes in the healthcare sector of the UAE.

### RESONATING REVERENCE

His passion for innovation in medical technology traces its roots in the backdrop of his impressive educational experience. A prominent Neurovascular Radiologist of the UAE, his formative medical education began at Kurnool Medical College. He has also completed Fellowships at Michigan, USA and Milton Keynes, UK.

Later, he also shared his pearls of knowledge by teaching at various universities. Dr. Mulk is consistently invited to speak at major international forums of Radiology & Imaging. He has also been honored as Guest Speaker by Arab Health Committee & International Health Organisations for his overall contribution to Healthcare Sector.

Dr. Nawab Shafi Ul Mulk has a rich experience of more than two decades in Radiology & Imaging with an excellent command on all modalities with special interest in cross-sectional imaging (MRI, CT).

This visionary leader has transformed the field of Teleradiology by successfully launching his own healthcare organization, namely Global Hawk Imaging and Diagnostics, which has now expanded as an elite chain of diagnostics and imaging centers across GCC countries and South East Asia.

Lauded as a pioneer in Teleradiology, he has been recognized globally for his path-breaking work on innovative health services delivery. Over the years, Dr. Mulk has added significant feathers to his illustrious cap by being honoured with awards such as World Healthcare Innovative Entrepreneur of the year 2017.

### ETCHING PASSION AND EMPATHY

His zeal and enthusiasm do not just restrict themselves to the professional front but also find themselves refreshed in his love for sports. A former national Badminton player, he was named “The Young Hopeful of India” by a leading Indian Sports Magazine at the tender age of 13. An ardent supporter of Badminton Associations of the region, he is one of the top rank players in the UAE with a winning accolade in the 45 year men’s event of UAE Open Championship 2015.

He is a respected member of various social and Islamic organizations in India and the UAE, he actively engages in various charitable activities focusing on building a better tomorrow.

Standing at the forefront of a glorious future, he feels blessed to belong to a family that encouraged him to follow his passion. He is proud of his family’s legacy that instills inspiration and dedication to make a positive impact on others.

**“The visionary leader has transformed the field of Teleradiology by an elite chain of diagnostics and imaging centers across GCC countries and South East Asia”**

# DR MUSTAFA SAASA

## GEM OF A PERSON

Dr Mustafa Saasa is a Prominent Indian Business Magnate & Social Philanthropist based in Dubai, UAE having Family Business since 1958. He is a Renowned Corporate Speaker, Mentor & Mind-set Coach. He is an Entrepreneur having diverse business experiences internationally

**D**r. Mustafa is Chairman & Managing Director of Raj Group of Companies of Dubai, UAE, Partner in RTS Global, Director in Freehold Mediation & Information, Dubai, Chairman of Sell Force International LLC, ATM Consultants in Dubai & Sarrahranj Enterprise Pvt Ltd in India. He has done Masters in Emotional Intelligence and Criminology from UK, and has been bestowed Ph.D. in Leadership from University in Colombo.

He is also General Secretary in Dubai Chamber of Commerce for Building Material Trading Group, Peace Governor & UAE Chapter President for World Peace Diplomacy Organisation, Middle East Director of International Rain Water Catchments System Association, & is also a Governing Board Member to R K University in Gujarat & Executive Board Member of CEO Clubs International, Dubai. He is also Member of World Water Council & International Who's Who of Professionals, USA, & a Mentor & Chief Advisor to many Corporates & Groups.

### VISIONARY ENTREPRENEUR

Dr Saasa joined his father's Business in 1990, & designed, articulated & implemented marketing strategy that transformed the Group from just a Family Brand to a Global Brand, revered for its technology, innovation, customer friendliness & product range. He honed his entrepreneurial skills under the tutelage of his father & Founder Chairman, Late Mr. Taherali Saasa.

Over the decades, Raj Group has diversified & expanded to other parts of the world into diverse business domains. Raj Group have their presence in the Middle East, Africa & India, & is engaged in fields of GPS Technology,

Power Tools, Construction & Building Materials Hardware, Herbal & Cosmetics, Soft Skills Training, Consultancy, General Trading & Import-Export, all types of Bolts, Nuts, Fasteners, Hand Tools, Carpentry Tools, Measuring Equipment, Industrial Supplies, Oil Field, & Marine Supplies & Power Transmission System, etc.

### ACHIEVEMENTS & PHILOSOPHY

Dr Saasa has been awarded with Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Samman in House of Lords, London by British Minister in London & Bharat Samman Award in New Delhi, & "Literary Excellence Award" by Bharat Nirman.

He has also received Pride of India, Rashtriya Udhdyog Ratna Award, Outstanding National Citizen, Arch of Excellence, CEO of the Year, Gem of India, Business Visionary Award for Business Excellence, Indian Leadership Award for Industrial Development, etc.

As Member of World Water Council he has been working for "WATER" which is the most important element of life, at international level. He says that "Not a Single Drop of Rain Water should go into an Ocean without being utilised twice for the Human Cause".

Dr Saasa feels that what he is today is because of Destiny, Almighty, Parents, Family, Friends, Business Associates, and his Roots.

He believes that there is no Shortcut to Success. He adds that, "I find Right People and Invest in them followed by Trust & their Empowerment" to do the job perfectly.

Dr Saasa adds that success depends on risks & "You need a clear mind & strong analytical power to make a correct decision – and then go for it. "When the WHY is Clear, The How becomes Easy."

**“Under Dr Saasa’s exemplary leadership, Raj Group has diversified & expanded to the Middle East, Africa and India, into diverse business domains”**





# MUSTANSIR SAIFUDDIN

## THE HARBINGER OF PROSPEROUS VENTURES

Guiding his company towards unprecedented success, Mr. Mustansir Saifuddin, Managing Partner of Crystal Arc, a Dubai-based crafts firm, is recognised in his field for his ingenuity and intellect. With his sharp business acumen, he has guided the firm towards continuous global recognition

**E**stablishing a crafts firm in 2001 with Mr. Faisal Seddiq M. Samea Al Mutawa, to produce unique pieces of artwork for individuals, corporate bodies & public & federal institutions, Mr. Saifuddin is world-renowned for his exquisite products including tableware, glassware, vases, Islamic creations, miniatures of landmark buildings, laser engraving, trophies & plaques.

Having over 30 years of experience generally in the glass industry in India and the UAE, and specifically in crystal processing and crystal casting which has helped in the growing business of his company, Mr. Saifuddin has planned to expand his business further, by investing several million USD to expand into the European Market over a period of a few months.

Starting with just six – the number appears small, but their dedication was large – people with a turnover of AED 500,000, Mr. Saifuddin's concerted efforts turned to big outcomes, and today he has proudly brought Crystal Arc to a gross turnover of AED 20 million, operating from 15,000 sq. feet of working space. This is a staggering 13 times bigger than what they started in March 2001!

### EXPEDITING GLOBAL REACH

Strategizing to involve a few stores with Crystal Arc, which would be interested in distributing his firm's products, he is all set to take his company to higher levels of success, collaborating with reputed firms such as Selfridges and Galleries Lafayette.

Mr Saifuddin has also taken initiatives to work with some European designers to expand the firm's range. A visionary entrepreneur and a clever strategist, he

has approached & successfully incorporated various designers in Europe through whom Crystal Arc can cast special pieces for the Western market.

### CARVING TO PERFECTION

Under his able leadership, not only has Crystal Arc become one of the leading pioneers and manufacturers of Crystal ware in the UAE, but it has also established an ISO-Certified factory, procuring the finest raw material from Europe and with about 200 craftsmen and in-house designers give life and shape to crystals by hand-crafting and customizing as per requirements of clients through a wide range of products and customized projects for dedicated events like birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and special occasions.

As the name implies, through Crystal Arc, Mr. Saifuddin gives life to crystal by creating unique designs and shapes while his team of dedicated professionals painstakingly research and innovate to create superlative products. Their works of art not only are the cynosure of attraction but also add true value and merit to corporate gifts & promotional items, with proper recognition to the individual or the team. The source of his global reputation is his ingenuity, through which he has led his company to become the world's first by creating a new range of crystal products with stunning colours, using 'fused glass' technology, in which their state-of-the-art furnace allows up to six colours to be infused into glass at one time.

He believes in the significance of communication & is committed to achieve his goals realizing that in the process an entire industry will benefit tremendously.

**“Through Crystal Arc, Mr. Saifuddin gives life to crystal by creating unique designs & shapes while his team researches & innovates to create superlative products”**

# DR NANDITA PALSHETKAR

## PERSON OF EXEMPLARY EXCELLENCE

Often hailed as the “face of the IVF program”, Dr Nandita Palshetkar has matchless expertise and a generous persona. This visionary & enthusiastic IVF professional not just treats the infertility issues, but spreads the joy of new life into the forlorn families

**S**he is a pioneer, a distinct personality and a blessing for those whose lives had turned into a barren land due to infertility issues. Dr Nandita Palshetkar specializes in Assisted Reproductive Technologies and has played an instrumental role in helping over 25,000 aspiring parents to feel the warmth of parenthood.

Her career contour is marked with unparalleled feat of achievements in the healthcare sector of India.

### BORN TO EXCEL

A shining star & a figure of prominence, this spearhead of Bloom IVF Centre that is named the “Best IVF Centre in India” has a vision in her mind & a zealous passion in her heart. Her incessant efforts have yielded fruits of success in the form of little angels whose smiles enrapture hopeless couples.

Born in an esteemed family to Hon’ble Dr D Y Patil & Mrs. Pushplata D Patil, Dr Nandita Palshetkar too had the makings of a great humanitarian. Her father has made tremendous contributions towards the Healthcare & Educational sectors of Maharashtra.

To continue the family legacy, she completed her MD in 1993 from Mumbai University & was awarded the FCPS in the same year from the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Mumbai. Subsequently, she was awarded the ICOG from the MICOG Mumbai. Interestingly, her son has also followed her into the medical profession to alleviate health-related issues of the people.

### UNMATCHED SUCCESS CONTOUR

Over the years, she has been credited with many firsts

in the IVF field. In 1998, she became the first to establish assisted laser hatching along with having delivered first laser hatching twins in India. Dr Palshetkar also has the credit of installing the IVF Metabolomics Machine which was first in Asia & fifth in the World at Lilavati Hospital IVF Centre in 2010. In 2011, she also played a pivotal role in installing Primo Vision Digital Microscope first time in India to improve pregnancy rates. She is also a celebrated contributor to the enhancement of academic body of knowledge in OBGY in India.

Apart from running the Bloom IVF Centre, she is also associated with various renowned hospitals like the Lilavati Hospital Mumbai, Fortis Group of Hospitals Delhi, Mumbai, Chandigarh and Gurgaon and the Dr D Y Patil Hospital and Medical research Centre Navi Mumbai. She also holds the position of trustee in various hospitals across the country.

### IMPRESSIVE FEATS

Dr Palshetkar has also been honored with a number of awards and felicitations by various organizations, including the prestigious Bharat Gaurav Award at House of Commons in London. She was also recognized as the “Maharashtrian Woman Achiever” at the Mumbai Festival.

Passionate about sharing her incredible knowledge, she has trained more than 5000 gynecologists in infertility management over the last 24 years. She has also published a large number of papers and has delivered more than 650 lectures in India & abroad. Her list of achievements and contributions to the healthcare sector and nation building are quite remarkable.

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# NITISH JAIN

## RAISING THE BAR OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Under Nitish Jain's able leadership, S P Jain School of Global Management has carved a niche for itself as a modern business school in only a short span of eleven years. It is ranked among the world's best by industry experts and critics

**N**itish Jain is the founder and President of S P Jain School of Global Management. The School was founded in Dubai in 2004, after which he set up three more international campuses in Singapore, Sydney and the most recent one in Mumbai, India.

An Indian educationist and philanthropist, Mr. Jain has been frequently recognised for his efforts to modernize business education and promote global employability among business graduates. In 2014, he received the Award for Excellence by the Australia India Business Council (AIBC), presented by Her Excellency Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia.

His efforts have also been recognised at the top governmental level, and thus in 2014, he was selected by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to join his official delegation of CEOs in Australia post the G20 summit. Along with top CEOs, business leaders and visionaries from India, Mr. Jain joined the PM in presenting his "Make in India" campaign to Australian business community.

As a result of Mr. Jain's dynamic guidance, the Institute has recently made it as the youngest school to the top 100 MBA schools of India, and has been listed with IIM Ahmedabad, a 50-year-old legacy institution.

### GUIDING YOUNG GENERATION

As an educationist, Mr. Jain believes that higher education was always relevant in the past and will continue to be relevant in the future. Further, he believes that conventional education is old school and should be replaced with new methods of experiential

learning. Being a wise leader, he encourages his students to give their best performance as per the changing industry needs. He teaches them not only to build a good character and follow ethical practices as they are very important today, but also to be smart in this fast-paced world as in the past the industry looked for knowledgeable people, however today industry needs people who can think and solve problems.

He also advises students searching for the best management schools to think and act intelligently by exploring various institutions through all sorts of media information, and judge each on its inherent positives and negatives regardless of its ranking or recognition by any independent body.

### CREATING MERIT

He believes that education is not about money making, and people must understand the value of education in a society. According to him, the education sector doesn't allow one to make profits as compared to the real estate or banking sectors, but efficient running of an institute may help one create a surplus, which one can invest back to add value to the organisational structure and in the process create better educational opportunities.

He always sees and pursues positives in every situation and believes that business is about creating value by offering a better product without harming anything or anyone. Thus, Mr. Jain has been attempting to improve lives by creating better people who can perform effectively at the workplace, who can earn financial security to support themselves and their families, and who can finally give back to society.

**“Being an eminent educationist, Mr. Jain believes that Conventional education is old school and should be replaced with new methods of experiential learning”**

# DR NAVEEN TALWAR

## CREATING SALUBRIOUS TOMORROWS

A determined soul, resilient personality, and hardworking specialist, these words perfectly encapsulate the nature of Dr Naveen Talwar. Playing multiple dynamic roles in the healthcare sector of India, this feisty visionary has redefined the sector through his clinical excellence and top-notch medical expertise



revered veteran of the healthcare industry, Dr Naveen Talwar brings to the fore his exceptional expertise and rich experience of more than 20 years which has assisted him in marking a distinct niche for himself.

An impressive experience is not the only thing that makes him a trailblazer, his educational background is also quite remarkable. He has done his MBBS from University College of Medical Sciences, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, and has pursued his M.S. in Orthopaedic Surgery from King George's Medical College, Lucknow.

### RISING UP THE SUCCESS LADDER

After gaining the root knowledge of Orthopaedics, he embarked on his career voyage and joined Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in New Delhi as a Junior Consultant. Over the years, he held various crucial positions in reputed healthcare institutes and has now progressed to be a Senior Consultant with the Fortis Group.

Apart from Orthopaedics, he also has an outstanding hold in Joint Replacement Surgeries of Knee, Hip, Shoulder and Elbow and has been credited with more than 3000 surgeries till now. His other Orthopaedic interests which he is passionate about are Sports Medicine and spine-related issues.

A seasoned professional, his experience includes both Acute and Chronic Orthopaedic care with Academic Teaching for Orthopaedic Post Graduate in various hospitals where he visits as a Senior Consultant.

The multitudes of position that he holds in innumerable organizations also highlights his prowess. In 1999, he

was appointed as Medical Director, VLCC Health Panel. He is also a member of various associations including Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA), Delhi Orthopaedic Association (DOA), Arthroscopic Society of India (ASI), Indo-French Orthopaedic Association (AFICOT), Delhi Arthroplasty Association, AO/Asif Association, Switzerland, etc.

### DISTINGUISHED BY EXCELLENCE

Dr Talwar has also gained huge acclamation from the industry due to his stupendous research papers. He has conducted multitudes of international conferences – the launch of first-ever computer-assisted navigational joint replacement surgery at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital New Delhi in 2006, SAARC National Orthopaedic Conference at Indian Habitat Centre New Delhi in 2001 and Indian Arthroplasty Association meeting in 1999 – being notable among others. He has also delivered over a hundred talks and lectures over the last twenty years in various Orthopaedic forums. He is on the board of Diplomate of National Board (DNB) for conducting medical examinations and inspecting various medical colleges and hospitals.

Dr Talwar supports and advises many NGOs including Vishwas, Mobile Crèches, Udayan, Ishwar, Khushi, etc. He is a Board Member at United Way Charity, CanKids... KidsCan and The Golf Foundation, India. He is also a Medical Director at Rotary Club, New Delhi.

To offer better health to people across the country, he is venturing forth with his exemplary services and has established himself as a leader in the healthcare industry.

**“Apart from Orthopaedics, he is also a master of Joint Replacement Surgeries of Knee, Hip, Shoulder & Elbow, & has been credited with more than 3000 surgeries”**





# RAJU MENON

## A LIVING LEGEND

Born in a very humble and modest family, Raju Menon has become one of the most celebrated and glorified tycoon due to his noteworthy journey. Despite achieving the title of a successful entrepreneur, he has remained ordinary and unassuming throughout his life

**R**aised in an unpretentious and simple environment, Raju Menon has become an ideal example of those successful people who never let success go to their head. Born to middle-class parents in Kodungallur, Thrissur and brought up in a village in Kozhikode, Kerala, he has always struggled hard to make his dreams come true. He embraced the ideal ways of life at a very early age and followed his parents' advices very diligently which became the foundation of his career.

After completing his post-graduation in 1984 and becoming a Chartered Accountant, he went on to pursue a degree in Law from Government Law College, Calicut. Even after getting his Law degree, his appetite for learning was not satiated. He then passed the Certified Public Accountants Exam from the United States in 2001. He worked hard endlessly in his growing years which groomed him for the difficult times ahead. His unprecedented-yet-commendable journey is a tribute to his toiling days.

### DAYS OF STRUGGLE

After becoming a C.A., he was associated with many esteemed platforms where he went through rigorous training schedule including one in the UAE. Once he gained ample experience, he launched his own firm in 1994. Then it was in 1999, when he entered into alliance with Morison International, a UK-based Group holding a worldwide reputation. Morison International is a professional Business Advisors Group founded in 1989. It was a win-win situation for both the Groups

because Morison International got a strong foothold in Middle East Asia and Raju Menon got backing from a renowned firm. Then the turning point happened and the Company's name was changed to Morison Menon Group. Raju Menon became the Founder, Chairman and Managing Partner of the Group. Now, Morison Menon is an independent member of the Morison International Group, dealing extensively with global association of accountants, lawyers, tax advisors & business consultants.

Headquartered in Dubai, the Company expanded its business in India, Qatar, UAE & Oman. Mr. Menon's dedication enabled his Company to achieve success & is renowned for commitment & pro-employee approach. His clear-cut vision and focused mission has accelerated the multidimensional growth of the Company. The credibility that Mr. Menon has achieved over the years would not have been possible without his dedication and his efforts to keep his team united.

### VALUABLE PRINCIPLES OF LIFE

Mr. Menon is known for his integrity and attempt to never compromise with the core values of his life. He does not believe in the approach of 'growth at any cost' & has some specific systems in place that ensure that his company does not budge on its morals and ideals. A noteworthy milestone that Mr. Menon has achieved is that it has built the credibility of Indians working in the UAE, and the competence of Indian talent has come in the limelight over the years. His continuous efforts to take the Company to great heights have helped him achieve a reputed disposition all over the world.

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# DR NARHARI S MALAGAONKAR

## GRACIOUS AND QUINTESSENTIAL

Aspiring to make a difference and extend his helping hand to all those couples who are facing fertility issues and are childless, Dr Narhari S Malagaonkar has proved his mettle in the industry with his unflinching dedication and immense hard work

**R**enowned for his sans pareil commitment in treating infertility patients, Dr Malagaonkar has given a new direction to IVF treatment in the country. His infectious dedication and enthusiasm, and his commitment towards his work have not only helped him achieve some noteworthy and relevant milestones in the industry, but also he has never failed to bring a smile on the faces of couples who have come to seek his help in extending their families.

### BUILDING UP EXPERTISE

Immediately after doing his graduation from Nashik, he enrolled himself into postgraduation course for a specialization in obstetrics and gynaecology from Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital and Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College, Sion Mumbai.

During his Masters degree, he learnt under the insightful guidance of experienced surgeons who are considered veterans in their field, and created his expertise in conventional and laparoscopic surgeries. He developed an interest into fertility services, and decided to join the IVF domain to be able to help and sow the seeds of happiness in the lives of childless couples. He has always adopted the latest technology in the IVF industry, and to upgrade his skills, he has also done a year's fellowship in reproductive medicine from Singapore. His eagerness to become an expert in his subject has helped him soar to greater heights.

### A BENEVOLENT DISPOSITION

He worked at reputed platforms before launching his

own brand – Dr Malagaonkar's Progenesis Fertility Center. Learning punctiliously in various profiles he held with L H Hiranandani Hospital, Dr B N Chakraborty and as a clinical associate in fertility with Reliance Life Sciences, he has always endeavoured to become a specialist in whatever he does.

He always encourages his patients to dream, and is ever ready to turn those dreams into reality.

Dr Malagaonkar has substantial inclination towards academics, and his work has been published in national as well as international journals. His reputation for his devotion towards his profession and the trust of his patients who have received the best yet cost-effective treatments from him have spread his appreciation far and near. His enthusiasm towards spreading awareness and knowledge on infertility can be seen on various discussion platforms, as he has undoubtedly created true inspiration for his generation of budding IVF specialists. Understanding the pain and agony of childless couples and taking care of every step from pre-conception to post-delivery and ensuring his customers best rates of success, Dr Malagaonkar offers a wide range of services including modern diagnostics and therapeutic facilities for infertility treatment.

He has developed a dedicated team of doctors & paramedical staff who take care of each patient with warm feelings & love. Acknowledging that infertility can be caused by several physical as well as emotional factors, Dr Malagaonkar renders excellent success rates, advanced reproductive technology, innovation in patient care, best quality standards and ethical practices for best results and satisfaction for his customers.

**“Dr Malagaonkar’s infectious dedication, enthusiasm & commitment towards his work have helped to bring smiles on the faces of childless couples”**







# PURAN DAWAR

## POWERHOUSE OF DEDICATION

A leader well known for his incessant hard work and moral values, Mr. Puran Dawar, Chairman of Dawar Group, has achieved remarkable progress. Today, this 63-year-old magnate is spearheading the growing Group with his resolute soul and dynamic intellect

**A**

proactive veteran of the shoe industry in India, Mr. Dawar has a perfect amalgamation of rich experience and impressive academic background.

Hailing from the city of Agra, he graduated in Science from the Agra College in 1971, and pursued a Post Graduate Degree in Economics in 1973, then studied Law too.

In a constant connection with the shoe industry for more than three decades, Mr. Puran Dawar has learnt a lot and grew a lot. Presently, his outstanding guidance and dedicated leadership has advanced the Group on a progressive path carving its distinct niche in the market. The credit of the success of Dawar Group undoubtedly goes to the dynamic personality of Mr. Dawar who understood the ever-changing demands of the industry and hence introduced innovative and reliable ideas and products winning the hearts of both his customers and partners. He also ensured a sophisticated work culture and safe environment for his employees, which reflects his good-natured persona.

His knowledge with international market also paid well and the Group has marked its presence in other countries as well. Today, the wide range of men's & women's footwear manufactured by Dawar Footwear has been appreciated in the UK, Western & Eastern Europe, Scandinavia, North America & Australia. Dawar Footwear has become a name synonymous with quality, durability, high-class craftsmanship styles & comfort.

### MORE THAN A MAGNATE

He is not just a business tycoon but also an active

social & political person since his college days and has been active at state as well as national levels, including holding various posts in ABVP. A person with sharp business acumen and pragmatic approach, he loves to get to the root of every obstacle that comes his way. He cleverly calculates his steps by analyzing the situation and comes up with the best way possible.

With a vision to create an exponential growth in his success chart, Mr. Dawar takes several important roles apart from leading the group. He founded Agra Footwear Manufactures & Exporters Chamber (AFMEC) in 1997, and became its President. He also headed AFMEC in 2003 to 2005 and again took the position of the President in 2009. He is also an active member of various organizations such as Govt. Committees including PGC and RAC, Governing Council of Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Governing Council of Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI), Governing Council of Mahamaya Technical University, among others. He has also participated in Council for Leather Exports, the apex body of Ministry of Commerce in growth of exports, to raise Agra's voice & is currently working as its Regional Chairman (North India).

Mr. Dawar has taken multitudes of steps to contribute towards the society. In 1998, he laid down the foundation of "Saksham Dawar Memorial Trust" in 1998 in memory of his loving son Saksham Dawar. Through this Trust, he takes active part in bringing a positive change in the area of Education, Sports and Health of weaker sections. Mr. Puran Dawar has also established "Agra Development Foundation", bridging Public duties and Policy Interventions.

**“Mr. Dawar understood the ever-changing demands of the industry & introduced innovative ideas & products, winning hearts of his customers & partners”**

# DR S S JAWAHAR

## A RAY OF HOPE FOR THE DISTRESSED

With a prized experience of 32 years in the fields of Ayurveda, sex-related problems and alternative medicine, Dr Sukhwinder Singh Jawahar is a proficiently trained doctor and a highly deemed sexologist presently practicing at the Sanjiwani Health Centre in Ludhiana

**W**ith a family background of the past four generations in his family who have been effectively providing sexual treatments to patients suffering with acute internal problems, Dr Jawahar is himself a widely acclaimed sexologist treating patients suffering from various sexual disorders. He is also a member of the International Society for Sexual Medicine and Member of American Society of Reproductive Medicine.

### ADMINISTERING THE HEALING TOUCH

Understanding the agony of patients & the tenderness of sexual issues, this commiserating doctor strives hard to provide the choicest treatment to his patients with excellent results, maintaining their confidentiality. Religiously dedicated to providing impervious solutions for all sexual problems in both men & women with the ancient healing system called Ayurveda, he relies on the long & rigorous research on various herbs, shrubs, plant roots & leaves, which the distinguished Jawahar family of renowned sexologists has introduced.

With the effective herbal treatments introduced by Dr Jawahar, patients are blessed with prompt results without incurring any side effects. His solutions not only work at controlling and regulating the blood circulation and providing internal healing for the problem, with his empathetic healing prowess, he has also helped improve the sexual performance and pleasure of patients, which are pivotal to lead a happy married life.

### SPREADING AWARENESS & DISPELLING INHIBITIONS

The enigmatic, Dr. Jawahar, believes in pre-counselling

his patients and assisting them to comfortably share their sexual problems without any hesitation, as this helps him in arriving at the root of the predicament and hence framing a personalised treatment for each patient. During his several years of selfless service, he has efficiently administered the remedies to disorders such as erectile dysfunction, premature ejaculation, loss of libido, penis enlargement in men, and the sexual problems of women, who are generally hesitant in discussing them even with their sexologists. In an attempt to bring awareness and dispel doubts, Dr Jawahar has conducted several counselling sessions and has recommended solutions for problems such as detriment of sex drive, vaginal bleeding and severe pain among his female patients.

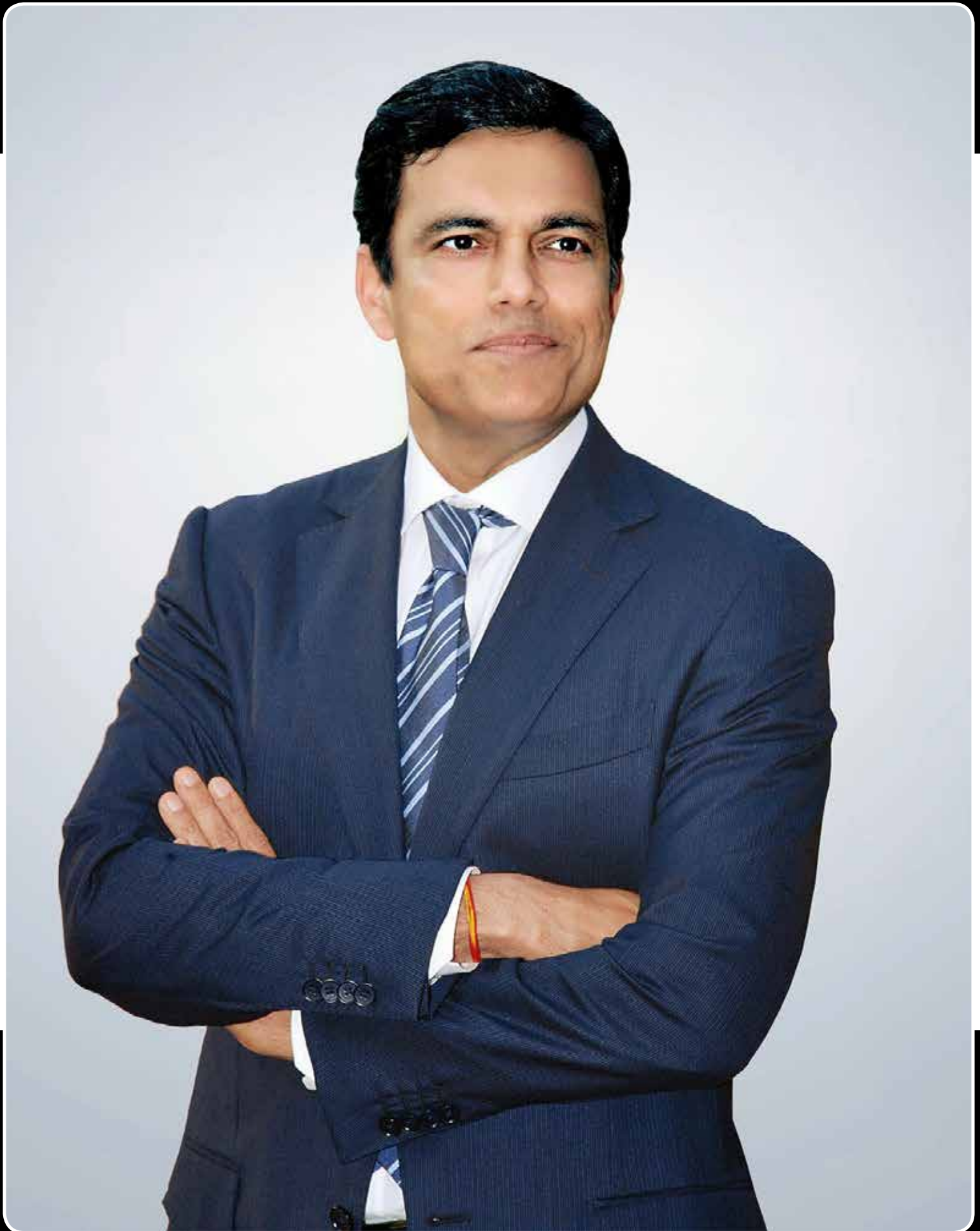
### HONORS & AWARDS

Treating 1000s of patients as a successful Ayurvedic sexologist in India and creating valuable assets of satisfied patients at his Sanjiwani Health Centre, he has also bagged several awards and recognitions, including the Best Sexologist of World Award from His Excellency Randhir Singh, Hon'ble Former Governor of Sikkim at the India International Centre New Delhi in May 2017, & the Glory of India Award from His Excellency Korn Dabbaransi, the Former Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand. He attended the 20th World Meeting on Sexual Medicine, organised by ISSM, Holland which was held in the China National Convention Centre, Beijing, in 2016.

Dr Jawahar has cured many patients of chronic sexual diseases & his contribution to the field of Ayurveda is considered irreplaceable by his peers.

**“Dr Jawahar understands the agony of his patients and the tenderness of sexual issues; he therefore, strives to provide the choicest treatment to them”**





# SAJJAN JINDAL

## THE POWER MAGNATE

A mechanical engineer by training, Mr. Sajjan Jindal has been instrumental in transforming the functioning of the Indian steel industry with his progressive engagement of all stakeholders in the development process at JSW Steel

**U**nder his leadership, JSW Group over the years has expanded in other core sectors of the economy such as power generation, infrastructure building and cement manufacturing.

His dedication to the cause of a self-reliant India is reflected in the technological innovations that define and set apart each JSW company. Today, under his leadership, the JSW Group runs some of the most energy efficient and eco-friendly manufacturing facilities in the country. Mr Jindal is leading the JSW Group into a new era of technological advancement.

### STARTING STRONG

He began his career in 1984 by independently looking after the Western region business of steel manufacturing of the OP Jindal group. A Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Bangalore University, he serves on several civic society bodies. The immediate Past President of Assocham, he is a Member of the Board of Airports Authority of India, Member, India Council for Sustainable Development, Member, Advisory Committee – Teri School of Management, Member – CII National Council and Council Member – Indian Institute of Metals. In 2009, Mr. Jindal was awarded the prestigious 19th Willy Korf/Ken Iverson Steel Vision Award at the Steel Survival Strategies XXIV Conference for elevating JSW Steel amongst the selected few global steel producers.

He has led the brand belonging to JSW Group, part of the OP Jindal Group, to be one of the lowest cost steel producers in the world. The group has

diversified interests in carbon steel, power, mining, industrial gases, port facilities, aluminium, and cement and information technology. JSW is engaged in the manufacture of flat and long products viz. HR Coils, CR Coils, Galvanised products, auto grade / white goods grade CRCA Steel, Bars and Rods. Incorporated in 1994, it has grown to US \$5 billion in fifteen years.

The company has the largest galvanising and colour-coating production capacity in the Country and is the largest exporter of galvanised products, with a presence in over 100 countries across five continents. The company has plans to expand its capacity to 32 million tons per annum by 2020 by setting up Greenfield projects of 10 million tons per annum each in Jharkhand and West Bengal.

### FUTURISTIC VIEW

Sharing his thought on GST, he said, "I agree in a way that idea of GST is not to give any more profit to anyone, basically the idea of GST is that it should be passed on to the customer so that the inflation comes down and or is under check and government earnings little bit more revenue and there is a more simplistic form of ease of doing business and there is a more wider tax net where everybody large to small to medium everyone comes into that tax bracket that is the basic idea of GST. Now if because of that somebody gets benefit and tries to profiteer then I think we need to control that. In India everybody tries to find a short cut or tries to find another way of making more money so you need to bring in some check and balance."

**“A Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Bangalore University, he serves on several civic society bodies”**

# DR SANDEEP MANE

## TRIUMPHS WITH BENEVOLENCE

A young and passionate infertility specialist, Dr. Sandeep Mane has revolutionized the healthcare sector through his exemplary work in Assisted Reproduction. Also a well-renowned laparoscopic surgeon, he has delivered life-changing treatment to thousands of couples dealing with varied health & infertility issues

**H**olding on to his beliefs and staying focused on attaining some astonishing victories, Dr Sandeep Mane has used his matchless expertise and pragmatic approach to make The Origin International Fertility Centre a symbol of joy and hope, while maintaining equilibrium on personal and professional fronts.

With a dedicated heart to offer better health and fertility treatments across the country through exceptional IVF expertise, Dr Mane has always focused on delivering exemplary services with steadfast faith. His success as one of the leading names in the healthcare industry has been achieved as a logical result.

### EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

Strongly supported by phenomenal experience that he has gathered in his exemplary professional journey, Dr Mane also has a prodigious educational background. He is an alumnus of Royal College, UK, has obtained the Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST), and also has Advanced Hysteroscopic and Laparoscopic Certification by the RCOG, London. For more than 12 years, he has worked in the USA and UK with many prominent hospitals.

With an eagerness to alleviate infertility issues in his own country, he returned to India; however, understanding the fact that infertility is still considered a taboo in the Indian society, and an issue that is always brushed under the carpet, Dr Mane started a mission of spreading awareness among people. He established The Origin International Fertility Centre in Thane offering advanced services in the field of endoscopic surgery and infertility. In 2009, he created history by delivering the first

surrogate baby in Thane. Some other prominent firsts to his credits are delivery by oldest mother in Maharashtra and the first successful Laparoscopic Cervical Stitch in India. Within a short passage of time, his efficient work and exceptional expertise has been well recognised across the country. Even international media including BBC World News has covered his work on surrogacy.

All his concerted efforts have culminated into his becoming the "Lokmat Icon of Thane", and his clinic being named as one of the world's best 15 clinics.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITH HUMANITY

Dr. Mane's extraordinary and well-calculated steps have helped The Origin International Fertility Centre emerge as a unique destination for fertility & endoscopic surgery, and in clinical excellence, and also as a centre of top-notch medical professionals.

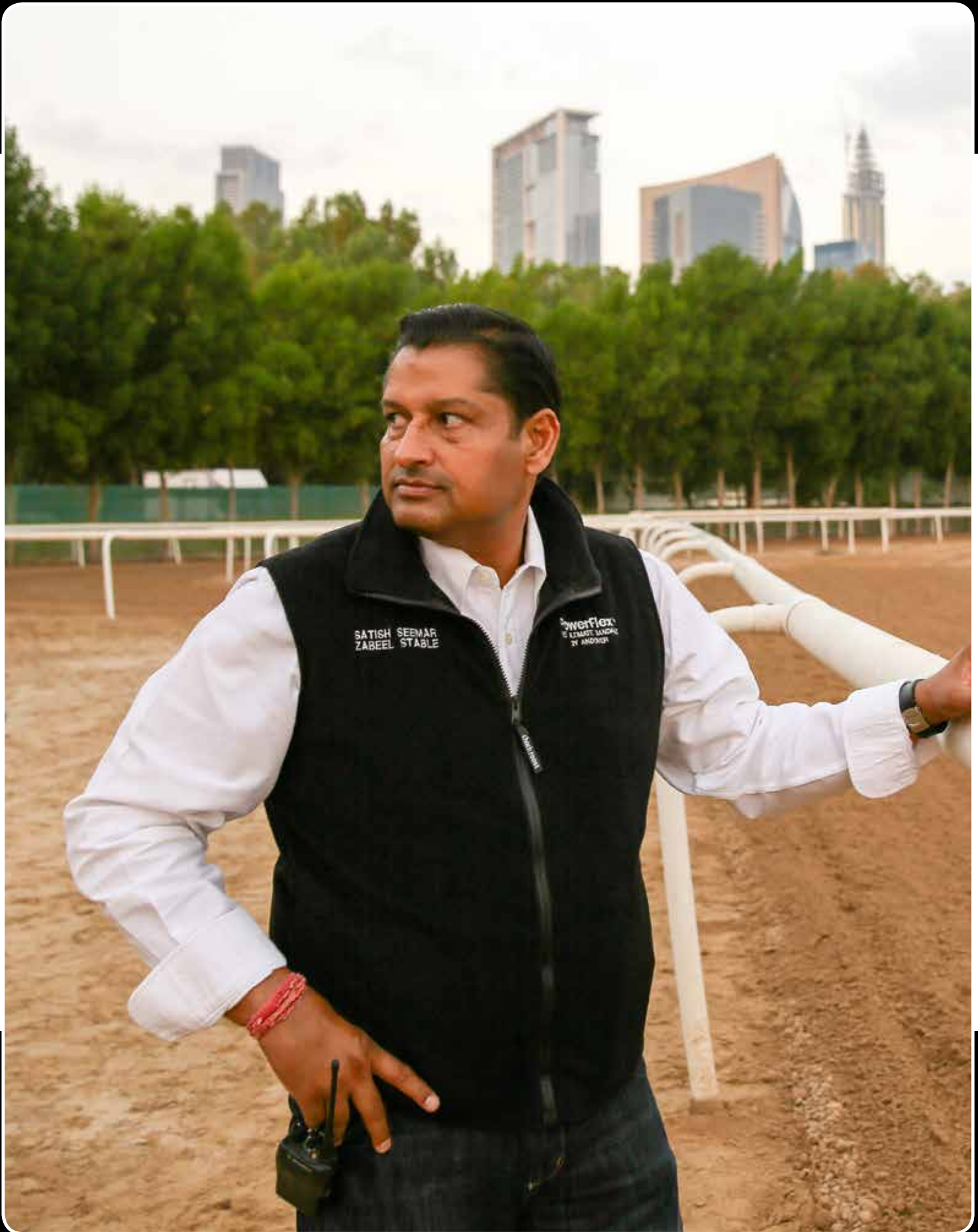
He has also presented several international scientific papers, and has also received various laurels for his stupendous contribution in the field of homoeopathy – including the prominent Bharat Jyoti Award. He was also nominated as "The Best Professional Of the Year" in the UK.

His philanthropic side is not restricted to just treating the infertility issues of dejected patients, but marks its prominence in other social areas too. He instituted The Origin Foundation to reach as many people as possible. Believing that the ultimate happiness lies in giving back to the society, he has offered focused initiatives in the main areas of health, education and art. With a motto of contributing towards the nation and the society, his Foundation has been organizing health camps and training programmes for the young children equipping them with amazing skills that will help them to be independent and strong citizens.

**“Dr. Mane’s extraordinary and well-calculated steps have helped The Origin International Fertility Centre emerge as a unique destination for fertility & endoscopic surgery”**







# SATISH SEEMAR

## REVERENTIAL LUMINARY

A renowned and respected face in the horseracing industry, Mr. Satish Seemar is hailed as one of the best advisors and an expert on horses in the world. Never compromising with his zeal to follow his passion, he has painstakingly built his own destiny

**B**orn & brought up in India, Mr. Seemar's style of working leaves most awed & in approbation. His incessant yearning to chase his dreams is an essential quality of his character; becoming a specialist in equine is just incidental. He would have achieved the same amount of success in any endeavour & calling he would have set his eyes on. His unwavering confidence in his abilities is another trait that always sees him succeeding even in challenging times.

Although he earned a bachelor's degree from one of the most prestigious colleges of the world – St. Stephen's College, New Delhi – his inclination towards equine helped him in deciding his future course of life. In 1984, due to dearth of recognized institutes or universities offering animal husbandry courses in India, he decided to relocate to the United States & pursue animal husbandry from Shasta College in California.

He went on to pursue a specialization in equine science from Cal Poly San Louis Obispo, California. His course included a 3-month assignment & he got to visit Colorado State University, Fort Collins, where he was taught animal science specializing in equine artificial insemination. Soon after completing his education, he got a golden opportunity to work with Monty Roberts who is also known as The Horse Whisperer. Never looking back since that day, he has become one of the most celebrated specialists in horse psychology worldwide.

### INSIGHTS AND ASSIMILATION

He began working for Taylor Made Farms in Lexington, Kentucky, and learnt with every minor and major

responsibility. He not only pounced on the opportunity to build his practical knowledge about the psychology of a horse, he also learnt throughout in varied roles and kept himself involved with every part of the work. He was even involved with preparation for sale of yearlings, organizing and supervising of feeding and nutrition programs, and his hands-on experience helped him greatly in his career.

It was in 1990 that His Highness Sheikh Mohammed contacted Mr. Seemar and requested for his help in establishing an illustrious racing destination in Dubai, which would be one of its kind in the entire world. He immediately accepted and proved through his dedication and commitment towards his work that he was the right choice for the assignment.

### GLORIOUS LIFE

His proficiency and more than three decades of experience have not only made him a distinguished personality in the horseracing fraternity, time and again he has created fresh benchmarks for others to follow.

In 1993 he made a distinctive mark for himself when he became the first UAE-based trainer to win a race in Europe. Since then, he has been working day and night to make Dubai stand at the first position in horse racing on the world map. Following his various famous victories, he keeps receiving requests from famous personalities who want his assistance in horseracing.

He has been awarded and appreciated at many famous platforms during his journey, including an award from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth for his dedication and determination towards training horses.

**“A renowned and respected face in the horseracing industry, Mr. Satish Seemar is hailed as one of the best advisors and an expert on horses in the world”**

# SATYA VADLAMANI

## THE TENACIOUS TRAILBLAZER

With undeterred faith and passion to work consistently fuelling her aspirations, Ms. Satya Vadlamani has carved a distinct niche for herself in a man's world. One of the doyennes of the pharmaceutical industry of India, she has regularly established new benchmarks

**P**ainstakingly creating a story of passion, perseverance and procurement, Ms. Satya Vadlamani, the dynamic Chairperson and Managing Director of Murli Krishna Pharma Pvt. Ltd., has become a figure of inspiration for many women who want to follow their dreams and reach the zenith of success.

The Company that she established back in 1997 has now transformed into a 7-million-dollar manufacturing company having 34 molecules, PIC/s Approvals, EU Approval, and Jordanian FDA approval. Under her exemplary leadership, Murli Krishna Pharma Pvt. Ltd. has become one of the leading drug delivery system (DDS) companies in India providing a range of effective solutions to optimise the delivery of pharmaceutical products. It has an impressive global presence and its reputed clientele includes Mylan, Sanofi, Helm, Chemo, Stada, Sandoz, etc.

### ROOTS OF A FLOURISHING FUTURE

With a background of a BE in Electrical & Electronics from Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM) in Vishakhapatnam – due to the influence of her father who was a Professor at IIT Bombay and her mother who was a teacher – she took her first step in the pharmaceutical industry in 1992 by joining Armour Chemicals Ltd. as an Export Manager. She also worked at Ajanta Pharma Ltd.; however, she left her job in 1997 to establish Murli Krishna Exports – a pharmaceutical API's marketing and trading Company.

Starting Murli Krishna Pharma Pvt. Ltd., along with Dr Vijay Shastri, in 2004, today the company has four

potential IPRs, and is on a supply agreement with one of the leading Generics of World.

### THE PHENOMENAL ENTREPRENEUR

Her effervescent personality and intellect has made her a prominent leader on national as well as international platforms. She has been a guest speaker in several events including "Sakal Media Group", "IBN Lokmat", "FICCI FLO", and "Transnational Cooperation in Drug Development and Clinical Research", etc.

Her influencing story has been selected by the BBC as a part of their documentary on India's women entrepreneurs, titled "Making Medicine in a Man's World", and she has been featured as one of India's leading female entrepreneurs in a book titled "Follow Every Rainbow". Ms. Vadlamani was also awarded as the best Women Entrepreneur by the Meera Kaul Foundation's WISTEM in 2016, and in the same year, she also became one of the top five finalists in the CPhI Pharma Awards held at Barcelona, Spain.

### SMILING THROUGH THE STORMY PHASE

A lady of strong beliefs & holding a rich experience of more than 22 years, Ms. Vadlamani believes that "I am a woman first & then an independent woman. Success never comes easy. It requires a lot of risk taking & a very strong mental balance & a never say die attitude. This is all what made me a dynamic leader within the industry".

Her Company is her life, her passion and her time. She has faced many obstacles with great courage and positivity, and has always believed in doing her best – amazing success has come to her automatically.

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# MARIO SCHMIDT

## THE INSIGHTFUL CHAMPION

With a meager workforce & little experience of the nascent Indian Market, it wasn't a cakewalk for Mr. Mario to achieve the heights, as Lingel a German-based veteran of hi-quality doors and windows entered the Indian Market with Mario Schmidt at its helm

**I**n 1994 after completing his education in Mechanical Science, Mr. Schmidt realised he had great interest for fenestration and decided to learn more about it. In 2006 he came to India and established the business here which has only helped in the growth of the company.

Mr. Mario is a strong believer of hard work. With his perseverance, he has expanded the presence of Lingel in practically every major city in India. He strongly believes that time management is crucial for any business to flourish and so lives with the motto "On Time Every Time".

Mr. Mario Schmidt is also the President of uPVC windows and doors manufacturers association or UWDMA. He is a voracious reader and an orator who can speak on varied topics related to the industry. He has been a part of various panels and has expressed his views on various forums related to the industry such as his association for window maker UWDMA and the German Government body GIZ to introduce with the support of the MSDE Ministry of skills (Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship) training and skill development programs for the industry. He and the UWDMA team are working together with BIS (Bureau of Indian Standard) for bringing the first standard on uPVC windows in India alive.

### THE EFFECTIVE EXPANSION

His intense knowledge of the product and vast experience in the field has helped in great advancement of his company, making a distinctive mark in the industry. He has actively participated as a panelist at various events and has been actively associated with Ace Tech and

ZAK. He is a visionary who is farsighted and has created one-of-its-kind Smart Windows.

He believes in the philosophy "Success of today does not feed us tomorrow, it only creates a platform and foundation for tomorrow's growth and success." Thus, he takes each day as a new day and tries to prove himself fresh.

### COMPASSIONATE & CONTRIBUTIVE

He takes it as his personal ownership to be responsible for all the employees considering all of them as the Lingel family members. In his personal capacity, he is running a small afternoon education program in a backward village since 2010 for the growth of the children there.

He is a man with a good sense of humour and no trace of stress can be seen when he performs his daily duties towards his business. His energetic and vivacious nature has helped him take in his stride various projects and assignments with success. He is passionate about music and enjoys attending live music shows. He believes that a leader must strongly set examples for his employees to emulate and so practices what he preaches and puts it into action too.

Besides establishing the company in India and making it one of the top 10 companies in the field, he has also helped build new Windows, for instance, the Smart Windows which has earned him great acclamation. Consequently, the hard work and perseverance of Mr. Mario is reflected through various awards Lingel Windows and Doors Technology has received over several years.

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# DR. SHABEER NELLIKODE

## THE INNOVATOR IN WHITE COAT

The summit is never crowded, as only a few are able to reach it, and Dr. Shabeer Nellikode, Founder & Managing Director of UBC World and Universal Hospital has painstakingly reached the zenith of his field. With his decades-long experience, he is constantly upgrading the level of Neuroscience worldwide

**D**r. Shabeer Nellikode, is considered to be one of the youngest pioneers of innovative entrepreneurship based in the GCC. Since his entry into the Middle East as a Consultant Neurologist, he has continuously put his efforts into serving humanity, and has been acknowledged by Governments, Organizations, and Educational Institutions, receiving awards, certificates, plaques, & appreciation for both his business acumen and philanthropic efforts in the GCC & India.

He is MBBS from Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, & MD (Internal Medicine), DM (Neurology) & DC (Neurology) from various universities in India & abroad.

### A MAN OF MANY ROLES

With a knowledge bank as vast as his, he has successfully carried out significant duties in different organizations. Apart from being the Founder & MD, Consultant Specialist Neurologist and treating other disorders at Universal Hospitals and Clinics, UAE, Dr Nellikode also serves as Director in Life Line Hospitals, Abu Dhabi, and MD at Universal Business Corporation, PetroGlobal Technologies, Abu Dhabi, and several others.

Apart from authoring/co-authoring handsomely selling books like *Immunomodulation – Our Experience with Immunoglobulin*, *Phantom Phenomenon* and *Treatment with Transcranial Magnetic Simulation*, *A Novel Classification for Caudate Haemorrhage* and many more, Dr Nellikode has presented more than a dozen papers at different national & international research programmes.

From International Workshops to Annual Conferences,

he has made his presence felt with the help of his boundless knowledge and appealing oratory skills. Dr Nellikode has been invited to speak in various forums like Greater Malabar Initiative, Entrepreneurship in the Middle East, ISB Leadership Summit, IIM, etc.

With specialization in Stroke, Epilepsy, Neuroradiology and other neurological disorders he is considered as a well-respected Neurologist by the Health Authority of Abu Dhabi and is called for Second Opinions by the International Patient Center of HAAD for complex and recurrent cases. Having spent his life in different parts of India and the UAE, Dr Shabeer is a polyglot with a firm grip on languages like English, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Tulu, Hindi, Arabic and Telugu.

He has been awarded with the 50 Most Talented Healthcare Leaders of the Middle East Award, Reporters International Business Reliability Award, Best Entrepreneur Award, Kairali Special Achievement Award; and appreciation from HE Abdulla Mahyan, HE Ahmed Juma Al Zaabi, and HE Yousif Alobaidli; and recognition from Sheikh Khalid bin Tanaf al Menhali.

### THE PHILANTHROPIST

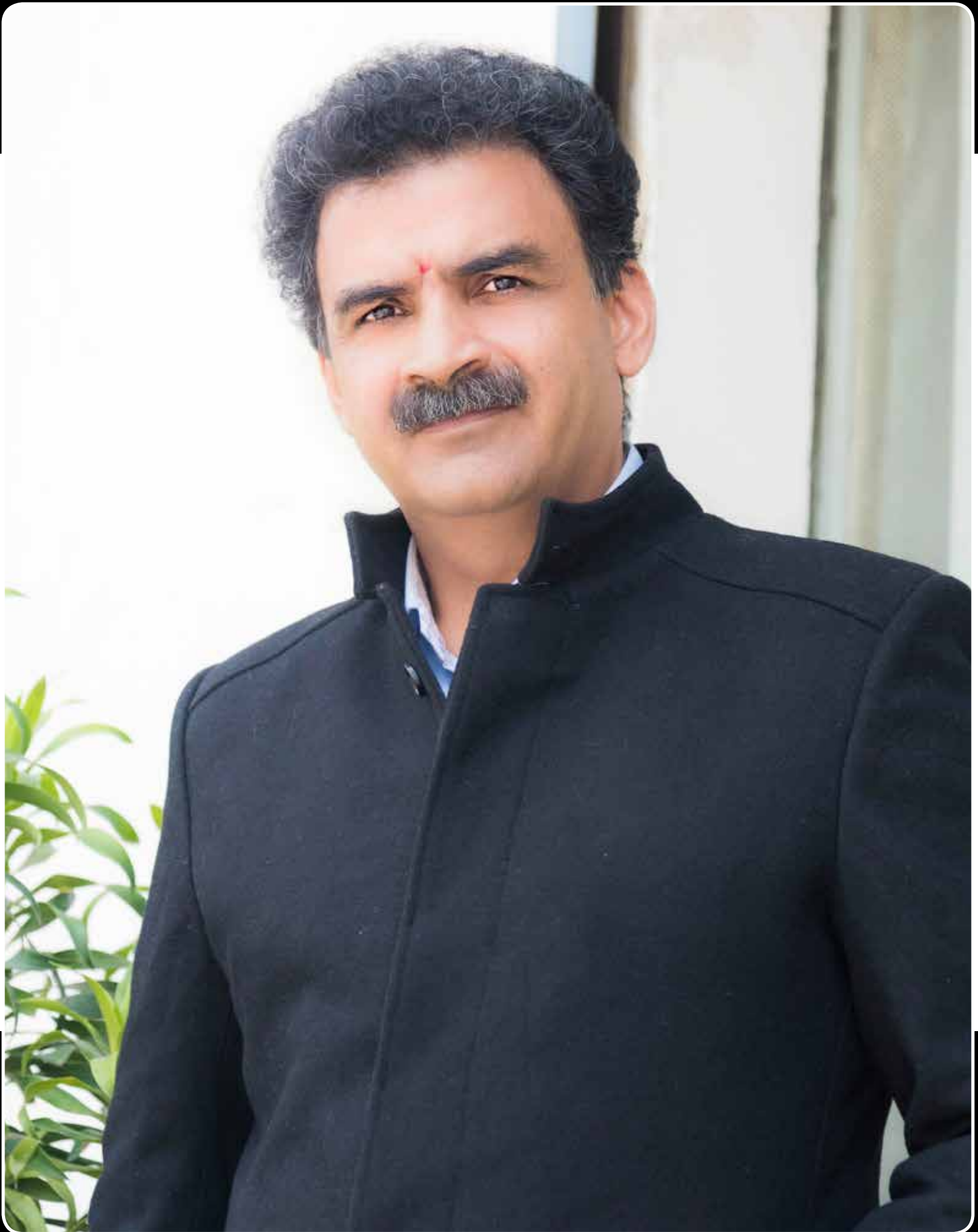
Dr Nellikode works with a mission to uplift the downtrodden and those in need of Medical Care. He provides charitable healthcare campaigns in the GCC and India for the underprivileged, educational institutions and old age homes, & educates people at the Local Mosque about Basic Resuscitation and Life Support.

He lives a life inspired by the message 'Service to Mankind is service to God.'

**“Dr Nellikode is one of the youngest pioneers of innovative entrepreneurship based in the GCC & his journey from India to the Gulf is inspirational”**







# DR SUDHIR BHOLA

## THE MEDICAL MAESTRO

An extraordinary personality with an experience as vast as three decades, Dr Sudhir Bhola is a name to be reckoned with in the ayurvedic world. The list of his never-ending achievements is the proof of his dedication towards giving his patients the best of treatment

**D**r Sudhir Bhola is an ayurvedic medical practitioner and specialises in Sexology, Skin and Hair Diseases. Having earned his BAMS degree in 1999, he went on to do his MD Alternative Medicine in 2011 from the University of Complementary Medicine.

He founded Curewell Therapies in the year 2013 and has served as the Head of the clinic since then, where he has been curing patients not only from India but globally. Before he established Curewell Therapies, he had worked as Assistant Doctor at Dr Lal Poly Clinic (1987-1999) and Doctor at Lal Hospital (1999-2013).

His patients are ever-satisfied, as he does not only prescribe medicines but treats them through healthy lifestyle techniques & natural plant-based roots & herbs.

### JOURNEY OF THE MESSIAH

Dr Bhola has worked day and night to realise the dreams of his father and mentor Late Dr H L Bhola who himself was a well-known medic and faculty of Physiology and Anatomy at A&U Tibbia College, New Delhi. Dr Bhola started his career assisting his father at Dr Lal Poly Clinic at the young age of 18 during his studies, because of his natural instinct and curiosity to learn.

He believes that each and every strata of the society should have equal opportunity to lead a healthy life and this belief has led him to construct a system in which people having all kinds of ailments, from different places irrespective of their background can visit him and benefit from his easy and affordable treatment methods. Apart from being a successful sexologist, he has also treated chronic kidney diseases, diabetes and

even HIV with his ayurvedic medicines. It is because of his miraculous treatment that his patients have termed him a messiah.

There is a bond of trust between him and his patients and that is why they are comfortable while discussing their intimate problems. He also promises to keep their records a secret. In addition, his attractive personality makes his name a trusted source for the cure of all sex-related problems. For people who cannot directly reach him, he keeps sharing tips on leading a healthy life through social media.

### MAKING AN EVERLASTING IMPACT

While Dr Bhola has been busy assisting his patients, several renowned organisations have presented him with awards for his remarkable work in the field of medical science. He was felicitated with "Rashtriya Swasthya Rakshak Gaurav Samman" in the year 2014 for his constant support to the society by giving free treatments. The "Torch Bearer of Ayurveda Award" was bestowed upon him by the World Ayurvedic Foundation. The Dhanwantari Award and Charaka Award are other significant titles awarded to him.

### THE SOCIALLY INCLINED MEDIC

Having inherited the sense of responsibility from his father, Dr Bhola has always played his part to help the poor. Participating in medical camps and through his clinic, endeavouring to aid the society in every way he can, until the year 2015, he charged no fees but only the medicine charges. Even today, he charges a nominal fee which is affordable by each and every one.

**“Apart from being a successful sexologist, he has also treated chronic kidney diseases, diabetes and even HIV with his ayurvedic medicines & has been termed a messiah”**

# SURENDER SINGH KANDHARI

## MAKING THE RIGHT TRACK

Surender Singh Kandhari's significant and quite inspiring success is because of his unwavering confidence in his abilities and untiring efforts to achieve the impossible, which has culminated into the establishment of the huge Al Dobowi Group, one of the largest tyre distribution companies in the world

**F**rom the modest beginnings of a Deira (Dubai) tyre shop in 1976, Surender Singh Kandhari has taken his company's operations to 65 countries across the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia and North America, to emerge as a leading global player in integrated tyre management, batteries for motive power, lubricants, conveyor belt systems, and technical rubber products.

### TRULY INSPIRING MOVES

The company was formed in 1976 and has since branched out into batteries, lubricants, conveyor belt systems and technical rubber products. Also renowned for his philanthropy, he has contributed nearly \$20 million to build the first 'legal' gurdwara in the United Arab Emirates. It is built on land donated by the ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum. The structure is over 100,000 sq ft large and has served over 40,000 worshippers in a single day. The gurdwara had its opening ceremony in 2012.

Surender Singh Kandhari's Dubai journey is truly inspiring. He started off with a modest shop in Deira way back in 1976 without many assets except searing ambition and a drive to succeed. After four decades of utmost commitment, he has turned his business into a 20-subsiary-strong conglomerate boasting of partnerships with world-renowned brands.

The Al Dobowi Group, that has its business interests in tyres, retreading, batteries and rubber products, has even launched its own tyre brand, Infinity. Now, the Group is all set to expand its operations to other South East Asian countries and Australia as well. Ask him about

his many achievements and awards, and Mr. Kandhari modestly attributes them to his belief in the divine and his commitment to business ethics. It was this faith that also motivated him to lead the efforts of constructing the Gulf's first Gurdwara.

### GIVE MORE TO GET MORE

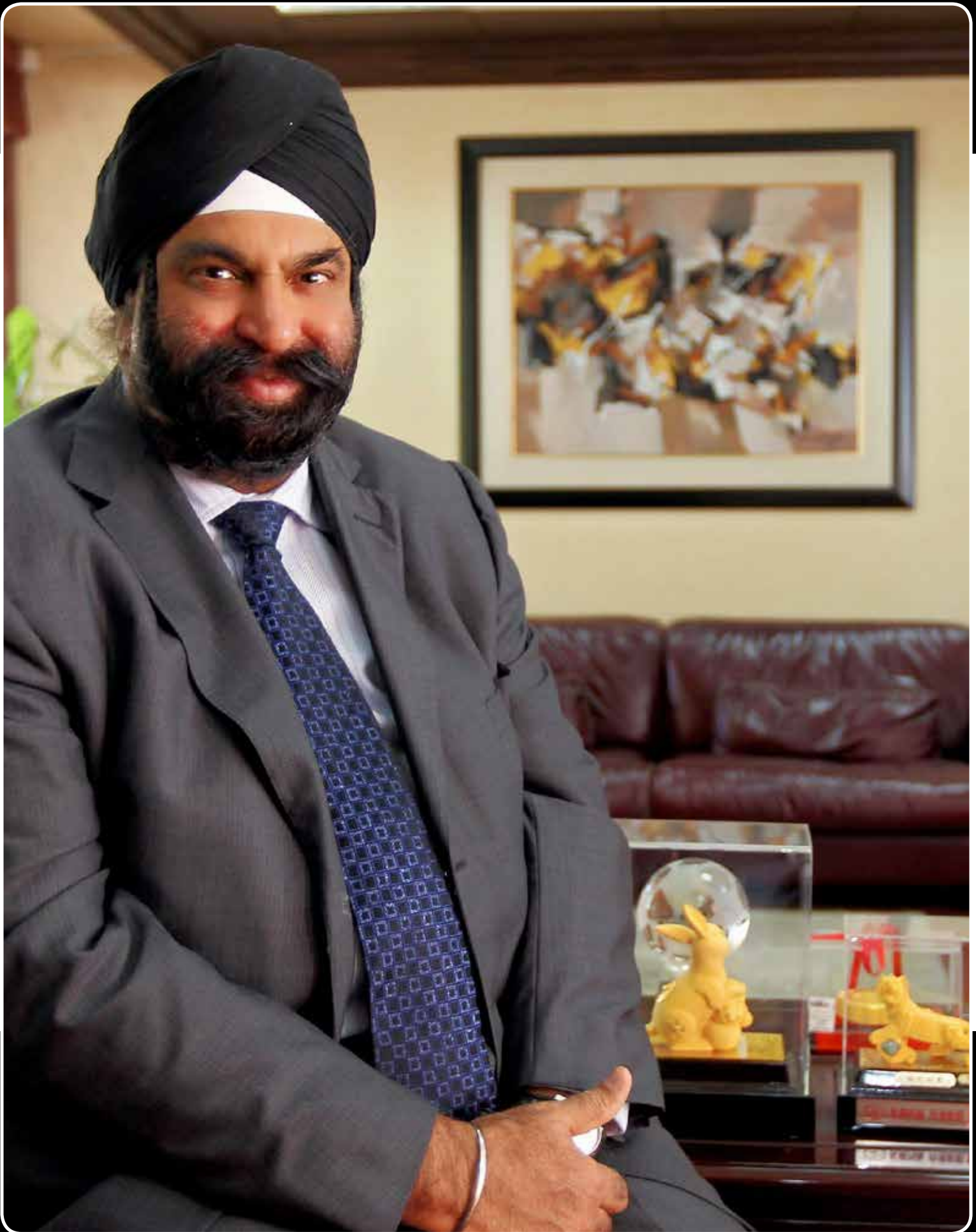
In his opinion, the only way to achieve more, is to give more! The very enterprising and enthusiastic Mr. Kandhari is also a regular contributor at media show panels and conferences, as young entrepreneurs are always interested in learning from his unique success story.

Doing what he is good at has proved to be the winning mantra for Mr. Kandhari, the 64-year old Founder and Chairman of the privately held Al Dobowi Group based in Jebel Ali Free Zone.

Since its launch as a modest tyre shop in Deira in 1976, Al Dobowi has consistently grown into a 20-subsiary-strong conglomerate under the strategic focus of Mr. Kandhari on its core business of tyres and retreading, batteries and rubber products. The Group today boasts of 23 world-leading brand partners including CEAT, GoodYear, Pirelli, Caltex, Hankook, Exide, Bandag, and has launched its own tyre brand, Infinity.

Slow and steady growth has seen this ISO 9001:2008 certified Group expanding geographically with operations and distribution to 65 countries across the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia and North America, to emerge as a leading global provider of superior services and unique solutions in integrated tyre management, batteries for motive power, lubricants, conveyor belt systems, and technical rubber products.

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# DR BEERINDER SINGH YOGI

## THE AYURVEDIC MESSIAH

Transforming dousing hopes into unwavering faith, Dr Beerinder Singh Yogi is a pioneer in ayurvedic medication clinic for Health, Rejuvenation, Sexual & Infertility problems in men. He has changed the lives of several people in his 23 years of service. People worldwide consider him to be an alchemist in his field

**D**r Yogi heads Dr Yogi's Clinic established in 1944 which is the first and the only ISO 9001:2000 certified clinic in the country awarded worldwide and with various helplines across the globe. Dr Yogi's Clinic is the venture of Late "Vaid Harbhajan Singh Yogi" Bathinda Wale. The motive of the clinic is to provide 'A Way to Healthy Life'.

Dr Yogi is a pro in addressing Health Rejuvenation and Sexual Infertility problems in men. His skills acquired through experience and practical understanding of the subject have helped people who had lost hope to get parental happiness in their lives. With his safe and swift treatment process, a number of people now believe that medical science does not only cure diseases but also can redefine the lifestyle of human beings. His USP is his excellent effort to keep his treatment accessible and affordable by people of all classes.

With all his experience and materialistic knowledge, Dr Yogi very carefully follows his ethical duties. Track records of patients and case histories are kept confidential and he encourages people to openly discuss their problems and get the right treatment, because of which people have showered a long-lasting faith on him regarding their most intimate problems. He is not only involved in treatment of diseases related to fertility and reproductive issues but also puts in his best efforts in educating people about the diseases and the right treatment procedure. Apart from treatment, Dr Beerinder Singh Yogi also provides counseling and tries to de-stress the patients as he believes that half the problem is solved if the patient understands the

cause of the problem and is relaxed. This is why he does not treat his patients as mere cases but guides them to grow happy families. He believes in the theory 'Prevention is better than cure' and that's why he gets involved in spreading awareness about the kind of lifestyle one should follow to avoid such problems.

Dr Yogi has redeveloped people's faith towards Ayurveda & has proved that its treatment is the best & affordable.

### THE CELEBRATED DOC

Dr Yogi's journey has been of more than two decades and in this journey of bringing hopes and happiness to thousands of families, several benchmarks were set. Dr Yogi has received many recognitions like International Gold Star Best Sexologist Award in Bangkok (Thailand), Indian Iconic Award for Best Sexologist and Infertility Clinic by Shri Vijay Sampla, Bharat Gaurav Award in 2016 by Kaptan Singh Solanki (Governor of Punjab and Haryana) and the list is long.

### THE HUMBLE LIFESAVER

With all the success and fame coming his way, with people comparing him to the Almighty himself, Dr Yogi has firmly set his foot on the ground. "Eternal content is in making life better for others." These are the words of the world-famous expert in sexology, Dr Beerinder Singh Yogi. He considers himself lucky to have got the opportunity to help families to get proper reproductive and fertility care in a country where people prefer to stay silent about problems like this. Dr Yogi has a perception in his mind and he will keep working without rest until he sees his vision come to life.

**"With Dr Yogi's safe & swift treatment process, many people now believe that medical science doesn't only cure diseases but also can redefine their lifestyle"**

# VIJAY REDDY

## THE ESTATE SOVEREIGN

Founder and Managing Director of one of India's largest setups in the Real Estate Development sector, Mr. Vijay Reddy is an example for rising entrepreneurs as a dynamic personality, an influential leader and a humble human being, who believes in keeping the work going

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Master of Business Administration from The University of Newcastle Australia, Mr. Reddy has a deep understanding of the business & the market, which he has gathered in his capacity as the Managing Director of SJR Prime Corporation and similar designations in Primeco Realty Pvt. Ltd., Cleanlife Project Management Services and PrimeCorp Hospitality.

### THE INSPIRING BOSS

Mr. Reddy is an open-minded and approachable leader, always open to new ideas and keen to work with different professionals in diverse fields. He enjoys the balance of thinking from the top and at times rolls up his sleeves and gets into some nitty-gritty work with his team.

From a not-so-established establishment firm to a formidable leader in the real estate sector, SJR is a result of his dedication and will to give better homes to people. As the greatest achievement for his constant endeavours, consumers maintain faith in the SJR PrimeCorp brand on sheer strength of their products – well-designed & beautifully-constructed homes.

### THE OPTIMIST

Mr. Reddy's career high point, according to him, is a result of all the years of learning, growth and even shortfalls, as he is not satisfied with just working hard, and goes beyond, embracing the passion and drive necessary to make a business succeed.

Having travelled the world, Mr. Reddy has a genuine insight into what constitutes an ideal living space and that is how he has changed the face of commercial

housing in the country. He thinks that even in an industry this challenging, India can reach the global level of excellence if things are moved in the right way. He is awed by the opportunity to create something beautiful as well as functional, as the great, ancient human ideal of building something from nothing has always captured his imagination.

### THE DILIGENT MAGNATE

With 4 projects completed this year & 5 ongoing, SJR under Mr. Reddy is flourishing & focused in the short term on completing the projects it has already started.

Under Mr. Reddy's strong leadership, SJR PrimeCorp plans to continue to focus on quality over quantity, with design being the foundation of their strengths. Flourishing in business is not his only purpose as he is dedicated to delivering the best to his consumers within the radius of ethics. He has adopted several sustainability measures in his projects, and environmental impact is a major factor in his design process. Further, he ensures in all his projects safety and convenience in living spaces, especially concerning children & elderly.

Mr. Reddy believes in quick and intelligent decision-making & empowering his people to function in the same way, as he believes that any company can grow through sheer performance. His personal & professional lives are also intertwined, as he feels that ideas for his work can come from everywhere, including home.

Mr. Reddy enjoys putting a few golf balls into cups & travelling around the world, & yet is fluent in the business tactics of the past and enjoys operating in a fast-changing world.

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# MAJESTIC MAHARASHTRA

BY EKTA MAKAN

*Culture, Cuisine, Celebration all lies in the lap of the very cosmopolitan state of Maharashtra. It offers experiences of being the thriving, vibrant metropolis to many little developed shoreline cities. India's economic hub is a hit with every kind of traveler*

**STEP INTO A WORLD BEYOND EXPECTATION**

The contemporary landmass and diverse physical features by the nature are very carefully crafted in the state. Maharashtra promises to deliver all the bells and whistles of architecture, religion, culture and festivals. Very rightly called as an expensive canvas, it showcases many of India's iconic attractions.

Maharashtra's very own Deccan Odyssey is known for some of the country's most lavish tourist attractions. Drawing inspiration from the European Orient Express or the palace of Rajasthan, the Odyssey spills imperial magnificence as well as modern comforts, transport tourists to the heaven of tranquil beaches, astonishing forts and palaces, and divine tales engraved in gigantic rocks.

Standing as silent sentinels to history are the heritage sites of Maharashtra which vary from old forts to being washed away by the sea waves. The richness of the state's heritage is evident from the sheer range of the state's traditional arts and crafts.

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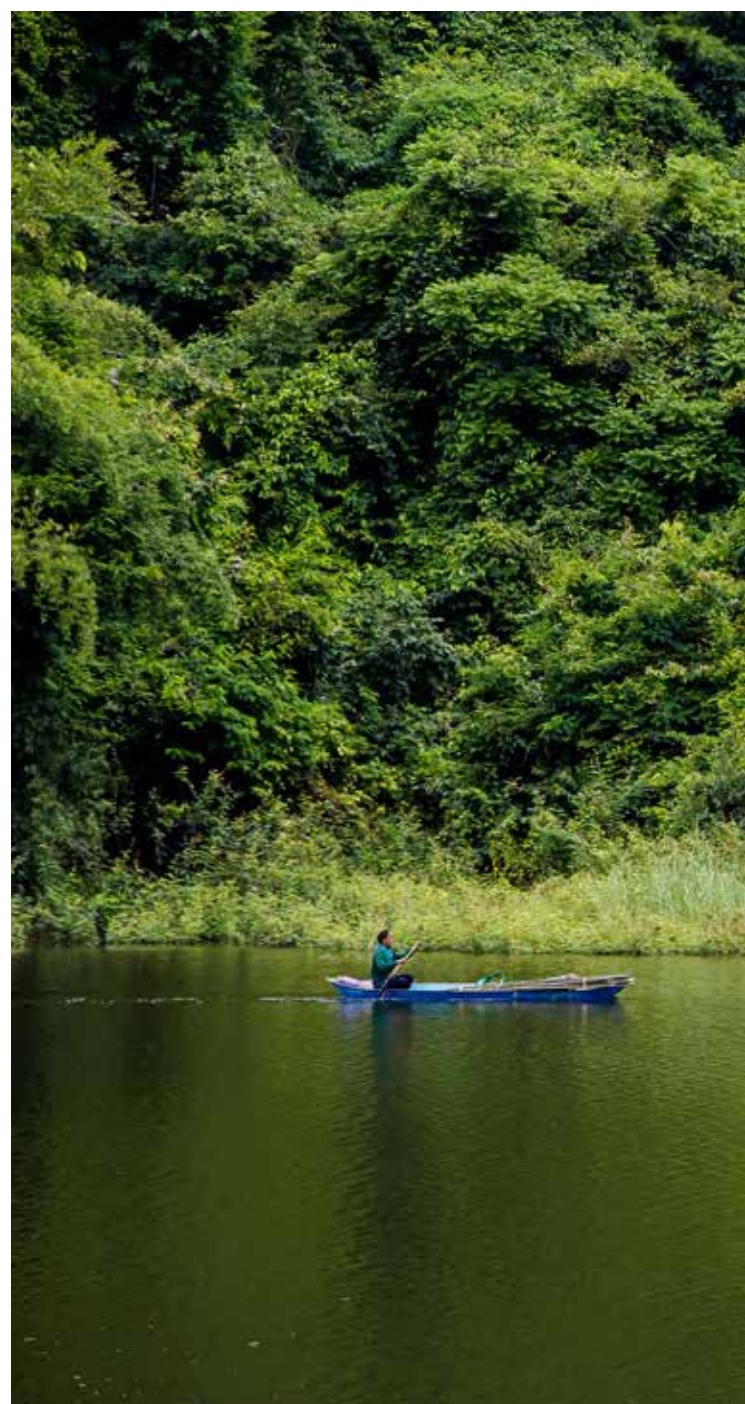
solid rock, spreading the artistic magic are the cave of Ajanta, Elephanta, Ellora etc. These caves are definitely Maharashtra's greatest monuments and they date back to early 1st century BC. While absorbing the vibes from the finest art and crafts of the past, the caves were used as the viharas (hall) and chaityas (pillared religious caves) by Buddhist, Hindu and Jain priests.

**DEEP DOWN UNDER**

Plunge into Tarkarli, the Konkan's oceanic gem makes the postcard-perfect water sport capital of Maharashtra. Capturing the grandeur of the most scenic Sindhudurg coast with its warm clear waters invites travelers for snorkeling or scuba diving with professional trainers for assistance.

Apart from being a clean water spree, this diving area mesmerizes by corals, the wide Sargassum forest, the rockscape and the sheer colorful diversity of marine life. Ganpatipule also has too much to offer like water-scooters to jet-skiing.

The serene water lets the traveler discover world-class comfort and peace. Maharashtra is one point



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destination for the travelers who want the rush of the river for rafts, it is at Kolad when the Bhira dam opens up each day, the placid Kundalika River transforms itself magically into full-blown river rapids, the place also brings waterfall rappelling and trekking to the plate.

Spread in 14 kilometers of area, starting from a small township of Saje is the place for rafting. The water gushes through the channel, entering the river base and filling it

up, the sight of it being enough to hike up your adrenaline and enthusiasm levels. Ending the rafting session in a village named Kamath, rafting on the Kundalika comprises 10 white water rapids to enjoy through. The amazing part about the Kundalika is that it is the only river in India where water rafting is possible throughout the year, thus making it an all-season site.

### **REGAL RETREAT**

A journey to Maharashtra cannot be

complete without paying your homage to the flora and fauna of the state. To breathe that air, to bathe in those waters, is to experience the wildlife wonders of the state.

Wake up to be hosted by the wild. Wake up to the nature's own playground, Bhimashankar Wild Life Sanctuary. Located in the lush green forests, the Shiva temple in Bhimashankar is the sixth jyotirlinga and is a very popular place amongst the disciples of Lord Shiva.

If the tales are to be believed, the original temple of Bhimashankar was built in 12th century CE, though it was restored by Chimaji Antaji Bhide Naik in 1733 CE followed by some repair works by Dikhit Patwardhan in 1766 CE. A well was constructed in the complex by Raghunathrao Peshwa. The famous minister of the Peshwas, Nana Phadnavis carried out a lot of renovations, including the construction of the shikhara.

One knows it's a window of happiness when it opens up to an emerald green landscape. With green plantations spread across acres, the Radhanagari (Dajipur) Bison Sanctuary is a treat for eyes. Notified by the Government of Maharashtra in 1985, the sanctuary has emerged as one of the most popular places of tourist interest. Having its roots in a hotspot of biodiversity, the Western Ghats, it is popularly known as Dajipur Sanctuary, the area in and around this place was earlier the private shooting block of the Maharaja of Kolhapur.

As they say, there is nothing like a tiger crossing every path on which your jeep is travelling. Skipping a few heart beats at a wildlife sanctuary is a must. Situated near the village Devrashtre that the Sagarashwar Sanctuary is an artificially cultivated forest without a perennial supply of water, it has been developed by D. M. Mohite, a well-known freedom fighter and 'vrikshamitra' (friend of trees), who started working on converting the landscape in 1975. The man has personally planted and nurtured many of the trees here. The sanctuary is now forested, but with grassy hill slopes. The forest is a mix of deciduous and southern thorn trees and protection from grazing and forest fires has





resulted in good regeneration of the dry deciduous species. Some of the plants introduced here by the local forest department include Tamarind, Neem, Nilgiri, Acacia, Agave and Khair.

**IN SYNC WITH ART & CRAFT**

Maharashtra's history as a centre of art and culture, and its position as the country's commercial capital and the most too many genres of celebrities have helped make it a accessible state. The richness of the state's heritage bestowed in the form of art and culture has been overwhelming since the beginning of time, or, at least of recorded history.

The state is known to be the leading cotton producing ones in the country. With such rich resources, it is only obvious that most of the traditional fabric-based arts and crafts that are made in Maharashtra use this material extensively. While Narayan Peth was originally a cotton and silk weave, Paithani saris are mainly silk saris with heavy, ornamented borders.

Ranging from fine fabrics of mashru and himroo, which clearly set high standards of weaving art to the Bidriware, the well-appreciated craft of this state, Maharashtra has been amongst the highest contributors to the art 7 culture of the country. The district of Kolhapur gives two

most famous things - jewellery and Kolhapuri chappals. Kolhapuri chappals are known for its quality, comfort ability and low price.

**THE URBAN CLASSIC**

From colonial-style architecture to its idyllic sea-side setting, perched within a walled garden, that's how an evening unravel in Maharashtra. Kala Ghoda's art galleries in Mumbai and cute stores provide the perfect fodder for a perfect pre-dinner conversation. The state gives a lot of chance for a traveler to explore the place together with a long walk down the sea link.

Rightly called as the fashion epicenter, Maharashtra never fails to pamper your luxury taste buds. The state hypnotizes with its promiscuous beauty, Arabian Sea-facing megalopolis has a population more than twice that of New York City yet every face glowing with happiness and warm hearts.

Every city in the state always has something going on. With the official home of Bollywood, Maharashtra is both dazzling and overwhelming at the same time. The undeniable allure to the state, makes it the best place to be.

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*Forging ahead on sturdy foundation of some illustration years based on exceptional excellence and embracing the glorious next phase of its growth, Indo-UAE business ties have evolved into solid bedrock of bi-laterals economic arena for the rest of the world*

**BY EKTA MAKAN**



*Foreign media quotes the two nations to be natural business partners with India being the global economic powerhouse and the UAE being a diversified economy and the global centre for trade, logistical connections, tourism and finance.*

*With Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi inviting more foreign investments, India is rapidly becoming a comprehensive hub for manufacturing. Innovation is allowing many the UAE based Indian companies to leapfrog generations. This has been vividly demonstrated amongst the four organizational sectors namely finance, technology, marketing and human resources, where India recently recorded its profits in millions up surging traditional ways.*

*The Indo-UAE ties are particularly known to be hotbeds of strong trade and cultural ties that date back more than a century. The steadily growing relationship has strengthened in recent decades witnessing an increase in bilateral trade and investment.*

# 1

## **THE NEW GUARDIANS OF THE LARGEST COLLABORATION**

The economic importance of the UAE to India trade has been accounted for \$30 billion which is nearly half the 2012 total of \$69 billion flowing to India. Non-oil trade between India and Dubai has accounted for the largest volume of trade, amounting to \$19bn in the first nine months of 2016, and solidifying India's position as the emirate's second-largest trading partner.

According to Government of India figures, in FY 2014-15, trade between India and the UAE crossed US\$ 59bn, with Indian exports worth US\$ 33.3bn to the UAE and US\$ 26bn worth of the UAE's exports to India, thus making the UAE to be India's one of the top trading partners. Indian businessmen and traders have contributed significantly to the economic fabric of the UAE. Indian professionals also occupy important positions in various banks, private companies and business establishments in the country. The unskilled and semi skilled workers from India are a dominant force in the construction industry. The contribution of Indians to the growth of the UAE is acknowledged by the rulers and the people of the UAE.

With a view to strike hard at the rest of the world, the country duo announced in there August plans to set up a \$75bn fund to invest in Indian infrastructure projects such as ports and rail, and cooperate in producing military equipment, space technology and nuclear energy. The UAE is heading strong inroads to its diversification plans in segments like renewable energies, aviation, technology, infrastructure and small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs). The UAE is keeping its plans completely in sync with Indian Prime Minister's areas to explore to help fulfill his country's enormous potential.

If sources are to be believed, Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) also has an explicit target to increase its registered Indian firms to more than 100 in the next 10 years — a significant jump from one in 2007.

As both countries strive to open up their markets, boost trade and enhance their economies, coupled with their proximity, long-standing relationship and existing trade influence, they could hardly find better working partners. Thus, that \$100bn target ought to be well within reach by the end of the decade. But no doubt by then a new one will have been set.

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## BUILDING ON TECHNOLOGY ESSENTIALS TO COMPETE GLOBALLY

Similar developments are taking place in the technology startup ecosystem that has grown exponentially in recent years to have caught the eye of startup enthusiasts in the UAE.

According to the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry in India (ASSOCHAM), India now stands third after the UK and USA in fostering the growth of technology startups. With the UAE aspiring to be a technology hub, there has been considerable interest in identifying appropriate Indian technology startups that could address the nation's immediate needs across sectors, especially finance.

A joint statement by the two governments said, "the UAE would help India develop strategic petroleum reserves in addition to its upstream and downstream petroleum sectors.

It set a target of increasing bilateral trade by 60 percent in the next five years and pledged cooperation in developing and launching satellites, as well as peaceful uses of nuclear energy for mutual business growth and we are looking forward to contribute to this partnership with an even bigger and impactful event ensuring a range of speaker sessions, panel discussions and participation of government entities and well-entrenched business houses."



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## UTILIZING THE POTENTIALS OF SKILLED & COMMITTED COMMUNICATION

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In the digital age, marketing has its role to play, as do governments and established investments. Organizing Indo-UAE summits is one of the key performance indicators of the strong bi-lateral relations shared.

Building on the success of many such events the Consulate General of India in association with UMS Conferences has announced another one picking up in October.

These events provide a vital platform for business leaders and government authorities to discuss key opportunities for diversifying and deepening the economic partnership between the two countries.

Aimed at addressing the policy framework and guidelines needed to attract investors, sovereign wealth funds, large corporate and industries, the forum will include an investors roundtable, government panel on bilateral trade and a start-up zone.

Jamal Al Jarwan, secretary general of the UAE International Investors Council (UAEIIC), said: "Economic ties between the UAE and India go back hundreds of years and we are proud of the two countries' sustained efforts to strengthen this relationship further. As an initiative founded on the success of the two countries continued commitment to boost mutual bilateral ties, the UAE India Economic Forum provides UAEIIC members with a constructive platform to discuss challenges and opportunities concerning their investments in India."

Ravi Raman, member of the organizing committee, added: "We are enthused and encouraged by the tremendous support that the second edition of the forum is receiving. The UAE and India are stepping into the future with a renewed strategy

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## BELONGING TO THE SANDS OF ADAPTABILITY & POSSIBILITIES

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There has never been a better time to be an Indian entrepreneur to take leverage from the emerging Gulf for at least four decades now. These are big names in the UAE, creating countless multi-million dollar brands in every sector from healthcare to jewelry to real estate to petrochemicals.

It is estimated that about 1.5 million Indians live in the UAE. The global crisis has merely served to strengthen the shift away from purely speculative activity without having a significant adverse impact on the principal energy, infrastructure and real estate projects being pursued in the country, particularly in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, as finance is available readily for such national development-related projects. Hence, the current scenario doesn't seem to have any significant impact on the recruitment of Indians. The current bi-lateral friendship is attempting to break down barriers and make stronger ties of a vibrant new era. With a view to felicitate the significant upliftment in investments, India is evolving to make it easier to do business with. "India has changed" the Ambassador says, "It is a different country to what it was ten years ago, or two years ago. Changes were already happening, but a lot has been consolidated in the last two years because of dynamism present in the government. We are getting rid of a lot of our rules. So before creating new laws, we are getting rid of old ones."

For the Indians living and working in the U.A.E. these changes are bringing about a rekindled sense of pride, belonging and hope: "We are building things up, bringing possibilities together. Possibilities that could not have been thought of before are now becoming reality. This is a very exciting time for us. There is a renewed optimism, a spirit that we can work together and we are good partners. I notice this in people that come to see me and that I meet; they say we feel a little prouder than we did two years ago."



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