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— Dr. Sameen Hasan

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This edition brings together entrepreneurs, business leaders, professionals and changemakers whose journeys reflect vision, resilience, innovation and meaningful impact.

At *Global Cover Story*, we believe every remarkable journey begins with an idea, a challenge or a decision to take a different path. Through our stories, we aim to document the people behind growing businesses, emerging ideas and inspiring professional journeys.

This edition celebrates individuals who continue to build, innovate and contribute across industries while creating their own definition of success.

We hope these stories offer perspective, inspiration and a closer look at the people shaping businesses and communities around them.

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DR. SAMEEN HASAN

A Journey of Entrepreneurship, Women's Empowerment, Social Responsibility and the Power of Family Values. In an era when success is often measured by titles, businesses and awards.

Dr. Sameen Hasan represents a different understanding of achievement, one rooted in service, compassion and responsibility. An entrepreneur, social reformer, philanthropist and community development advocate from Patna, Bihar, Dr. Hasan has built his journey around a simple but powerful belief: true success becomes meaningful when it creates opportunities and hope for others.





DR. SAMEEN HASAN

EDUCATIONIST, SOCIAL REFORMER AND PHILANTHROPIST

Former Chairman, Bihar Public Service
Commission

For Dr. Hasan, charity and women's empowerment are not merely professional causes. They are values shaped by the people who influenced his formative years—particularly the remarkable women whose lives demonstrated the power of education, resilience, dignity and determination

THE WOMEN WHO SHAPED HIS VISION

Three generations of women hold a special place in Dr. Hasan's understanding of strength and service.

Among his earliest inspirations was Mrs. Najma Shad, his Great Grand Mother, a distinguished Urdu writer whose literary work included Akhri Chawanni. Her stories and poetry were also broadcast by Akashvani Patna, allowing her literary voice to reach a wider audience.

Yet, for Dr. Hasan, her greatest influence extended beyond literature. He remembers her as a woman who understood the importance of nurturing children, teaching etiquette and developing strong moral values. Her creativity, discipline and commitment to both family and society left a lasting impression on him.

Beginning her career as a professor, she went on to become Principal of Magadh Mahila Training College, Patna, before reaching a historic milestone as the first woman Chairman of the Bihar Public Service Commission.

Her journey reinforced a powerful lesson for Dr. Hasan: education and determination can transform not only an individual's life but also the institutions and communities around them. Then there was his grandmother, Mrs. Ishrati Ibrahim.

Her story was one of perseverance. Despite facing numerous challenges, she remained determined to build a better future for her children through hard work and dedication. For Dr. Hasan, watching her confront difficulties with courage and a smile became an enduring lesson in resilience.

She taught him a philosophy that continues to influence his life: when the intention to create a better future is strong and the commitment to the goal is unwavering, obstacles cannot ultimately define one's destiny.



Together, these three women helped shape Dr. Hasan's understanding of women's empowerment, not simply as a slogan, but as a commitment to education, confidence, dignity, opportunity and independence.

The foundations of Dr. Hasan's character were also laid by his immediate family.

His father, Mr. Shamimul Hasan, is a retired officer of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Government of India. His mother, Mrs. Shahnaz Shamim, is a retired Principal of a government school in Patna.

Growing up in an environment where education, discipline, professional responsibility and public service were deeply respected, Dr. Hasan developed an early appreciation for the importance of contributing meaningfully to society.

His sister, Mrs. Sheeba Ahmad, has pursued a professional career in banking, including her association with HDFC Bank. His brother-in-law, Mr. Fahad Ahmad, is a software engineer working with an international company in Hyderabad.

For Dr. Hasan, the professional achievements of his family members are not merely accomplishments on a résumé. They represent the values of education, independence, perseverance and continuous growth that have remained central to his own outlook.

A LIFE PARTNER BEHIND THE JOURNEY

Every public journey has a private support system, and for Dr. Hasan, one of its strongest pillars is his wife, Mrs. Kainat Hasan.

An MBA graduate who previously worked with UltraTech Cement in finance and logistics, Kainat has been more than a life partner to Dr. Hasan. She has been, in his words, a source of strength behind many of his personal, professional and social decisions. He describes her as his soulmate and the backbone of his journey.

From entrepreneurial decisions to social initiatives, her encouragement and understanding have given him confidence to pursue ambitious goals while remaining connected to his larger purpose.

Dr. Hasan also speaks with deep affection about his mother-in-law, whom he regards with the same respect and warmth as his own mother. Her blessings and prayers, he believes, have been an important source of emotional strength.

For him, family is therefore not simply a relationship—it is an ecosystem of encouragement, sacrifice, guidance and unconditional support.

TURNING VALUES INTO SOCIAL ACTION

Today, Dr. Sameen Hasan's professional life extends across entrepreneurship, entertainment, education and community development.

He is the Founder & Chairman of Eksathi Foundation, through which he seeks to contribute to social welfare and community development. He also serves as Managing Director of SevenTunez Entertainment and SHF Enterprises, and is associated as a business partner with R.M. Group of Companies.

But alongside entrepreneurship, social service remains one of the defining dimensions of his public life.

Through Eksathi Foundation, his social initiatives focus particularly on underserved communities, women and girls.

Among the areas of work are women's empowerment, education, menstrual hygiene awareness, sanitation, healthcare awareness and humanitarian assistance



One of the central concerns is the wellbeing of women and adolescent girls living in economically disadvantaged and underserved communities. Limited access to information, healthcare and basic hygiene resources can have a profound impact on their dignity and quality of life.

Dr. Hasan's approach is therefore centred not merely on providing assistance, but on creating awareness.

Programmes promoting menstrual hygiene, appropriate sanitary-pad use, sanitation and health awareness seek to replace stigma and misinformation with knowledge, confidence and dignity.

His humanitarian initiatives have also included food distribution, winter blanket distribution and assistance to people living in vulnerable communities, including people around hospitals and their attendants.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, his humanitarian efforts to support people in need were also recognised by the Rural Development Authority of Odisha.

BEYOND CHARITY: THE DIGNITY OF SERVICE

For Dr. Hasan, charity is not simply about giving something away.

It is about restoring hope.

He believes that a packet of food may address an immediate need, a blanket may provide warmth during winter, and a health-awareness programme may prevent future suffering—but the deeper purpose of social service is to help people regain dignity and opportunity.

This philosophy is particularly visible in his emphasis on women and girls.

His vision is that empowerment should not stop at financial assistance. It should include education, awareness, confidence, healthcare, dignity and the opportunity to make informed decisions about one's future.

GRATITUDE AS A WAY OF LIFE

Despite his professional responsibilities and public recognitions, Dr. Hasan repeatedly returns to one theme: **GRATITUDE**

He acknowledges the affection, guidance, blessings and encouragement of his extended family, relatives, friends and well-wishers. Among those he expresses particular gratitude towards are **Mr. Najmul Hasan, Mr. Ehteshamul Hasan, Mr. Jawed Akhtar, Mr. Najmul Hasan Najmi, Mr. Firoz Akhtar, Mr. Manauwar Alam, Mr. Noor Alam Sahab, Mr. Abdul Samad Sahab, Mr. Nabil Ashraf, Dr. Adnan Imam, Mr. Faraz Ahsan, Mr Zabi Khan, Mr Hasan Faraz, Dr Shahina Firdaus Moiz, Mrs Rana Iqbal and Mr. Nafis Khan**, along with numerous family members and well-wishers who have supported his journey.

For Dr. Hasan, acknowledging the people behind one's success is not an obligation, it is a matter of character.

RECOGNITION, VISION & LEGACY

RECOGNITION IS A MILESTONE, NOT THE DESTINATION

Over the years, Dr. Hasan's journey has been accompanied by several recognitions, including:

- **Indian Icon Award 2024**
- **Bharat Samman 2025**
- **Recognition at the National Leadership Conclave 2026**

Such honours mark important milestones in his professional and social journey. Yet he maintains that awards are not the ultimate measure of success.

The deeper measure, in his view, is the difference one makes in the lives of others.

His understanding of achievement is consequently broader than entrepreneurship or professional status. It encompasses the blessings of parents, the inspiration of family, the support of a life partner and the ability to transform personal success into social responsibility.

A LEGACY STILL BEING WRITTEN

His journey demonstrates how lessons learned within a family can eventually become a larger social mission.

For him, women's empowerment is about opportunity. Charity is about hope. **Education** is about transformation. And social service is about reaching people who are too often overlooked.

As he continues to build his entrepreneurial ventures and expand his social initiatives, Dr. Hasan's journey offers a reminder that professional ambition and **humanitarian responsibility** do not have to exist separately.

They can strengthen one another.

And perhaps the most enduring measure of his journey is not how many titles he has earned or how many recognitions he has received, but the **philosophy** that continues to guide him.



ADV. JAVED PASHU SAYYED

Adv. Javed Pashu Sayyed is a Mumbai born legal professional whose journey reflects a transition from the corporate world to a long standing career in law. Before entering full time legal practice, he worked with multinational companies and gained experience in corporate affairs, management, negotiations, legal compliance and dispute resolution. This early exposure gave him an understanding of how businesses operate and how legal decisions can influence commercial and professional relationships.

He holds B.A., LL.B. and LL.M. qualifications and has been practising law since 2009. Over the years, his work has covered different areas of legal practice including Criminal Law, Arbitration, Civil Litigation, Corporate and Commercial Disputes, Cyber Crime and dispute resolution.

His practice includes appearances before the Bombay High Court in Mumbai, the Supreme Court of India, Sessions Courts, Magistrate Courts and other subordinate courts and tribunals. During his professional journey, he has handled and assisted in several complex and sensitive matters involving individuals, businesses, professionals and organisations. Some of these matters have also involved interstate and international dimensions.





ADV. JAVED PASHU SAYYED

ADVOCATE & LEGAL PROFESSIONAL

Criminal Law, Arbitration, Civil & Commercial
Disputes

One of the important aspects of his professional journey is the combination of corporate experience and courtroom practice. His years in the corporate sector helped him understand management, negotiations and commercial decision making before he moved deeper into litigation. This background continues to influence the way he approaches legal matters today.

For Javed, a legal dispute is not viewed only through the language of law. He also considers the practical and commercial circumstances surrounding a matter. His approach is based on careful preparation, detailed legal research, effective representation and identifying solutions that are legally sustainable for the client.

During his career, he has also been associated with matters concerning different organisations, including matters with international exposure. His work across criminal, civil and commercial disputes has allowed him to experience different kinds of legal challenges and courtroom situations.

Beyond his regular legal practice, Javed has also had opportunities to interact with law students and aspiring legal professionals. He has guided and lectured students, sharing his experience of the profession and helping them understand the practical side of legal practice.

Law is also an important part of his family life. His wife is a practising Advocate, making the profession a shared part of both their personal and professional journey.

Throughout his years in practice, Javed has continued to place importance on professional integrity, preparation, perseverance and responsibility towards both the client and the justice system. He believes that legal practice requires patience, discipline and a serious understanding of the responsibility that comes with representing another person's interests.

His journey from multinational companies to courtrooms represents the gradual development of a career built across corporate experience and legal practice. Since beginning his practice in 2009, Adv. Javed Pashu Sayyed has continued to work across criminal law, arbitration, civil litigation, corporate and commercial disputes and cyber crime while maintaining his focus on preparation, research and responsible legal representation.



MR. RAJAT UMREY

Rajat Umrey is an academician, researcher and author whose work brings together management, law and emerging technology. Based in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, he is currently serving as an Assistant Professor at the School of Legal Studies, LNCT University. Over the years he has developed experience in teaching, student mentoring, academic coordination, research and professional development.

His academic journey reflects a strong interest in both management and the changing digital environment. Rajat completed his Bachelor of Commerce from Barkatullah University and later pursued an MBA in HR and Marketing from the same university. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Management from Bhabha University. His research interests include digital marketing, consumer behaviour, consumer protection, data privacy, artificial intelligence, business law and regulatory compliance.

Rajat began his teaching career at Technocrats Institute of Technology in Bhopal, where he taught subjects including Digital Marketing, Retail Marketing and Consumer Psychology. He later joined SAM College of Management and Technology, where he taught MBA and undergraduate students and guided them in projects, dissertations and internships. In August 2025 he joined LNCT University as an Assistant Professor. His responsibilities there include teaching management related subjects, mentoring students, supervising projects and internships and supporting academic planning and student development programmes.



MR. RAJAT UMREY

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR & RESEARCH
SCHOLAR**

School of Legal Studies LNCT University Bhopal

Teaching for Rajat goes beyond completing a syllabus. His work has involved student mentoring, skill development, industry interaction, seminars, workshops and academic events. He has also been involved in programmes related to CV building, soft skills, entrepreneurship development and idea building. These activities show his interest in preparing students not only academically but also for the practical expectations of professional life.

Research is another important part of his academic profile. His work covers some of the most relevant issues facing businesses and consumers today. He has researched digital marketing and consumer buying behaviour in Madhya Pradesh, e commerce and quick commerce, data privacy, digital consumer protection and regulatory compliance. He has also worked on topics such as AI generated deepfake fraud, digital identity manipulation and dark patterns in online platforms.

His research demonstrates an interest in understanding how technology is changing the relationship between businesses, consumers and law. Rather than looking at management as an isolated subject, his work connects marketing and business decisions with questions of privacy, ethics, consumer rights and regulation.

Rajat has also contributed to academic publishing through a book chapter titled Critical Analysis of New Dimensions of Fiscal Federalism in India.

He is the first author of the book Business Management and Legal Frameworks in the Digital Era, which connects business management with law, technology, digital business and regulatory frameworks.

Alongside teaching and research, Rajat continues to participate in faculty development programmes, workshops and professional training. His areas of learning include AI literacy, smart learning, case teaching, Power BI, digital pedagogy, marketing and data analysis. This continuous learning reflects the changing role of educators today, where teachers are expected to remain connected with new technologies and industry developments.

At the centre of Rajat Umrey's professional journey is a simple idea. Education becomes more meaningful when management, law and technology are understood together. Through his teaching, research, writing and student mentoring, he continues to build an academic profile focused on practical learning, responsible use of technology and the evolving needs of the digital economy.



V. KIRAN VARSITH

V. Kiran Varsith is a musician, composer, music director, international music mentor and educator whose work brings together Carnatic music, contemporary production, technology, music education and devotional expression. His journey reflects a belief that tradition and modern creativity do not have to exist separately. For him, traditional music provides a strong foundation while technology creates new possibilities for musicians to explore and communicate their ideas.

His musical foundation is closely connected with Carnatic and Indian classical music. Raga, rhythm, melody and structured musical learning continue to influence his approach to composition. At the same time, his interests extend into Tamil, Telugu and Sanskrit compositions, devotional music, cinematic ideas, romantic music, contemporary production and fusion. This ability to work across different musical spaces has become an important part of his creative identity.

An important part of Kiran's professional journey is Athreya Academy, the music education initiative founded by him. The academy reflects his belief that learning music should go beyond simply memorising songs or preparing for performances. His approach focuses on helping students understand music more deeply and develop the confidence to make their own artistic decisions.



V. KIRAN VARSITH

**INTERNATIONAL MUSIC MENTOR & MUSIC
DIRECTOR**

Founder, Athreya Academy | Artist & Composer

Training at Athreya Academy includes Carnatic music, keyboard, vocal development, music theory, rhythm, composition and contemporary applications. Kiran's teaching philosophy encourages students to understand why a raga creates a certain musical character, how rhythm changes emotional movement and how melody, harmony and texture work together. His aim is to help students grow as musicians who are technically grounded while remaining creatively curious.

His interest in experimentation can also be seen through Notuswaram. Notuswaram Volume 1 was released on 15 August 2026 as a 10 track album and explored traditional musical ideas through contemporary listening environments. The project represents Kiran's larger view that experimentation does not require abandoning classical foundations. Instead, musicians can understand tradition deeply and then explore how it can communicate through new sounds and production methods.

Technology also plays an important role in his musical thinking. Kiran sees digital production, software and artificial intelligence as tools that can support musicianship but not replace musical understanding. In his approach, technology can create new possibilities, but artistic judgement, emotional intention and musical knowledge must still come from the musician.

Another important dimension of his journey is his association with the Gopals Garden ISKCON community, United States, where he is also addressed as Prabhu Ji. This connection has given him another way of experiencing music, not only as performance but also as participation, reflection and service. Devotional music has become part of his wider understanding of how music can educate, preserve culture and bring people together.

In 2025, Kiran received the Acharya Sangeet Ratnakar Award. He identified Siddha Vetha University, New Jersey, as the institution from which he received the recognition. The award became another milestone alongside his work as a musician, music director, educator, mentor and founder of Athreya Academy. His cinematic journey began when director Arjun Koundinya introduced him to the film industry through Kuthastha, Life Ellind Ellige. His portfolio now includes more than 30 tracks across Kannada and Bollywood films, along with independent music available on major streaming platforms including Spotify.

Through composition, education, mentorship and independent projects, V. Kiran Varsith continues to explore how classical musical foundations can remain meaningful for a new generation of listeners. His work brings together tradition, technology, creativity and devotion in a way that reflects both his musical roots and his interest in exploring what music can become.

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DR. PATRICK VIJAY KUMAR

In a business environment where growth is often measured only through numbers, Dr. Patrick Vijay Kumar's professional journey reflects something equally important: the ability to build relationships, manage and connect people and deliver consistently at scale.

As Associate Vice President at BVG India Ltd., Patrick has been associated with an organization that has grown into one of India's prominent largest integrated facility management and professional services companies.

BVG today operates across areas including integrated facility management, emergency response, waste management, renewable energy and specialized projects, serving organizations across multiple sectors and regions in India. BVG India services the **Highest Office in India** the PMO, Rashtrapathi Bhavan, Supreme Court, Multiple Airports etc.



DR. PATRICK VIJAY KUMAR

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT, BVG INDIA LTD

Business Development | Operations | Integrated Facility Management

Patrick's association with **BVG** goes back to December 2011, when he joined as Assistant General Manager for Projects and Government Segments in Tamil Nadu. He was elevated to Associate Vice President in September 2020. His professional background spans more than three decades across sales, marketing, business development and operational management as a SBU Head. Before joining **BVG**, he also worked with organisations including **Eureka Forbes Limited** and **Extra Cover Communications Private Limited**

His academic foundation combines business understanding with technology. Patrick holds a **Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics** from the **University of Madras** and a **Master's in Business Administration along with diploma in computer applications** from the **LIBA Informatics Centre** at **Loyola College, Madras**.

What makes his journey interesting, however, is not simply the length of his experience. It is the range of responsibilities that come with operating excellence in a service-driven industry.

Facility management happens largely behind the scenes. When it works well, people rarely notice it. Yet maintaining large workplaces, transportation infrastructure, public facilities and commercial environments requires constant coordination among people, processes and clients. It demands discipline, quick decision-making and an understanding of what customers actually need. To be effectively controlling commanding the Human Capital which requires constant engagement's

Publicly available professional information about Patrick highlights experience in handling large teams, client relationships, sales, operations and integrated facility management assignments. His work has also involved sectors ranging from infrastructure and transportation to government institutions and commercial organizations.

This experience fits naturally within BVG India's broader philosophy. The organization describes its purpose around "People, Places and Planet" and places its "Humanity Ahead" approach at the center of its work. Its story began with the idea of creating employment opportunities and has expanded into large-scale services touching workplaces, cities and communities across India.

For leaders like Patrick Vijay Kumar, growth therefore carries a human dimension. Managing a business is also about managing expectations, developing teams, maintaining trust and ensuring that promises made to clients are translated into dependable execution.

His career demonstrates a simple but valuable proposition sustainable leadership is not built overnight. It is created through years of showing up, solving problems, learning from people and taking responsibility when the scale of the challenge increases.

In an industry built around service, that consistency may ultimately be one of the strongest forms of leadership.



IRFAN AHMAD

Irfan Ahmad's journey into artificial intelligence did not begin with a formal technology background or a carefully planned career path. It developed gradually through uncertainty, changing environments, self learning and a strong interest in understanding how technology could solve real problems.

One of the important turning points in his life came in 2021 when he moved to Dubai. Like many young professionals looking for better opportunities, he entered a completely new environment and worked with different companies during his time there. The experience was not always easy. Adjusting to a new country, different workplaces and professional expectations brought its own pressures.

At the same time, Dubai gave him exposure to different ways of working and thinking. It helped him understand that he did not want to spend his entire career simply moving from one job to another. He wanted to create something of his own.

After returning to India, Irfan began spending more time learning about artificial intelligence, automation, digital marketing and online business. Most of this learning happened independently. YouTube became one of his classrooms. He explored tools, tested ideas, watched tutorials and spent hours trying to understand how technology actually worked in practical situations.



IRFAN AHMAD

FOUNDER, AI AGENT MINDSET

AI Automation, Digital Strategy and Content Education

His interest was never limited to knowing what a new AI tool could do. He was more interested in what could be built with it.

That curiosity gradually became practical work. He started exploring automation, websites, lead generation, AI agents, content systems and digital solutions for businesses. Over time, this journey developed into **AI Agent Mindset**, through which he works around AI automation and technology driven business solutions.

Learning also became closely connected with teaching.

Irfan realised that many people were curious about artificial intelligence but found the subject complicated. Because he had learned much of it himself, he understood what it felt like to begin without a technical roadmap. This influenced the way he started explaining AI. His focus became making tools and concepts easier to understand and showing people how they could actually use them. Content creation became an important part of this journey.

Through Instagram, he began sharing content around AI, Generative AI, automation, AI agents and emerging technology. His audience eventually grew to around **20k followers**. For him, the number is meaningful, but the larger value is the community that developed around the content. People began connecting with him to learn, ask questions and understand how technology could be applied to their work or business.

Interestingly, building an online audience did not automatically remove every personal challenge.

Communication is still an area Irfan continues to work on. He can understand technology, build ideas and explain concepts through content, yet expressing every thought exactly the way he wants in conversations and professional situations can sometimes remain difficult. Instead of hiding that weakness, he sees it as another skill that can improve through practice.

That mindset reflects much of his personality.

He believes learning does not stop once someone starts earning or building a business. There is always another skill to improve. He also tries to remain approachable and helpful, especially with people who are at the beginning of their own learning journey.

Today, Irfan's work sits at the intersection of AI, automation, digital marketing, content creation and education. His path from Dubai to self learning and then entrepreneurship has not followed a straight line. Perhaps that is what makes the journey meaningful. It is the story of someone who continues to learn while building, experiments before claiming expertise and accepts that personal growth can happen at the same time as professional growth.

For Irfan Ahmad, **technology** may be the field he works in, but curiosity remains the force that keeps the journey moving.

I did not begin with a perfect roadmap. I kept learning, experimenting and building until the direction became clearer.

JITENDRA MOHANTY

Jitendra Mohanty's professional journey reflects a steady evolution from hands on procurement work to managing complex commercial responsibilities at scale. Over the years, he has developed a practical understanding of how procurement influences cost, timelines, quality and the overall success of a project.

His approach is shaped by careful planning, vendor relationships and an ability to balance commercial objectives with operational requirements. Working across different organisations and project environments has strengthened his understanding of both strategic sourcing and execution.

Today, his experience allows him to look at procurement not simply as purchasing, but as an important function that supports business continuity, efficiency and long term value creation.





JITENDRA MOHANTY

MANAGER PROCUREMENT

Commercial Projects, CAPEX, OPEX and Vendor Management

Jitendra Mohanty: Building Better Commercial Spaces Through Strategic Procurement

For Jitendra Mohanty, procurement has never been only about purchasing materials or negotiating prices. Over **more than 14 years**, his work has grown from handling individual construction requirements to managing procurement across large commercial projects, office spaces and facility operations.

His career began with the fundamentals of construction procurement. This included sourcing materials, collecting quotations, comparing suppliers, negotiating commercial terms and making sure materials reached project sites when required. Working with Salarpuria Sattva Group gave him experience across civil, structural, finishing, MEP, HVAC, firefighting and interior requirements. It also helped him understand how procurement connects with project management, design, finance and site execution.

As his career progressed through organisations including Sowparnika Projects and Infrastructure, Indiqube, Housejoy and Flipspaces, his responsibilities became broader. At Indiqube and Flipspaces, he worked on procurement for coworking spaces, corporate offices, commercial interiors and fit out projects covering furniture, electrical systems, HVAC, fire safety, access control, CCTV, AV systems and IT infrastructure.

This phase also strengthened his understanding of value engineering and cost optimisation. Instead of looking only for the lowest price, his work involved finding sourcing alternatives, evaluating vendors and developing commercially practical solutions without compromising the required quality or project timelines.

Today, Jitendra works as Manager Procurement at **91Springboard Business Hubs Pvt. Ltd.** His current responsibilities cover procurement for **47 commercial projects** representing approximately 2 million square feet of space. He also oversees eight ongoing CAPEX projects across India involving civil works, interior fit outs, MEP and modular furniture.

His role brings together both **CAPEX and OPEX procurement**. While capital projects require planning around budgets, schedules and project delivery, operational procurement supports the everyday functioning of facilities through services such as housekeeping, HVAC, lift maintenance, security, repairs and other essential requirements.

Technology and structured processes also form an important part of his professional journey. Jitendra is a **SAP Certified Associate in SAP MM** and has experience with SAP ECC 6.0, Oracle and Tally. He also holds a PGDM in Supply Chain Management from ISBR Business School, Bangalore.

From construction materials to nationwide commercial projects, Jitendra Mohanty's career reflects a steady growth in responsibility, scale and complexity. At the centre of his work remains a simple objective: finding the right partners, controlling costs and helping projects move from planning to execution smoothly.



DR VIJAYA KUMAR SEKARAN

“True growth is not only about building a successful business. It is about creating opportunities that help other people move forward.”

For Dr Vijaya Kumar Sekaran, the journey of Alexzander International has always been closely connected with people. Established in Chennai in 1999, the organisation has grown over the years by helping individuals find employment opportunities, supporting businesses with manpower requirements, and guiding candidates through important career decisions.

Recruitment may look like a simple process of connecting an employer with a candidate, but behind every application is a personal story. There may be a young graduate searching for a first job, an experienced professional looking for a better future, or a family hoping that an overseas opportunity can bring greater stability. Understanding these human emotions is an important part of the work Alexzander International has built over the years.



Alexander Vijaya Kumar

Samson Vijaya Kumar

The organisation today works across areas such as manpower recruitment, HR requirements, overseas employment assistance, student admissions, visa-related support and import-export services. Its presence extends beyond India, reflecting an ambition to connect talent with opportunities across international markets.

For Dr Vijaya Kumar Sekaran, however, building the company has been about more than expanding services. Trust, relationships and responsibility have remained important parts of the journey. In industries such as recruitment and overseas placement, people often make life-changing decisions. Providing clear guidance and maintaining transparency can therefore make a meaningful difference.

There is also a strong family dimension to his story. His sons, Alexander and Samson, represent the next generation associated with this journey. Their presence brings a sense of continuity to what their father has spent years building. While experience provides a strong foundation, a younger generation can also bring new thinking, modern perspectives and a better understanding of a rapidly changing world. This combination of experience and fresh ambition can become an important strength for a family-led organisation.

DR VIJAYA KUMAR SEKARAN

**DIRECTOR | ALEXZANDER INTERNATIONAL
PVT LTD.**

Recruitment • Global Manpower • Overseas
Career Services

For Dr Vijaya Kumar Sekaran, the real value of his professional journey can perhaps be seen in the people whose lives have been touched along the way. Every successful placement, every student guided towards a new opportunity and every business relationship built over time becomes part of a much larger story. Today, Alexzander International represents not only a business created over decades, but also a legacy being carried forward.

With Dr Vijaya Kumar Sekaran, Alexander and Samson, the story is ultimately about one family, many opportunities and a shared vision of connecting people with a better future.

Over the years, Dr Vijaya Kumar Sekaran has seen the employment landscape change considerably. Technology has transformed recruitment, international mobility has increased and candidates today expect greater transparency throughout the process. Yet he believes the fundamentals remain the same. People want genuine opportunities, employers want dependable talent and both sides need someone they can trust. Alexzander International continues to work across overseas job placement, skilled and unskilled manpower, IT and non-IT recruitment, career guidance and documentation support. This wide range of services reflects Dr Sekaran's vision of creating a platform where people can receive guidance and support under one roof.



MINI KUSHWAHA

For Mini Kushwaha, teaching is not simply about completing chapters or finishing a syllabus. It is about helping students become curious, confident and willing to ask questions.

With around **11 years of teaching experience**, Mini has built her journey around science education, continuous learning and meaningful interaction with students.

Working as a **TGT Science educator**, she has spent years helping young learners understand scientific concepts in a way that feels practical and approachable. Her classroom experience has taught her that every student learns differently. Some understand a concept quickly, while others need more time, examples and encouragement. For Mini, recognising these differences is an important part of being a teacher.



MINI KUSHWAHA

TGT SCIENCE EDUCATOR

Digital Educator and Content Creator

Her philosophy of education is centred on curiosity.

She believes that a teacher's greatest achievement is not simply completing the syllabus. The real achievement comes when students begin asking questions, discovering their own potential and developing confidence in themselves.

This belief has shaped the way she looks at her role as an educator. Science, in her view, becomes more meaningful when students are encouraged to explore why something happens rather than simply memorising an answer.

Over the years, Mini's role has also expanded beyond the traditional classroom. Alongside teaching, she has developed her presence as a digital educator and content creator. Through digital platforms, she is able to share educational ideas and connect learning with a wider audience.

For her, digital education is not separate from classroom teaching. It is another way to communicate, explain and encourage learning. Technology can make educational content easier to access, but she believes the purpose remains the same: helping students understand, think and grow.

After more than a decade in education, Mini continues to see teaching as a journey that develops both the student and the teacher.

Every classroom brings new questions, different personalities and fresh opportunities to learn. One thought captures her approach particularly well. Education is not about filling a mind with information. It is about lighting a spark of **curiosity** that continues to grow throughout life.

That idea remains at the centre of Mini Kushwaha's journey.

For her, a successful teacher is not measured only by how much information students remember. The deeper impact lies in helping them believe in themselves, remain curious and develop the confidence to continue learning even after they leave the classroom.

"A teacher's greatest achievement is not simply completing a syllabus, but inspiring students to ask questions, discover their potential and believe in themselves"



DR. ASHOK PANDEY

For Dr. Ashok Pandey, education has never been limited to classrooms, examinations or academic results. His journey reflects a wider belief that education can create opportunity, build confidence and contribute to the development of society.

Born on **24 June 1972** into a modest and values driven family, Ashok grew up with strong lessons in simplicity, discipline and integrity. His parents, **Ambika Prasad Pandey and Nirmala Pandey**, played an important role in shaping his early values. Growing up in a rural environment also allowed him to see the difficulties faced by families with limited access to quality education and opportunities. Those experiences gradually influenced the direction of his life.

His professional journey began in education as a teacher. Working closely with students helped him understand that teaching should go beyond textbooks and examinations. For him, education was also about helping young people develop confidence, character, responsibility and the ability to think independently.



Dr. Ashok Pandey: Building Education Around Purpose and Public Good

As his experience grew, he began to recognise the wider gaps that existed in education, particularly in smaller towns and communities where opportunities were limited. Instead of remaining only within the classroom, he decided to move towards institution building.

With limited financial resources but a clear purpose, he began establishing educational institutions that could provide structured and accessible learning. What started on a modest scale gradually developed into institutions serving students at different levels.

Today, Dr. Ashok Pandey serves as **Chairman and Managing Director** of Drona Public School and Drona College. His work has involved developing an educational environment that combines academic learning with discipline, values and practical development.

An important part of his approach has been the belief that students from different backgrounds should have opportunities to learn and grow. Under his leadership, education has been viewed not simply as the process of completing a curriculum but as preparation for life beyond the classroom. His work has also expanded into areas of social awareness and public service.

DR. ASHOK PANDEY

CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR
Drona Public School and Drona College

Over the years, he has been associated with initiatives connected with health awareness, environmental responsibility and community development. His involvement with media and journalism has provided another platform through which he has engaged with social issues and public awareness.

Dr. Pandey has also recognised the importance of adapting education to changing times. His institutions have incorporated technology and newer teaching approaches while maintaining an emphasis on discipline, values and personal development. For him, progress does not mean abandoning the foundations of education. It means finding better ways to prepare students for a changing world.

His contributions across education, leadership and social service have brought him several national and international recognitions over the years. However, his journey has remained focused on the larger purpose behind the work rather than recognition alone.

Family has also played an important role in his journey. His wife, Meenu Pandey, has supported his vision and has been involved in educational and institutional activities. Together, their work reflects a shared commitment towards education and service.

From beginning his career as a teacher to building educational institutions and contributing to wider social initiatives, Dr. Ashok Pandey's journey has developed step by step.

At the centre of his work remains a simple belief that education becomes truly meaningful when knowledge is combined with values, opportunity and responsibility.



DR. SREERAJ G. PAI

SENIOR INSPECTION OFFICER

Financial Compliance, Audit and Risk
Assessment

Dr. Sreeraj G. Pai has built a career around financial integrity, regulatory compliance and operational discipline. With more than six years of experience across branch inspections, risk management and financial operations, his work reflects a consistent focus on transparency, accuracy and dependable systems.

Currently working as a Senior Inspection Officer with the Indian Cooperative Credit Society Limited (ICCSL), Dr. Pai is involved in branch inspections, identifying operational gaps, assessing financial risks and ensuring that internal processes remain aligned with regulatory requirements.

Before moving deeper into inspection and compliance work, Dr. Pai gained experience across branch operations, customer relationship management, business development, accounting and insurance underwriting.

That exposure gave him a broader understanding of financial organisations from different angles and strengthened his ability to connect customer-facing activity with internal controls, financial accuracy and regulatory responsibility.

Alongside his professional responsibilities, Dr. Pai remains engaged with developments in capital markets and financial research. His participation in forums such as AIMA-KMA and seminars focused on market trends helps him stay connected with changing financial practices and wider industry discussion.

His technical strengths include financial analysis, risk assessment, internal audits, process improvement and experience with financial software such as TallyPro, QuickBooks and SAP.

With more than six years of professional experience, his work has covered financial compliance, branch operations, audits, internal controls and risk assessment. Currently serving as a Senior Inspection Officer with the Indian Cooperative Credit Society Limited (ICCSL), Dr. Pai is involved in examining branch-level operations, reviewing financial processes and identifying areas where stronger controls or corrective action may be required.

The role demands attention to detail as much as judgement. A branch may appear operationally sound on the surface, but accurate inspection requires looking deeper into processes, records, controls and regulatory adherence. That combination of analysis and practical understanding has become an important part of his professional approach.

What stands out in Dr. Sreeraj G. Pai's work is his emphasis on consistency. Compliance is most effective when it becomes part of everyday operations rather than something addressed only during an inspection.

"Building stronger financial systems through compliance, analysis and operational discipline"



DR MARIN JOSE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND EDUCATION RESEARCHER

Educational Technology, Inclusive Education
and English Language Teaching

Prof. Dr. Marin Jose has spent more than two decades working at the intersection of teacher education, technology and inclusive learning. Her academic work has consistently focused on making classrooms more accessible, engaging and responsive to different kinds of learners.

Currently an Associate Professor at St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women, Ernakulam, she has played an active role in preparing future educators while continuing her work in educational technology, English education and special education.

One of the strongest examples of her commitment to inclusive learning came through a state-level research project funded by the Centre for Disability Studies, Government of Kerala. The study examined the effectiveness of e-learning for students with reading and writing disorders in English. Rather than treating technology as a general classroom tool, the project explored how carefully structured digital learning could respond to the needs of children who often struggle within conventional teaching systems.

Dr. Jose's work also stands out because of the technical skills she has developed alongside her academic expertise. Her knowledge includes PHP, JavaScript, Python and SQL, together with platforms such as Moodle and Joomla and analytical tools including SPSS and R.

She has used this combination of education and technology to develop virtual learning environments and online learning programmes, including work connected with international teaching practices associated with the University of Hull, UK.

For Prof. Dr. Marin Jose, technology in education has never been valuable simply because it is new. Its real value lies in what it allows teachers and learners to do differently. Across a career spanning more than two decades, this idea has shaped her work in educational technology, special education and English education.

Dr. Jose currently serves as Associate Professor at St. Joseph College of Teacher Education for Women in Ernakulam, affiliated with Mahatma Gandhi University. Her role places her directly within teacher education, where the influence of one educator often extends into hundreds of future classrooms.

Her academic foundation began with a Master's degree in English from Mahatma Gandhi University, followed by an M.Ed. completed with distinction. In 2000, she was selected as a UGC Junior Research Fellow at the Regional Institute of Education, Mysore. That period of doctoral research strengthened the areas that would later define much of her professional work: e-learning, special education and English language teaching.

Her contribution extends equally to writing, research and professional development. She is the author of English Education: Theory and Practice, a textbook developed for B.Ed. English language teacher education, and has published research in national and international academic journals.

*"Connecting teacher education, technology and
inclusive learning with practical purpose"*



DEEPAK SHARMA

FOUNDER, MAKEWAY INDIA

Entrepreneur, Innovator and Business Strategist

From earning a salary of ₹500 per month in the auto market of Hisar to building Makeway India into a multisector enterprise, Deepak Sharma's journey is a story of curiosity, resilience, relentless learning, and the courage to challenge conventional thinking.

Some entrepreneurial journeys begin with inherited wealth, elite education, or a well-established business network. Deepak Sharma's story began differently.

His journey started with work at the age of 12, experiences that taught him the value of discipline, persistence, and self-reliance. Years later, earning a salary of ₹500 per month in Hisar's auto market became one of the defining experiences that strengthened his determination to build something of his own.

That determination eventually gave birth to Makeway India.

Today, Sharma describes his journey as one that went "from a bicycle to a Jaguar." But for him, the real transformation is not measured by material success. It is measured by knowledge, experimentation, failures, and the ability to keep learning.

Deepak Sharma's entrepreneurial philosophy is rooted in a simple belief: learning should never stop. Without relying solely on formal education, he learned through observation, experimentation, business challenges, and the realities of everyday life. His early experiences shaped his belief that education is not limited to classrooms, it can be found in every success, failure, conversation, and challenge.

For Sharma, entrepreneurship is essentially a continuous learning process.

From Mobile Marketing to a Multisector Enterprise
Makeway India began its journey in 2002 as a mobile marketing firm. Like many growing businesses, the company experienced changing markets, unexpected challenges, and periods that demanded reinvention.

The 2013 recession and changing real-estate environment became an important turning point. Rather than viewing difficult market conditions purely as obstacles, Sharma looked for new opportunities and began exploring different sectors.

This ability to adapt gradually transformed Makeway India from a single-sector enterprise into a broader business ecosystem.

The company expanded its interests into manufacturing, real estate, hospitality, innovative products, and lifestyle-oriented projects, reflecting Sharma's belief that entrepreneurship should not be restricted by conventional boundaries.

One Vision, Many Industries

The idea behind the multisector expansion was not simply to build a larger business.

For Sharma, it was about creating an ecosystem where ideas could move from concept to execution.

His approach combines curiosity with practical problem-solving.

Instead of asking only, "What can we sell?", his philosophy focuses on a larger question:

"What problem can we solve, and how can we create something meaningful from the solution?"

That thinking has led the company toward projects that combine manufacturing, technology, traditional knowledge, real estate, hospitality, and innovative living concepts.



MR. PREMASIS BHATTACHARJEE

FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, SAP GROUP

Entrepreneur, Business Leader and Social Contributor

Premasis Bhattacharjee is an entrepreneur, business leader and social activist whose journey from humble beginnings to building a diversified business group reflects perseverance, vision, determination and a deep sense of social responsibility.

Born in Kolkata and rooted in Krishnanagar, Nadia, West Bengal, he has dedicated decades to building businesses while creating opportunities for individuals, professionals and families. As Founder and Chairman of SAP Group, his work reflects both enterprise and social responsibility.

Today, SAP Group brings together a diverse portfolio including SAP International College, Workforce Advisory Pvt. Ltd., SAP Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd., Workforce Business Management Pvt. Ltd., SAP Interiors & Design Pvt. Ltd. and Sweet Happy Journey Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd.

The portfolio also includes Sri Sai SAP Event Management Pvt. Ltd., Avirajvi Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., SAP Financial & Advisory Solutions Pvt. Ltd., SAP Infrastructure and SAP Webmark. For Mr. Bhattacharjee, business has always represented more than financial growth.

He believes a successful enterprise should create employment, empower people, support families and contribute meaningfully to society. His leadership philosophy emphasises preparedness, adaptability, responsible leadership and long-term thinking.

His vision extends beyond building successful organisations. He seeks to create sustainable opportunities, develop people, encourage professional growth and contribute to stronger communities. For him, leadership should create a positive ripple effect through the lives it influences.

Beyond entrepreneurship, Mr. Bhattacharjee has remained closely connected with community welfare and social development. In 2010, he founded the Krishnanagar Natun Kalipur Cultural & Welfare Society (KNKCWS) and continues to serve as its President.

Through KNKCWS, he has supported community development, cultural activities, welfare and social responsibility. His commitment became particularly visible during the COVID-19 pandemic, when he extended support to individuals and communities facing challenging circumstances.

He also served as President of the Rotary Club of Sonarpur during 2021–2022. His recognitions include Rashtriya Atal Puraskar 2023, International Atal Award 2023, Bengal Business Samman 2024, International Business Icon Award 2024, Rashtriya Padma Bhushan Sammaan 2024 and International Peace Ambassador Award 2024.



DR. PREETI PADMANABHAN

MEDICAL EDUCATOR AND ACADEMIC LEADER

Medical Biochemistry, Research and Higher
Education

Dr. Preeti Padmanabhan is an accomplished academician, researcher and administrator whose career in higher education spans more than two decades. Her work reflects a strong commitment to medical education, value-based learning and bioethics in healthcare.

Currently serving as Professor and Head of the Department of Biochemistry at SSPM Medical College and Lifetime Hospital, Sindhudurg, she continues to contribute to institutional growth while pursuing work with wider national and global relevance.

A defining chapter in Dr. Padmanabhan's development was her association with Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Deemed University, Loni, Ahmednagar. It was here that her interest in teaching, research and administration was strengthened and refined. Over the years, she has trained doctors, dentists, nurses, physiotherapists, biotechnologists and paramedics. Her connection with students has also extended well beyond formal instruction, with mentoring becoming an important part of her academic life.

Her academic foundation is equally extensive. She holds a doctorate in Medical Biochemistry from Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences and completed postgraduate training in Medical Biochemistry at B.J. Medical College and Sassoon Hospitals, Pune. She has also pursued advanced learning in clinical nutrition, bioethics, health law, medical education, public speaking, laboratory management, accreditation, administration and human resource management. Her qualifications include an international postgraduate diploma in Bioethics and Health Law and certification relating to quality management systems in healthcare organisations.

For Dr. Preeti Padmanabhan, education has never been limited to the classroom. Across a career spanning more than two decades, she has contributed to higher education with particular emphasis on medicine, while also working across dentistry, physiotherapy, nursing, biotechnology and paramedical education. Her professional journey has brought her into close collaboration with academicians, researchers and administrators, giving her a broad understanding of how institutions and individuals grow together.

"Advancing medical education through knowledge, discipline and purposeful leadership"



DR. RISHABH VERMA

FOUNDER, NUTRILLION

Personalised Nutrition, Nutrigenomics and
Preventive Health

Dr. Rishabh Verma's story is not a polished tale of uninterrupted growth. It is a story of starting again. His early professional life was rooted in business and finance, but a growing interest in fitness, nutrition and human health gradually pulled him towards a different path. What began as personal curiosity turned into years of study across clinical nutrition, sports nutrition, lifestyle management, nutrigenomics, gut health and precision nutrition. The deeper he went, the clearer one belief became: health cannot be treated with a one-size-fits-all formula.

Nutrillion began in 2021 as the brand under which Dr. Verma worked in private practice as a nutrition professional. It was not yet a company. The next few years were spent testing ideas, working with clients and refining the model. In March 2024, he incorporated Nutrivision Wellness and Genetics Private Limited, giving the brand a formal business structure. The company is Startup India registered, MSME registered, **ISO certified**, and incubated at **Amity Innovation Incubator, part of Amity University Noida**.

Then came the harder chapter. Dr. Verma has spoken openly about financial setbacks, uncertainty and even a period when what he had built seemed to collapse. Instead of hiding that phase, he made it part of the story.

His LinkedIn writing repeatedly returns to one idea: bounce back. He credits faith in Lord Krishna and the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, especially the discipline of focusing on action rather than being consumed by outcomes, with helping him rebuild when the financial and emotional pressure was at its highest.

That rebuilding has now taken visible form. **Nutrillion** has entered a new phase with the **Nutrillion App** and **Nutrillion Academy**. The brand works through two connected verticals. One focuses on personalised nutrition programmes built around genetics, lifestyle, gut health and individual health needs. The other, **Nutrillion Academy**, is focused on research-oriented and science-led certification programmes for the next generation of nutrition and healthcare professionals.

Nutrillion now communicates the same direction publicly: moving healthcare away from generic diet charts and reactive treatment towards personalised, preventive and evidence-led care. The company's website highlights nutrigenomics, gut microbiome analysis and personalised health roadmaps, while its current communication places emphasis on preventive healthcare and deeper scientific education.

Dr. Verma's work has already reached more than 4,000 individuals across ten countries, and his professional profile spans DNA-based nutrition **strategy, sports nutrition** and **nutrigenomics**.



JAI RAJVEER SINGH

FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, AIT WORLD AUTOMATION

Smart Automation, Technology and Business
Growth

Jai Rajveer Singh, Founder and one of the Directors of AIT World Automation Pvt. Ltd., is an entrepreneur, technology professional, and business leader focused on creating innovative solutions for the rapidly evolving technology landscape. With more than a decade of experience in sales, marketing, business development, strategic planning, and technology, his journey reflects a strong commitment to innovation, customer-centric thinking

At the heart of his entrepreneurial vision is AIT World Automation Pvt. Ltd., a technology company focused on smart home automation, smart building solutions. Under his leadership and strategic direction, the company is working to make intelligent technology more accessible. Its solutions are designed to enhance convenience, security, comfort, energy efficiency, helping customers move toward smarter and more connected spaces.

Jai Rajveer Singh believes technology should not simply introduce something new; it should solve real-world problems. This philosophy has shaped his approach to business.

One of his key technology initiatives is ReportNow, a web portal launched under the AIT World Automation ecosystem. ReportNow is positioned as a risk intelligence and verification platform designed to help individuals and organizations make more informed decisions in areas such as rental, employment, and business relationships. The platform focuses on structured information and incident reporting while emphasizing transparency, accountability, privacy. Through ReportNow, Jai Rajveer Singh is working toward creating an informed decision-making ecosystem.

AIT World Automation is also expanding its presence through its franchise network. A significant milestone has been the opening of an AIT World Automation Experience Center in Kota, Rajasthan, led by franchise owner Mr. Ayush Malav. The center provides customers with an opportunity to experience smart automation solutions.

The company's expansion plans include upcoming franchise locations in Nashik, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Kochi, Vadodara. This growing network reflects Jai Rajveer Singh's vision of taking advanced automation solutions closer to customers.

His growing public presence has strengthened his profile as a technology entrepreneur. In August 2026, Jai Rajveer Singh shared the screen with renowned Indian actor Sudesh Berry for an AIT World Automation podcast, discussing entrepreneurship, technology, and business.

Another significant milestone came at the International Glory Awards 2026, where Jai Rajveer Singh shared the stage with celebrated actor Ajay Devgn. During the event, AIT World Automation was honoured with the "Best Home Automation Company in India" award, which Jai Rajveer Singh received from Ajay Devgn. The recognition marked an important milestone in the company's journey.

His leadership is centred on building strong teams, developing strategic partnerships, supporting franchise entrepreneurs, and creating a culture where technology and business work together to deliver value.



DR. SUBHANKAR DASGUPTA

**FOUNDER, PDG MEDIA AND
ENTERTAINMENT**

Financial Planner, Educator and Entrepreneur

Dr. Subhankar Dasgupta has spent more than a decade working across banking, insurance, equity markets, entrepreneurship and financial education. Over time, his experience across these areas has shaped a larger mission: helping Indian families approach money through structured financial planning rather than isolated financial decisions.

His career began in banking, followed by roles in insurance and the investment industry, where he developed a practical understanding of financial products, risk, capital markets and investor behaviour. These experiences gradually led him towards entrepreneurship and professional financial planning

Financial education has become an important part of Dr. Dasgupta's professional identity. Over the past decade, he has delivered 300+ financial-planning and investment-awareness sessions, reaching students, professionals, investors and the wider public through online and offline programmes, seminars and guest lectures.

His academic foundation includes an MBA in Finance, professional programmes in CFA, CFP and FRM, and a PhD focused on Financial Planning and Business Administration, combining practical industry experience with academic and research-based understanding.

Dr. Dasgupta is also the author of the forthcoming *The Smart Money Blueprint*, created around the financial realities of Indian readers. The book covers budgeting, cash-flow management, insurance, investments, mutual funds, retirement planning, risk management and financial goals, extending his mission of bringing practical financial planning closer to Indian households.

Dr. Subhankar Dasgupta's professional journey spans banking, insurance, equity markets, entrepreneurship and financial education. Over more than a decade, these experiences shaped his belief that investment, insurance, taxation, risk, retirement and long-term goals should be viewed together within one structured financial plan.

His entrepreneurial journey included joining Welcon Financials Private Limited as a Founder Member. He later served as General Manager – Finance before establishing PDG Media & Entertainment and FinGrow India Distribution LLP, while increasingly focusing on structured, fee-based financial planning and long-term client interests.

His contribution has earned recognitions including the Economic Times – Best Financial Planner Award, GAFM, USA – Best Financial Planner recognition, London Publications – International Finance Award, Times of India – Business/Financial Analyst recognition, Bharat Dignity Award and Bengal Excellence Award.

Dr. Subhankar Dasgupta's journey reflects that evolution, from working within financial services to helping people better understand them, and from managing financial matters professionally to promoting financial planning as a broader household practice.

*"From financial services to a larger mission
of financial planning and awareness"*



DR. M. HUSSAIN KALSEKAR

FOUNDER AND CEO, 366 DIGITX

Digital Strategy, Branding and Business Growth

Dr. M. Hussain Kalsekar has spent more than 21 years working across branding, marketing, digital innovation and business development. His career has been shaped by a practical understanding of how technology can strengthen brands, improve visibility and create measurable business growth.

As Founder & CEO of 366 DigitX, he leads a business offering branding, SEO, website development, social media management, performance advertising and strategic consulting for organisations looking to strengthen their digital presence.

His professional journey has given him experience across both strategic and execution-focused roles. Over the years, he has worked closely with businesses navigating changes in marketing, customer behaviour and digital competition.

This background allows him to look beyond campaigns alone.

His approach considers how a brand is perceived, how customers discover it, how technology supports the experience and how marketing ultimately contributes to growth.

Mentoring has also become an important part of Dr. Kalsekar's work. Alongside his entrepreneurial responsibilities, he remains associated with organisations including Khidmaah Foundation and Giants Welfare Foundation.

Through these engagements, he has continued to share experience, encourage professional development and remain connected with initiatives that extend beyond his immediate business interests.

For Dr. M. Hussain Kalsekar, digital transformation is useful only when it creates a clear business outcome. Across more than two decades in branding, marketing, business development and digital innovation, he has seen technologies change, platforms rise and disappear, and consumer behaviour continually evolve.

That experience has shaped the way he approaches business today. Rather than treating digitalisation as a collection of trends, he focuses on how different tools can work together to build stronger brands, reach the right audiences and support sustainable growth.

As Founder & CEO of 366 DigitX, Dr. Kalsekar leads a company working across branding, search engine optimisation, website development, social media management, performance advertising and business consulting. The breadth of these services reflects his belief that digital growth rarely comes from a single activity. A business needs clarity in its positioning, consistency in communication and a strategy that connects visibility with actual commercial objectives.

Looking ahead, his focus remains on helping businesses adapt intelligently rather than simply react to change. For Dr. Kalsekar, digital leadership is ultimately about understanding what is changing, knowing what genuinely matters and converting that understanding into business momentum.

"Building brands by connecting digital strategy, market insight and business growth"



SONIA GUPTA

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR AND
PAGEANT TITLEHOLDER**

Mentor, Influencer and Content Creator

From **Jalandhar to Australia**, Sonia's journey reflects personal growth, resilience and the courage to embrace new beginnings. Her identity has grown through many roles—early childhood educator, mother, influencer, mentor and pageant titleholder. Yet behind each role is the same sense of purpose: to use her experiences in a way that supports, encourages and inspires the people who connect with her story.

That purpose is visible in the way Sonia shows up for her students, responds to women who see her as a mentor, and uses her online presence to speak openly about real life. She celebrates the victories, whether it is a child's learning breakthrough or a proud moment on an international stage, while remaining equally open about the effort, responsibility and challenges that exist behind those moments.

The crowns came later—symbols not just of beauty, but of resilience, grace and purpose. Recognition through the Australia Galaxy People's Choice Award 2022 and being crowned Ms. Australasia Pure International 2024 became important milestones in a much bigger mission.

Sonia Gupta's journey was never only about crowns and cameras. It began in humble classrooms, where her love for shaping young lives first took root. As an early childhood educator, she witnessed the power of a nurturing word, a patient smile, and a gentle hand. In those quiet moments—helping a child pronounce first words or watching a shy student find a voice—Sonia discovered a purpose that would remain central to her journey.

Motherhood deepened that purpose. As a mother, Sonia understood both the beauty and the pressure of raising children in a fast-moving world. The family-career juggle, sleepless nights and moments of doubt became part of her own experience. Rather than separating those realities from her public journey, she allowed them to shape an honest and relatable voice that began connecting with women beyond her immediate community.

The crowns came later—symbols not just of beauty, but of resilience, grace and purpose.

"From Jalandhar to Australia, a journey shaped by courage, resilience and self-belief"



DEEPANSHU

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL

Competitive Cricketer and Corporate Cricket Captain

Deepanshu's journey brings together professional service and more than 12 years of competitive cricket. Based in Panchkula, Haryana, he has spent the last five years serving in the Income Tax Department while maintaining an active connection with the sport. A former professional cricketer and an active corporate player, his journey reflects the focus, discipline and consistency developed through years on the cricket field.

His cricketing foundation includes training at Pujara School of Cricket, Rajkot, and Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi. Across more than 12 years in the sport, Deepanshu has competed through professional and corporate cricket, developing an approach that continues to influence both his performance on the pitch and his professional life. Cricket has remained an important part of his identity even as his career moved into a different professional environment.

Among the notable moments in his cricket journey was the Haryana vs Jammu & Kashmir Friendship Series, where he emerged as the tournament's highest run-scorer.

Hailing from Panchkula, Haryana, Deepanshu has built a life that connects two very different environments: competitive cricket and professional service. His five years with the Income Tax Department run alongside a cricket journey spanning more than 12 years. Rather than leaving the sport behind, he has continued playing and today remains an active part of the corporate cricket circuit.

The discipline developed through cricket continues to shape the way he approaches his professional responsibilities. Years of training, competition and match experience have kept focus and consistency central to his journey. From professional cricket to corporate competition, the sport has remained a constant alongside his work in the Income Tax Department.

Beyond cricket and work, Deepanshu's interests extend to fitness, travel, exploration, driving and long road trips. These interests reflect the active lifestyle already visible throughout his journey. Whether it is work, cricket or time on the road, his profile remains connected by the same three qualities highlighted across his story: focus, discipline and authenticity.

"From the cricket pitch to professional service, a journey built on discipline, consistency and passion"



AKHIL JONNAVITHULA

MARKETER, BUSINESS BUILDER AND WEB3 GROWTH LEADER

Growth Strategy, Partnerships and Emerging
Technology

Akhil's foundation combines technology with marketing. He holds a Master's in Marketing, specialising in International Marketing, from the University of Exeter Business School, where he was recognised for Outstanding Contribution to the PG Experience as a Business & Management Student Representative. He also completed a B.Tech CSE (Hons.) with a Minor in Marketing Management from Lovely Professional University.

His interest in marketing and emerging ideas was visible early in his academic journey. He published a paper on mobile marketing and research exploring the future of mobile marketing and its impact on marketing strategy. That combination of technology, marketing and curiosity about what comes next has continued throughout his professional work across startups and the Web3 ecosystem.

Beyond building businesses, Akhil is also a speaker, author and writer. He shares insights on marketing, startups, AI, Web3 and emerging technology, while his writing covers business, technology and new ideas.

Akhil Jonnavithula, also known as OG Marketer, is a marketer, business builder and Web3 growth leader focused on turning emerging ideas into scalable businesses. With more than six years across marketing, growth and business development, he has worked at the intersection of startups, technology and Web3—helping build brands, communities, partnerships and revenue engines from the ground up.

His work spans growth, GTM, D2C, B2B, partnerships, sales and global expansion. Across his Web3 journey, Akhil has built more than 50 strategic ecosystem partnerships, onboarded global resellers and 70+ influencers, and helped build and scale communities from zero to more than 40,000 members. He has also worked across crypto, self-custody, DeFi, exchanges and other areas of emerging technology.

Among his career highlights are scaling multiple Web3 companies from scratch and generating 20,000+ waitlist signups in one month for a Web3 project. He also co-founded a marketing agency that served more than 50 clients and has been featured across leading business and startup publications.

"Building early. Exploring new frontiers. Scaling what works"



CHANDA SHARMA

SPIRITUAL GUIDE AND CONTENT CREATOR

Tarot, Numerology, Vastu and Personal Guidance

Chanda Sharma: A Journey of Resilience, Transformation and Spiritual Growth

For Chanda Sharma, life has been shaped by education, setbacks, self discovery and the willingness to begin again. Her journey has moved through academics, teaching and personal challenges before eventually leading her towards spiritual guidance and a wider mission centred on self awareness and personal growth.

Chanda completed her schooling at Modern Public School, Faridabad, followed by senior secondary education in the Non Medical Science stream at KL Mehra Senior Secondary School. She later pursued a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Aggarwal College, Ballabgarh, and a Master's degree in Computer Science from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College, Faridabad.

Her academic journey, however, was not always straightforward. After Class 10, she faced serious health challenges that affected her performance in the Class 12 board examinations. This also changed some of the plans she had initially made for higher education.

Rather than allowing that phase to define her future, Chanda continued moving forward.

Her connection with teaching had begun much earlier. While still in Class 10, she started giving private tuition to students. After taking a break for two years, she returned to teaching with renewed focus. These early experiences helped her develop independence, responsibility and an interest in guiding others.

For a period, Chanda also aspired to clear the UPSC examination and become an IAS officer. Although that path did not eventually become her career, the experience became another important part of her journey of learning and self reflection. Over time, personal experiences gradually drew her towards spirituality. She developed an interest in tarot reading and intuitive guidance and later expanded her work into numerology and Vastu. Rather than treating these practices as separate interests, she began using them as part of her broader work around reflection, clarity and personal guidance.

Her digital journey added another dimension to this work. Through her YouTube platform MahaDevrang, she built a growing online community that reached around 70,000 subscribers within one and a half years. During the same period, she says she worked with more than 19,000 clients across different parts of the world.

Her work has also been featured through podcasts and other public platforms, allowing her to reach people beyond one to one guidance.



SOMYA BHATIA

**CELEBRITY SUPERMODEL, ACTRESS AND
ADVOCATE**

Fashion, Entertainment and Social Advocacy

Somya Bhatia: Building Her Identity Through Fashion, Acting and Purpose

At 21, Somya Bhatia is steadily building her place in the world of fashion, modelling and acting. Her journey reflects the determination of a young artist who chose to step outside her comfort zone and work towards creating an identity of her own.

Somya began pursuing her professional journey at the age of 19. Like many young people entering the entertainment industry, she started with dreams but also with an understanding that success would require patience, training and consistent effort. The early years became a period of learning, self discovery and preparation as she worked towards understanding both the creative and professional sides of the industry.

Rather than depending only on natural confidence or appearance, Somya focused on professional training. She studied theatre, camera acting and modelling to strengthen her skills and become more comfortable in front of both audiences and the camera.

Her training included time at institutions such as Shri Ram Centre at Mandi House in Delhi and AAFT in Noida Film City. These experiences gave her exposure to performance, expressions, body language and the discipline required for acting and modelling.

Over time, her efforts helped her find opportunities in fashion, glamour and entertainment. She gradually started receiving recognition for her work and continued to develop her presence as a model and actress.

For Somya, however, the journey has not been limited to glamour.

As her public identity grew, she also became interested in using her platform to speak about social awareness and issues that matter to young people. She believes that having a public voice also brings a certain responsibility. Through her advocacy interests, she hopes to encourage people to value dignity, compassion and positive change.

This side of her personality gives a wider meaning to the career she is trying to build. Fashion and entertainment remain important parts of her professional life, but she also wants her work and public presence to have a positive influence.

Her journey has involved the kind of challenges that often come with choosing a creative career at a young age. Entering a competitive industry requires confidence, but it also requires the ability to handle rejection, uncertainty and constant learning.

Somya believes that progress does not always happen quickly. For her, the important thing has been to continue working even when results take time.

Her personal philosophy reflects that mindset. She believes in working hard with courage, treating people with compassion and continuing to move towards one's dreams even when the journey becomes difficult.



Kivashe: Building India's AI-Ready Businesses, One Human + AI Partnership at a Time

Arpit K. Goyal and Abhidha Dharewal are shaping Kivashe into an AI-powered growth ecosystem where technology, creativity, strategy and human expertise come together to build the businesses of tomorrow.

Indore, India — September 2026: Artificial intelligence is no longer a distant technology reserved for large corporations. It is rapidly becoming part of how businesses market themselves, communicate with customers, manage operations and make decisions. But while much of the conversation around AI

At the centre of this journey are Arpit K Goyal and Abhidha Dhariwal, who are shaping Kivashe around the needs of businesses preparing for an AI driven economy.

Arpit brings experience across filmmaking, animation, branding, technology and digital marketing. His background in storytelling and communication has influenced the way Kivashe approaches brand building. Rather than seeing marketing as only promotion, the company focuses on understanding how a business presents itself, what it stands for and how it communicates with the people it wants to reach.

As artificial intelligence becomes more common in content and marketing, Kivashe is exploring how these tools can support stronger research, customer communication, lead management and brand positioning.

ARPIT K GOYAL | ABHIDHA DHARIWAL

ENTREPRENEURS AND BUSINESS INNOVATORS

Kivashe | AI Powered Growth and Automation

The aim is not simply to produce more content or automate every activity. The focus is on using technology where it can genuinely improve the way a business works.

Abhidha Dhariwal contributes to this vision by keeping the human side of transformation at the centre. Kivashe believes that AI can improve speed and reduce repetitive work, but creativity, judgement, relationships and strategic thinking still depend on people.

This thinking is also reflected in the company's interest in AI agents and intelligent workflows. Such systems can support tasks including lead qualification, prospect research, follow ups, appointment scheduling and personalised communication. For small and growing businesses, this can reduce routine work and give teams more time to focus on sales, customer relationships and important decisions.

Kivashe is bringing its future direction around three connected areas: strategic brand positioning, AI powered marketing and intelligent business automation. Together, these areas are intended to help companies use technology in a practical and structured way.

For Arpit and Abhidha, the larger opportunity is not simply to help businesses become more digital. It is to help them become more adaptive, efficient and prepared for changing customer expectations.

As AI continues to influence business, Kivashe is building around a balanced approach. Technology can support growth, but meaningful progress still depends on clear strategy and human understanding. That balance is becoming an important part of the company's evolving identity.



Dr. Mikki Koomar: Building a Global Identity Across Business, Entertainment and Social Impact

Dr. Mikki Koomar has built a diverse professional journey that brings together business, entertainment, social influence, philanthropy and international engagement. Known as an entrepreneur, actor, filmmaker and international influencer, he has developed a public presence that extends across several industries and countries.

His work today includes leadership roles in multiple organisations. He serves as **Founder and Global Chairman of Xtreme Industries and United Nexus Organization**, while also holding the position of Managing Director at **Asian Aviation and Aerospace Private Limited**. Through these roles, he has been involved in areas including business, aviation, entertainment, education, culture and international collaborations.

A major part of his journey has been his effort to build relationships across borders. His profile reflects engagements with business communities, corporate leaders, cultural institutions, humanitarian organisations and international personalities. He has represented India through various international platforms and has travelled extensively as part of his professional activities.

Dr. Koomar also serves as **World Ambassador and Board Member of SEMAH MCH Center** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The role has added another dimension to his international work by connecting him with initiatives in the humanitarian and healthcare space.

DR. MIKKI KOOMAR

ENTREPRENEUR, ACTOR AND INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCER

Global Chairman, Xtreme Industries and United Nexus Organization

Education and continuous learning have remained part of his professional development. He is associated as a Distinguished and Notable Alumnus of Orange County University in California and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration. His profile also includes several honorary academic distinctions received during his career.

Alongside business and public life, martial arts have played an important role in his personal journey. He holds a 1st Dan Black Belt in Shotokan Karate Do and a 3rd Dan Black Belt in Korean Taekwondo through Kukkiwon. His involvement in martial arts began at a young age and later became another recognised part of his wider professional identity.

His interests also extend to filmmaking, fashion, media and entertainment. Over the years, he has been associated with international events and creative initiatives while continuing to expand his presence across digital platforms. His Instagram following has grown to more than 3 million, giving him a significant audience for his professional and social activities.

His profile lists several recognitions including the Bharat Ratan Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Award, Rajiv Gandhi Global Excellence Award, Indian Achievers Award for International Youth Icon, Bharat Global Icon Award and Human Excellence Golden Award.

As his work continues to expand, his focus remains on developing collaborations, creating new opportunities and strengthening his presence across global platforms.



Tejasvi Sharma: Bringing Empathy, Technology and Joy Into the Classroom

For Tejasvi Sharma, teaching is not only about completing a syllabus. It is about understanding how each student learns and creating an environment where they feel comfortable asking questions, making mistakes and growing with confidence.

An Information Technology educator and digital content creator, Tejasvi has spent **more than four years** working across different stages of education. Her journey began in early childhood classrooms where she taught young learners. Over time, she moved into higher secondary education as a **Trained Graduate Teacher in Information Technology**. What began as a professional opportunity gradually became a meaningful part of her life.

Although entering the teaching profession was never part of her initial plans, it quickly transformed into her core passion. Today, beyond her classroom, Tejasvi aims to be a strong voice for educators. She actively highlights the ground realities, daily triumphs, and real challenges teachers face in schools—connecting deeply with both her students and a broader online audience.

In her classroom, she tries to make technical subjects easier to understand through practical examples, interactive activities and light humour. Rather than making technology feel complicated, her approach is to connect concepts with situations students can recognise from everyday life.

TEJASVI SHARMA

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATOR

Digital Content Creator and Learning Facilitator

Patience and empathy are equally important to her. When a student struggles, she prefers to understand the reason behind the difficulty before moving ahead. This **student centred approach** allows her to provide individual support while helping learners develop confidence in their own abilities.

Alongside classroom teaching, Tejasvi has also developed her identity as a **digital content creator**. Through online content, she shares educational ideas, learning resources and insights related to Information Technology and modern teaching methods. Her work reflects an interest in using digital platforms to make learning more accessible and engaging for students as well as fellow educators.

Her areas of interest include IT education, digital literacy, **AI and educational technology tools**, interactive content creation and inclusive teaching practices.

During her journey, Tejasvi has received recognition for her work in education. Her profile includes the Best Teacher Award from IMS Ghaziabad and the UPRSL Block Award. She has also been listed as a nominee for the Global Educator Excellence Award 2026.

For Tejasvi, technology can make education more interactive, but the human connection between a teacher and student remains equally important. Her vision is to create learning spaces where technology and empathy work together and where students feel understood, valued and encouraged to learn.

Her journey continues with a simple belief that meaningful education begins when a teacher reaches the learner as a person before expecting them to perform as a student.



MOUMITA CHAKRABORTY

VICE PRINCIPAL AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

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The Road Less Travelled: Moumita Chakraborty and Her Journey in Respiratory Therapy

For Moumita Chakraborty, choosing a career in healthcare meant taking a path that was still unfamiliar to many people. At a time when medicine, dentistry and nursing were among the most recognised healthcare careers, she chose **Respiratory Therapy**, a specialised field focused on something fundamental to life itself, breathing.

The decision eventually shaped not only her professional career but also her journey as an educator, researcher and academic leader.

Moumita completed her **BSc and MSc in Respiratory Therapy**, gaining experience in areas such as critical care, mechanical ventilation, pulmonary function testing, sleep medicine, emergency management and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation. Clinical practice gave her an understanding that went far beyond textbooks. Working with patients facing breathing difficulties showed her how important timely decisions, technical knowledge and compassionate care can be.

Over the years, her professional journey gradually moved from clinical practice into education.

Teaching became an important part of her work as she began guiding undergraduate and postgraduate students and mentoring young healthcare professionals. For Moumita, education is not simply about delivering information in a classroom. She believes students should be encouraged to ask questions, understand the purpose behind what they learn and develop confidence in the profession they have chosen.

Her academic interests have also taken her towards research. As a **PhD scholar**, she continues to explore areas connected with respiratory health, mechanical ventilation and emerging healthcare technologies. She has also developed an interest in artificial intelligence and its possible role in supporting clinical expertise and improving the precision of respiratory care.

Beyond teaching and research, Moumita has contributed to academic initiatives and curriculum development. These experiences have strengthened her belief that the progress of a healthcare profession depends not only on individual achievement but also on educators and professionals who are willing to share knowledge, introduce new ideas and help the next generation grow.

Today, she serves as **Vice Principal and Associate Professor** at **Narayana Hrudayalaya Institute of Allied Health Sciences in Bengaluru**.

Looking back, Moumita does not see choosing a lesser known profession as a limitation. **Respiratory Therapy** became the foundation through which she discovered opportunities to care for patients, teach students, conduct research and contribute to academic development.

Her journey continues with new questions to explore, students to mentor and developments in healthcare to understand.

For Moumita Chakraborty, choosing the road less travelled has shown that meaningful careers do not always begin with the most familiar choices. Sometimes, a different path can lead to a deeply purposeful professional journey.



MUSKAN RATHOR

SCHOOL COORDINATOR AND EDUCATOR
The Smiley Teacher and Content Creator

The Smiley Teacher: Where Teaching Meets a Smile.

For Muskan Rathor, teaching has always been about more than books, classrooms and completing a syllabus. At the heart of her work is a simple belief that students learn better when they feel comfortable, valued and encouraged. This approach has shaped her journey as an educator and **school coordinator** and eventually gave her an identity that her students lovingly recognise as **The Smiley Teacher**.

Muskan entered the field of education with a clear desire to become a teacher. After completing her graduation and preparing for teaching examinations, she stepped into a school environment and gradually discovered how meaningful it could be to contribute to a child's learning journey.

Over time, her responsibilities expanded beyond regular classroom teaching. Today, as a **school coordinator**, she works closely with both students and teachers. Her role includes observing academic work, checking student progress, coordinating school activities and helping with the smooth functioning of everyday school life. The identity of **The Smiley Teacher** began through a very small classroom habit.

While checking notebooks, Muskan started drawing a small smiley along with her signature. At first, it was simply her way of appreciating students and adding a personal touch to their work. Gradually, she noticed that students began waiting for that smiley. Some became more careful with their notebooks and looked forward to receiving it as a simple sign of recognition.

Over time, students started calling her **Smiley Ma'am**, and what began as a small gesture became closely connected with the way they remembered her.

For Muskan, the experience reinforced something she already believed. Children often respond strongly to appreciation. A kind word, recognition of effort or even a small smile can help a student feel more confident and motivated.

This philosophy continues to influence the way she works with students today. She believes that discipline and academic progress are important, but encouragement also has a meaningful place in education.

Alongside her work as an educator and coordinator, Muskan is also developing her journey as a content creator. She wants to continue sharing her experiences while staying connected to the values that shaped her identity as a teacher.

Her professional journey is still evolving, with opportunities to learn, take on new responsibilities and connect with more students. For Muskan Rathor, **The Smiley Teacher** is not simply a name. It represents a teaching approach built around positivity, encouragement and personal connection. Her journey is a reminder that education can leave an impression in many ways. Knowledge is important, but sometimes a small gesture of appreciation is what a student remembers for years.



CHEF VAIBHAV BHARGAVA

PAN ASIAN CHEF AND CULINARY CONSULTANT
Partner and Lead Chef, CHO

Chef Vaibhav Bhargava: Bridging Cultures Through Food

For Chef Vaibhav Bhargava, food has always been more than a profession. It has been a way to understand cultures, create experiences and bring different culinary traditions together on one plate.

His journey began in Darya Ganj, Delhi, where a childhood surrounded by diverse flavours gradually developed into a serious interest in cooking. Over the last two decades, that interest has taken him through leading hospitality brands, independent restaurants, consulting projects and international culinary collaborations.

His professional experience includes associations with the JP Group, ITC Hotels, Hyatt, Olive Bar and Kitchen and Guppy by Ai. He also trained under **Chef René Redzepi at Noma** in Denmark, an experience that strengthened his understanding of ingredients, precision and thoughtful cooking.

Today, Vaibhav works across several roles including chef, partner, consultant and mentor. As **Partner and Lead Chef of CHO** under ABV Hospitality in Delhi, he has worked to present Vietnamese cuisine in a way that remains approachable while respecting its cultural identity.

His wider consulting journey includes restaurant concepts such as Takashi, Kikoba, Mary Lou's, Zuki Asian, Call Me Ten and She's Here. His work also extends to newer hospitality projects across different cities.

His international work has added another dimension to his culinary journey. In Thailand, he collaborated with the culinary team at Praya Palazzo on an Omakase style Indo Thai menu that brought Indian flavours together with Thai culinary influences. He has also worked on Indo fusion and halal certified menu concepts for hospitality properties in Thailand.

Recognition has followed him throughout different stages of his career. His profile includes **Chef of the Year 2026** at the Times Food and Nightlife Awards, the Culinary Expert Award at the Tastepreneur Awards 2025, Silver Hat Chef of the Year 2023 and Executive Chef of the Year 2023.

Earlier recognitions also include Innovative Chef of the Year 2018 and the Master Chef International Cuisine Award 2009.

Beyond restaurants, Vaibhav has remained closely connected with culinary education. He has judged MasterChef India, served on the jury at **World Food India 2025** and conducted masterclasses for students and industry audiences. For him, mentoring younger chefs is an important way of contributing to the future of the profession.

At the centre of his work is a simple philosophy. Good cooking requires commitment, creativity and respect for ingredients. After more than twenty years in the industry, Chef Vaibhav Bhargava continues to explore how food can connect people, places and cultures while remaining honest to the ingredients and stories behind every dish.



RAVITEJA PULIMETLA

ENTREPRENEUR AND STARTUP CONSULTANT
Business Growth Strategist

From ₹5,000 to Building Businesses: The Journey of Raviteja Pulimetla

Every entrepreneurial journey begins with a decision to start. For Raviteja Pulimetla, that decision came in 2019, when he began with just ₹5,000, confidence in his idea and the willingness to learn by doing.

What started as a small entrepreneurial effort gradually developed into an **8 figure revenue business** in the **food and hospitality equipment sector**. Building in a competitive B2B environment gave Raviteja practical experience in sales, customer needs, operations, pricing and business growth. More importantly, it taught him how different the real world of entrepreneurship can be from what is often imagined at the beginning.

As the business grew, Raviteja began to understand that starting a company is only one part of the journey. Building systems, finding the right market, making difficult decisions and maintaining profitability require a different level of discipline. These experiences eventually led him towards **startup consulting**.

Today, Raviteja works with students, professionals, aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business founders who want to turn ideas into practical and sustainable ventures. His approach to consulting is focused on execution rather than theory.

He helps entrepreneurs understand whether an idea has commercial potential, who their customers are and how their business model can be structured. His work also includes identifying **growth opportunities**, improving business strategy and helping founders think more clearly about the path towards profitability.

One of the strengths of his journey is the exposure he has gained across different industries. His experience extends to sectors including food, hospitality, technology, education, electronic appliances, home furnishings, IoT, beauty and dairy. Working across multiple categories has given him an understanding of how different markets operate and why the same strategy may not work for every business.

Alongside consulting and entrepreneurship, Raviteja is also building his personal brand around startup and business education.

Through his content, he simplifies topics related to entrepreneurship, MSMEs, startup strategy, business growth and opportunities available to emerging businesses. His focus is on making business concepts easier to understand for people who may have the ambition to start but are unsure about where to begin. Raviteja's journey from starting with ₹5,000 to building businesses and advising other entrepreneurs reflects the value of learning through experience.

For him, entrepreneurship is not only about having a good idea. It is about understanding the market, taking action, learning from mistakes and building a business that can sustain itself over time.



SANTORINI FLYING DRESS

LUXURY DESTINATION PHOTOGRAPHY

Cinematic Flying Dress Experiences in Santorini

Santorini Flying Dress: Turning Destination Photography Into a Cinematic Experience

Santorini is known around the world for its white buildings, blue domes, dramatic cliffs and beautiful views of the Aegean Sea. Santorini Flying Dress has taken this iconic setting and created a photography experience that brings together fashion, travel and visual storytelling.

Operating since 2015, the company specialises in flying dress photography across some of Santorini's most recognisable locations. The concept combines flowing dresses, carefully selected locations and professional photography to create portraits that feel cinematic and visually striking.

The experience is designed to be more than a regular photoshoot. Every session involves planning around the location, natural light, wind, timing and overall composition. Clients are guided through the process so they can feel comfortable in front of the camera while the photographer focuses on capturing movement and emotion.

Santorini itself plays an important role in the final result. Locations such as Oia and Imerovigli offer the classic white architecture and caldera views associated with the island. Firostefani and Thira provide a more traditional Santorini atmosphere, while Vlychada Beach creates a completely different visual mood through its volcanic landscape.

The experience is suitable for different kinds of travellers. Solo visitors can create personal portraits, while couples and honeymooners can capture memories from an important journey together. Sessions are also available for birthdays, maternity shoots, families, groups and personal branding.

Another important part of the experience is the wardrobe. Santorini Flying Dress offers a wide selection of dresses in different styles and colours, allowing clients to choose a look that matches their personality and the kind of photographs they want to create.

Hair and makeup services can also be included, helping clients prepare for the session while keeping the overall experience organised and comfortable. Over the years, the brand has worked with thousands of customers visiting Santorini from different parts of the world. The growing popularity of flying dress photography has also shown how travellers are increasingly looking for experiences that feel personal and memorable rather than simply collecting ordinary travel pictures.

What makes Santorini Flying Dress stand out is the combination of movement, landscape and carefully directed photography. The dress creates drama, the island provides the background and the photographer brings both elements together into a visual story. For Santorini Flying Dress, destination photography is not simply about showing where someone travelled. It is about capturing how that moment felt and transforming a visit to Santorini into a lasting visual memory.

Growth Holds, Risks Rise

Energy Costs, Inflation and AI Investment Shape the Global Outlook

The global economy entered the final stretch of 2026 with more resilience than many expected, but the balance of risks has become harder to ignore. In its September Interim Economic Outlook, the OECD projected global growth of 2.9% in 2026 and 3.0% in 2027. The outlook reflects an economy still expanding despite renewed pressure from energy prices, inflation and geopolitical uncertainty.

Energy markets have become one of the biggest sources of pressure. Disruptions linked to conflict in the Middle East pushed up oil and gas costs, although alternative supply routes, strategic reserve releases, additional production outside the Gulf and softer demand from China helped cushion the shock. Higher energy costs are feeding into inflation and complicating the path for major central banks.

At the same time, investment in artificial intelligence remains a notable source of strength. The OECD says strong AI-related investment is supporting trade and economic activity, even as financing conditions remain tighter in many markets.

The picture is therefore mixed: growth continues, but businesses and households are operating in an environment where energy prices, interest rates and geopolitical developments can quickly change the outlook. For companies, the months ahead will reward flexibility, cost discipline and investment in productivity.

“Growth is holding up, but the margin for error is getting smaller.”

GLOBAL OUTLOOK



2026 growth: 2.9%



2027 growth: 3.0%



Key forces: Energy prices • Inflation • AI investment

Source: OECD Interim Economic Outlook, September 2026





Kirti Bansal: Bringing Creativity, Learning and Community Together Through Art

For Kirti Bansal, art has always been more than a profession. It has been a way to teach, connect with people and encourage others to express themselves with confidence.

With **more than 12 years of experience** in art and education, Kirti has built a journey that combines professional practice with teaching, workshops, exhibitions, judging assignments and community initiatives. She holds a **Master's Degree in Drawing and Painting** and has consistently worked towards making art more accessible and engaging for students and wider audiences.

One of the notable moments in her journey was being part of the **Guinness World Record** for creating the longest painting in Meerut along with other team members. The experience reflected her involvement in large scale creative initiatives and collaborative art projects.

Her work as an art educator has also taken her into different academic and competition settings. Kirti has served as a Judge for the **Directorate of Education** at S.S. Mota Singh School and has also worked as a **Zonal Level Judge** for art competitions associated with institutions and brands including Camlin, GD Goenka, Delhi Public School, Cambridge Foundation School and Holy Cross School.

KIRTI BANSAL

ARTIST AND ART EDUCATOR

Creative Mentor and Community Art Facilitator

Over the years, her professional work has received recognition from different organisations. She was awarded the title of Camel Art Specialist for 2024 and 2025 and is also a **Fevicryl Certified Professional** by Pidilite. These roles reflect her continued involvement in professional art and craft education.

Kirti has also been recognised by UID University and has conducted art workshops at Pacific Mall, Dwarka Sector 21, in collaboration with the City Girls Who Walk Delhi community. Her collaborations also include creative and community initiatives with Art of Living. Another meaningful part of her journey is her role as a Vidyanjali Volunteer under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Through this initiative, she contributes to the idea of strengthening schools through community participation and support.

Her workshops have reached corporates, NGOs, schools and community organisations, giving people from different backgrounds an opportunity to explore art through practical and hands on experiences.

In recognition of her contribution towards education and teaching, Kirti received the Vidyasagar Leadership Award 2026, presented by the Chairperson of the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Government of NCT of Delhi.

Through her work, Kirti Bansal continues to combine art with education, participation and community engagement. Her journey reflects a simple belief that creativity grows when people are given the space, guidance and confidence to express themselves.



SEHRISH KHANDIA

FOUNDER, BYONDBITES

AI Food Intelligence and Personalized Nutrition

Byondbites: Bringing AI, Nutrition and Culture Into Everyday Food Decisions

Food decisions often begin with a very simple question. What should I cook today? For the founder of **Byondbites**, that everyday question became the starting point for building an **AI powered kitchen and health companion** designed to make food choices easier, more personal and more relevant to real life.

Byondbites allows users to scan ingredients already available in their kitchen and receive recipe suggestions based on what they have. The platform also considers **cultural food preferences**, dietary requirements, health goals and lifestyle. The idea is to help people make better use of available ingredients while reducing the stress that often comes with deciding what to prepare.

At the centre of the platform is **Ayra**, an AI kitchen companion created to help users move from uncertainty to action. Someone may want to prepare a quick family meal, use ingredients before they are wasted, understand the nutritional value of a dish or stay consistent with a personal health goal. **Ayra** is designed to support these everyday decisions in a simple and practical way.

The larger vision behind Byondbites goes beyond recipe recommendations. The company is working towards building a household food intelligence platform that connects what people have at home with the way they eat, how they feel and what they want to achieve with their health.

Saudi Arabia and the wider GCC are an important part of this vision. Many global food and health platforms are developed for broad international audiences and may not fully reflect regional dishes, commonly available ingredients, household habits or bilingual requirements. **Byondbites** is being developed with these cultural and practical differences in mind, creating an experience that is intended to feel more relevant to households across the region.

Alongside **Byondbites**, its founder is also Co-founder and CEO of Allign Marketing KSA, a content led marketing and experiential agency working with brands through strategy, campaigns, content, activations and customer experiences.

Her professional journey brings together more than 18 years of experience in marketing, brand strategy and operations, along with her background as a certified nutritionist. Her experience as a woman, mother and founder has also influenced the way she looks at everyday problems and the businesses that can be built around solving them.

Byondbites began with a common household question, but its ambition is broader. The platform is working towards helping families make food decisions that are smarter, healthier and more connected to their culture and everyday lives.



AASTHA SONI

EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR AND BALVATIKA TEACHER

Creative Learning, Sustainability and Early Childhood Education

Aastha Soni: Creating Joyful and Meaningful Learning for Young Children

For Aastha Soni, teaching has never been limited to books, lesson plans or classroom routines. Her journey as an **Early Years Educator** has grown around creativity, patience, continuous learning and the belief that every child deserves a positive beginning to education.

Aastha completed her schooling at Queen Mary's School in Delhi before pursuing a B.Sc. in Life Sciences from Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi. She later completed her B.Ed. from MDU and Nursery Primary Teacher Training from Lal Bahadur Shastri Training Institute.

Her connection with teaching began much before her formal career. While studying in college, she started earning by helping children with school projects, holiday homework and tuition. At the same time, she volunteered with NGOs where she taught Art and Craft and provided educational support to children without charging a fee. These early experiences gradually helped her realise that education was the field in which she wanted to build her career.

Aastha formally entered teaching in **2015** with Mother's Pride. She later worked with Prudence and GD Goenka before joining **DAV Nursery School** in 2018. Today, she works there as a permanent Nursery Teacher.

Over the years, her role has grown beyond regular classroom teaching. Creativity remains an important part of her work, and she is associated with both the Art and Craft Team and the IT Team at school. For the past four years, she has also contributed to planning the school's annual activity planner, creating activities around festivals, celebrations, awareness days and other important occasions.

Her contribution also includes work with the Newsletter Team, e-newsletter team and Annual Day script writing. She independently prepared the Annual Report for the academic session 2025 to 2026, bringing together the school's activities and achievements in a structured format.

Sustainability is another area close to her work. As a Sustainability In-charge, Aastha coordinated activities connected with the Wipro Earthian Sustainability Project. The school's project was recognised among the Top 10 schools in Delhi, and she received recognition for her role as project coordinator.

Her journey has also included recognition through the Teachers of Tomorrow Award and the Vidyasagar Leadership Award.

Beyond school, Aastha shares her experiences through her Instagram page, @aasthasoniofficial, where she creates content around teaching, classroom activities and educator life.

For Aastha, meaningful education begins with understanding the child. Whether it is helping a student gain confidence, making learning more creative or simply creating a classroom where children feel safe, she believes that small efforts can leave a lasting impact.



DHEERAJ SHARMA

ENGLISH EDUCATOR AND DIGITAL CONTENT CREATOR

Founder of YourEnglishWaleSir

Your English Wale Sir: When a Teacher Becomes a Voice Beyond the Classroom

For many teachers, the classroom is where their role begins and ends. For Dheeraj Sharma, teaching has gradually grown into something much wider. It is not only a profession for him, but also a way of connecting with people, sharing experiences and giving a voice to the everyday reality of education.

Popularly known as **YourEnglishWaleSir**, Dheeraj Sharma is an English educator and digital content creator from Haryana. Through his growing online presence, he has been presenting a side of teaching that often remains unseen.

Instead of focusing only on ideal classroom moments, he talks about the real experiences of teachers, the pressure, the responsibility, the humour, the daily effort and the human side of the profession.

His journey did not begin with social media. It began with a genuine interest in teaching. From helping children around him to building professional classroom experience, Dheeraj gradually understood that education was the field he wanted to pursue seriously.

Today, he works in the English Department at Bal Bharati Vidya Peeth, Gohana, while continuing to build his identity as an online educator.

What makes his work interesting is that his content goes beyond grammar rules, vocabulary lessons and textbook learning. Through **YourEnglishWaleSir**, he speaks about the everyday life of a teacher. He shares thoughts on checking answer sheets, handling classrooms, dealing with student behaviour, preparing lessons, attending meetings and managing the responsibilities that often go unnoticed by others.

His approach is simple and relatable. He wants to show the reality of teaching instead of presenting only a polished version of it. Because of this, his content connects with teachers who see their own lives reflected in his words, while also helping students and parents understand what happens behind the scenes in education.

Dheeraj sees digital platforms as an extension of his classroom. His Instagram account, **@yourenglishtwalesir**, has crossed **4,000 followers**, and his content has received more than **200,000 views** in a recent 30 day period. For him, a reel is not just a video. It can be a short lesson, a personal observation, a classroom experience or a thought that makes someone pause and reflect.

Even while teaching and creating content, he continues his own academic journey with **M.A. English**. This reflects an important part of his mindset. He believes that a teacher should always remain a learner.

His journey today connects three spaces together: the classroom, higher education and the digital world. Through **YourEnglishWaleSir**, Dheeraj Sharma is building more than an online identity. He is building a meaningful voice that reminds people that a teacher's influence does not end when the classroom door closes.



MOHHAMED MOINUDDINN

CEO & FOUNDER

Vyne Global Fortunes Investment

Mohhamed Moinuddin : Connecting Capital, Vision and Opportunity Across the World

Some careers follow a straight path. Others are shaped by curiosity, experience and the courage to move into completely different worlds. Mohhamed Moinuddin, CEO and Founder of Vyne Global Fortunes Investment, belongs to the second group.

His professional journey has taken him through aviation, real estate and finance. While these industries may appear very different, Mohhamed sees a clear connection between them. Each has taught him something about responsibility, decision making and the importance of understanding how people, opportunities and capital come together.

Real estate was already familiar to him because of his family background. His father introduced him to property and helped him understand the value of real assets. Finance, however, opened another area of interest. Mohhamed became fascinated by the role money plays in almost every part of life and business. For him, the important question was not simply how to make money. It was how to move capital towards the right opportunities.

That idea eventually became an important part of the vision behind Vyne Global Fortunes Investment. Vyne Global works by connecting capital with projects that require funding and strategic support. Its network includes family offices, financial institutions, capital companies, banks and other funding sources. Mohhamed describes the company as a bridge between two sides. On one side there is capital looking for meaningful opportunities. On the other side there are projects that need the right financial partner to grow.

The company is involved across areas such as real estate, infrastructure, logistics, real assets and ESG focused projects. Mohhamed also plans to strengthen the company further by building its own capital capabilities. The long term idea is to create a structure where Vyne Global can directly participate in projects rather than depending entirely on external sources of funding.

Dubai has become an important base for this vision

For Mohamed, Dubai is more than a business location. It is home. He believes the city provides an environment where entrepreneurs are encouraged to think globally and pursue ambitious ideas. Its international connectivity also gives Vyne Global access to businesses, investors and opportunities across different regions.

Another major turning point in Mohamed's career came during the COVID period.

The disruption experienced by the aviation and travel industries made him reconsider the idea of depending entirely on employment. He realised that circumstances outside an individual's control could change a career almost overnight. That experience encouraged him to focus more seriously on building something of his own.

The vision behind Vyne Global is ultimately simple. Capital already exists around the world and strong ideas exist too. The opportunity lies in bringing the right people, the right funding and the right projects together.



MITASHREE SAIKIA

BANKER AND PAGEANT PERSONALITY

Award Honouree and Media Featured
Achiever

Mitashree Saikia: Grace, Confidence and Achievement

Mitashree Saikia represents a journey that beautifully brings together professional discipline, personal ambition and public recognition. A **banker by profession**, she has also built a distinct identity in pageantry, fashion and lifestyle media, showing that one person can successfully carry more than one dream with dignity and confidence.

Her story reflects the journey of a woman who has continued to grow beyond the boundaries of a single role. While her professional life is rooted in banking, her public presence has steadily expanded through pageants, stage appearances and media recognition. What makes her journey stand out is the balance she has maintained between a responsible career and a graceful public image.

Over time, Mitashree has earned recognition through several important milestones. She was honoured as the **Body Beautiful Subtitle Winner at Mrs India Legacy 2022 to 23 and also secured a place among the Top 8 Finalists** in the same competition. These achievements highlighted her confidence, personality and strong stage presence.

Her growing identity in the pageant and fashion space was further recognised when she received the title of **Best Iconic Pageant Queen 2023**. This added another meaningful chapter to her journey and established her as a woman whose presence is defined not only by elegance but also by consistency and self belief.

Mitashree has also walked as a showstopper for North East International Fashion Week and North East Powerplay. These appearances brought her into larger public spaces and reflected her ability to carry herself with poise, style and confidence on important platforms.

Her journey has also been acknowledged by several magazines and media platforms. She has been featured in Diva Planet Magazine and UWTF Magazine and was also recognised as Face of the Month in Mystic Aura Magazine. In addition to this, her story has been featured on well known lifestyle and media platforms including The Entrepreneur Bytes, Inside Founders and Jubo Darpan.

Adding another milestone to her growing journey, Mitashree was honoured with the Utkrisht Pride Award 2026. This recognition further reflects the impact of her work and the way her journey continues to inspire others.

What makes Mitashree Saikia's journey meaningful is not only the list of titles or recognitions she has received, but the message behind them. She represents grace with purpose, confidence with humility and ambition with discipline. From banking to pageantry and from fashion platforms to public recognition, her journey shows that women today can build identities that are both professional and personal, strong and graceful at the same time.

Mitashree Saikia continues to inspire as a woman of confidence, elegance and achievement, proving that success becomes more meaningful when it is built with perseverance, character and purpose.



SRI RANGANAYAGI ASHOK

FOUNDER, TURMAROOT

Ayurvedic Wellness Entrepreneur

TurmaRoot: Bringing the Wisdom of Ayurvedic Rituals Back to Modern Life

In a world where personal care is often driven by quick results and changing trends, **TurmaRoot** is taking a different approach. Founded by **Sri Ranganayagi Ashok**, the brand is built around the belief that self care should not be treated as a quick fix. Instead, it can become a meaningful ritual connected with tradition, consistency and long term well being.

TurmaRoot draws inspiration from India's **Ayurvedic heritage** and aims to reconnect modern families with practices that have been part of Indian living for generations. The brand positions itself as a non cosmetic Ayurvedic ritual brand, focusing on healthy skin, healthy hair and holistic wellness rather than instant transformation.

At the centre of this philosophy is a simple idea. Good self care takes time. It requires nourishment, balance and regular attention. **TurmaRoot** encourages people to look at everyday routines differently and to see personal care as an opportunity to slow down and reconnect with themselves.

Its product philosophy follows the same direction. The brand highlights the use of 100 percent raw herbs, authentic Ayurvedic formulations, 100 percent wood pressed oils and products without preservatives. These elements reflect its effort to keep traditional ingredients and methods at the heart of the experience.

What makes **TurmaRoot** different is its emphasis on the ritual rather than only the product.

A cleanser becomes part of a cleansing routine. An oil becomes a moment of nourishment. A bath infusion becomes an opportunity to reconnect with traditional wellness practices. Through this approach, ordinary personal care can become more intentional and meaningful.

For **Sri Ranganayagi Ashok**, **TurmaRoot** represents more than building a business. It is also an effort to preserve and reinterpret traditional wellness knowledge for people living in a fast moving modern world. Her vision is to make Ayurvedic practices easier to understand and more relevant to everyday life without losing the philosophy behind them.

The brand also reflects a wider shift in the way people are beginning to think about wellness. Instead of constantly looking for something new, there is growing value in rediscovering practices that have existed for generations and understanding how they can fit into modern lifestyles.

TurmaRoot's journey is built around that connection between heritage and the present. Its message is simple. Wellness does not always need to begin with the newest trend. Sometimes, it begins by returning to practices that encourage balance, consistency and conscious living.

For Sri Ranganayagi Ashok, that is the purpose behind TurmaRoot.

Rooted in tradition. Designed for today. Practised as a ritual.



AURORA PATRIAN

**TRANSFORMATIONAL COACH AND
HUMAN BEHAVIOUR EXPERT**

Author, Poet and TEDx Speaker

Before the title. Before the room. There is a mirror, and in it, the first leader you must ever face: **YourSelf**

This is what Aurora Patrian has spent more than 15 years turning into practice, a journey that began in the classrooms of the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education and now reaches boardrooms across CAC40 companies, shaping leaders and corporate teams worldwide.

Aurora Patrian brings together several complementary dimensions of expertise as a transformational coach, author, poet and TEDx speaker, alongside her work in intuitive intelligence and human behaviour. For her, these disciplines are not separate; they are different expressions of a single conviction: that authentic leadership begins with personal power, self-awareness and purposeful communication.

What connects these different chapters is not a single methodology, but a way of seeing: that the deepest and most lasting changes in how we lead, work and contribute begin with the relationship we have with our Self.

Through her work in human behaviour, emotional intelligence, integral psychology and NLP, she helps individuals and leaders move beyond performative confidence and build something more enduring: the clarity, self-awareness and quiet strength to remain grounded and effective, whether the conversation takes place in a boardroom, on stage or across the table on her podcast.

Alongside her formal training, Aurora is a **Reiki Grandmaster** and holds a **Yoga Shiromani diploma**, experiences that have deepened her understanding of the body, energy and the forces that influence human behaviour. Her work as an astrologer, **Tarot reader and numerologist** adds another dimension to her practice, bringing an intuitive perspective to the exploration of human patterns, decision-making and personal development.

Together, these analytical and intuitive approaches form a holistic perspective on what it means to lead, grow and navigate life with greater awareness.

She founded EmpoweringPersona to help individuals and organisations build personal power, and Do Good Be Good, a humanitarian initiative focused on community impact.

She is also a member of IAOTH and ICRT, further reflecting the breadth of her professional journey and her continued engagement across her fields of practice.

Aurora is also a published author and poet. Her poetry collections, *Loving a Sky Warrior* and *Looking Through the Kaleidoscope of Life*, explore life, personal experience and the many dimensions of the human journey. Her literary work was also recognised with the Emily Dickinson Award.

"Leadership begins long before the boardroom, it begins with the person in the mirror."



ARUMITA MITRA

FOUNDER, SUDHAMTA FOUNDATION

Social Impact Leader, Author and SDG Advocate

As a purpose drive countrywide famous social entrepreneur and United Nations SDG advocate from India, she focuses on education-led initiatives and women-focused advocacy. She is also extending her message through her upcoming book, *Rise Alone*, which shares a message of resilience, leadership, and building together.

Her mission follows three clear words: Educate, Empower, Elevate. This method effectively turns her purpose into action.

She creates opportunity through learning, strengthens women and girls to lead, and builds stronger, inclusive communities. Her ultimate vision is to build a future where every woman and every child has the freedom to rise, lead, and thrive. She ensures her community upliftment initiatives leave a lasting social impact.

Arumita Mitra is a social impact leader, author, and the Founder of Sudhamta Foundation Pan South Asian Youth Activism Platform. She is a dedicated women empowerment advocate working to create meaningful change through education, girls' empowerment, and community development.

She believes true freedom begins when women and children have the opportunity to learn, grow, choose, and lead. Through her foundation, she actively champions dignity, confidence, and long-term opportunity.

Her dedicated leadership has earned national recognition and inspired impact at scale. Sudhamta Foundation India was recognised as the Most Promising NGO of the Year at the International Excellence Awards 2026. Additionally, she is a TEDx Speaker, a Business Mint 30 Under 30 honouree, and a Bharat Gaurav Ratna Shri Samman awardee from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

"A woman does not need permission to rise. She needs the courage to believe that she was never meant to stay small."



RIDDHIMA SARRAF

CONTEMPORARY ARTIST

Research Based Multidisciplinary Practice

Art is the warmth that sprouts and blossoms the seed of life.” Riddhima Sarraf is a research-based contemporary artist from New Delhi, India, whose multidisciplinary practice spans painting, installation, sculpture and mixed media. Her work creates a dialogue between Indian aesthetic traditions, philosophical inquiry and contemporary visual language.

With a sustained engagement in art over two decades, her practice explores memory, identity, emotion, consciousness, cultural inheritance and spirituality. Drawing inspiration from Indian philosophy, traditional artistic practices and material culture, she reinterprets cultural knowledge through a contemporary perspective.

Research forms an essential part of her creative process. Through long-term projects, Riddhima investigates the connections between art, culture, emotion and human experience, transforming philosophical and cultural ideas into visual and spatial experiences.

Her works invite viewers into spaces of contemplation, dialogue and personal interpretation. A significant aspect of her practice is the exploration of how traditional Indian aesthetics can find new relevance within contemporary art. Among her important ongoing projects is A Monumental Navarasa, a large-scale research-based work that engages with the nine classical emotions of Indian aesthetics through contemporary visual expression and traditional artistic references.

Riddhima Sarraf’s practice represents an ongoing journey between cultural memory and contemporary inquiry. By moving across different mediums and research-based processes, she seeks to create art that connects inner experience with collective consciousness—opening new possibilities for reflection, dialogue and cultural connection.

“Art is the warmth that sprouts and blossoms the seed of life”



AVI PATEL

FOUNDER AND CEO, ENLIVEN LIFESTYLE

Apparel Entrepreneur and Brand Builder

A young founder from Gujarat, his routine involves daily journaling and planning. He incorporates a morning gym session for health and focus, followed by evening reading to sharpen his thinking and leadership mindset.

He leads by example, believing people follow actions over words. He solves the right problems and leaves the ego out.

By taking ownership, he removes politics and blame to build trust and a strong culture. He plans deeply and executes more, knowing strategy creates direction while execution creates results. Enliven avoids fast fashion noise, focusing instead on clean silhouettes, purpose, patience, and long-term performance.

Avi Patel is the Founder and CEO of Enliven Lifestyle, a digital-first apparel brand based in Valsad, Gujarat. He started with limited resources, transforming a small idea from a bedroom office into a fast-growing, premium business focused on elevated everyday wear.

Educated as a civil engineer with a master's in construction management, he learned the apparel business from scratch. He made 50 to 100 calls a day to fully understand product sourcing and daily operations.

Scaling with clarity and discipline, the brand crossed eight-figure monthly revenue after taking around four months to reach 10 orders a day. Moving past a bedroom office and a living room warehouse, Enliven now dispatches around 300 to 400 orders daily. This intentional brand operates successfully today alongside a team of 22 people.

"Quiet confidence. Clear intention. Meaningful impact"



POONAM KAUUR BINDRA

FOUNDER AND CEO, SAACOOOR

Chef, Food Entrepreneur and Culinary
Educator

Poonam Kauur Bindra, Founder & CEO of SAACOOOR, was born in Nashik, Maharashtra, and later married in Aurangabad. From a small-town girl with big dreams, she grew into a celebrated chef, entrepreneur, TEDx speaker, author, educator, and content creator.

With little initial exposure to the culinary world, her early years were shaped by curiosity and determination. What began as a simple question . how can food be healthier without compromising on taste? became the seed of a purpose-driven brand.

Her journey has also been strengthened by the constant support of her family. Poonam credits her husband as her biggest backbone, someone who has consistently encouraged her, supported her ambitions, and stood beside her through every stage of her entrepreneurial journey. She believes this support has played an important role in helping her grow into the entrepreneur she is today.

Today, SAACOOOR reflects her belief that food should nourish the body, respect ingredients, and be made with honesty and care. Every product is crafted with clean ingredients, authentic flavors, and a deep commitment to better living.

Poonam holds a B.Com degree in commerce. Before marriage, cooking was never central to her life, but marriage and family responsibilities brought her into the kitchen and opened a new chapter.

Determined to refine her skills, she pursued culinary learning through professional courses and continuous self-development, broadening her knowledge of food, wellness, and nutrition.

Through food content, recipes, photography, and practical online sharing, she built a growing community of learners and food lovers, eventually founding Art of Cooking in 2019.

"If it's good enough for my family, it's good enough for my customers"



GAUTAM RANGA

DIGITAL CREATOR AND LIFESTYLE INFLUENCER

Cricketer, Youth Creator and Community Contributor

Gautam is a rising Indian digital creator, lifestyle influencer, and cricketer from Pinjore, Panchkula. He has a regional cricket background that shaped his discipline, mindset, and public image.

He creates lifestyle, travel, cricket, and youth-focused content that resonates with a growing audience.

For him, being a creator is not only about followers, reach, or collaborations; it is about building trust, creating value, inspiring positivity, and using his platform to make a meaningful impact.

Gautam Ranga is a digital creator, lifestyle influencer, and cricketer based in Pinjore, Panchkula. Over time, his journey has grown into a community of over 155K+ followers on Instagram, along with collaborations with 50+ brands across different categories.

His content focuses on lifestyle, travel, cricket, youth-oriented stories, personal experiences, and content that connects with people in a simple and relatable way. Every milestone has come with learning, consistency, and the support of an amazing audience, with the goal of growing without losing authenticity.

In August 2026, he was nominated for Best Lifestyle & Digital Influencer at the Global Icon Awards 2026. Beyond content creation, he serves as the Co-Founder & Director of Ekta Bharat Foundation, contributing to initiatives focused on education access, youth empowerment, and community welfare.

“Creating impact, building communities and staying true to my roots”



LEENA JAIN

FOUNDER, SANJEEVAN FOUNDATION

Cervical Cancer Awareness Advocate and
Social Worker

Leena Jain is the Founder of the Sanjeevan Foundation, successfully turning her personal loss into a highly vital public purpose. Raised in a traditional family where girls' education was not actively encouraged, she determinedly continued her formal studies and completed an M.A. in Hindi.

After spending 18 years largely centred on her family, a 2014 school visit profoundly reignited her long-standing interest in social work. Following the tragic loss of her younger brother, Late Sanjeev Jain, she founded the Sanjeevan Foundation on 4 June 2020.

The meaningful name "Sanjeevan" directly translates to giving life. Honouring this powerful meaning, her central mission is to ensure that absolutely no woman should lose her life to cervical cancer. She actively drives a public health campaign urging every woman to know, screen, and act. By transforming her private grief into dedicated community service, she continuously works to replace dangerous silence with life-saving awareness.

Her critical advocacy work emphasizes that early cervical cancer may be completely silent and often causes no noticeable symptoms. She educates the public that proactive medical screening can effectively find dangerous precancer before it ever becomes a life-threatening cancer.

Her proactive methodology promotes that true prevention is entirely possible. The key tools for early care include HPV vaccination, screening and timely treatment.

She teaches women to never ignore crucial warning signs like unusual watery or bloody discharge, pelvic pain, or pain during sex. She also highlights bleeding after sex, between periods or after menopause. While these symptoms do not always mean cancer, they deserve immediate medical attention. She urges women to ask a qualified clinician which screening test and schedule are right for them.

"Turning personal remembrance into service—and silence into crucial awareness"



ABBHINAV GROVER

NUMEROLOGIST AND SPIRITUAL CONSULTANT

Numerology, Astrology, Vastu and Brand
Guidance

For Abbhinav Grover, numerology began with curiosity. What started as an interest in numbers gradually became a deeper exploration of the meanings, patterns and personal interpretations associated with them. Over time, this curiosity developed into a professional journey centred on numerology, spiritual exploration and individual guidance.

Abbhinav believes that numerology should not be seen as a replacement for personal effort, practical thinking or important life decisions. Instead, he approaches it as a tool for self reflection. For him, a consultation can give people another perspective from which to think about their personality, experiences, opportunities, challenges and personal journey.

His interest grew as he began studying how different systems of numerology interpret numbers connected with a person's life. This included areas such as Mulank and Bhagyank, personal numbers, life cycles, names and other numerical combinations.

Continuous learning and practice gradually strengthened his understanding of the subject. Numerology eventually became more than a personal interest and developed into an important part of his professional identity.

A major area of his work is advanced numerology and personal number analysis. Through this, he studies numerical patterns connected with an individual and explains how different numbers are traditionally interpreted within numerological systems.

He also works with Mulank and Bhagyank, two commonly used concepts in numerology. These are often explored as part of understanding an individual's basic nature, tendencies and broader life journey.

Another area of interest is Personal Year and Life Cycle analysis. Abbhinav uses these concepts to help people reflect on different phases of their lives and understand how numerological traditions interpret periods of change, growth and transition.

Name Numerology is also an important part of his practice. He explores the numerical interpretation associated with names and how changing combinations may be viewed within numerology.

His work extends into Mobile Number Numerology as well, an area where number combinations connected with mobile numbers are studied through a numerological perspective.

For entrepreneurs and professionals, Abbhinav also works with Business and Brand Numerology. His interest here includes studying business names, brand identity and numerical combinations associated with commercial ventures.

This has also led him into Scientific Logo and Business Card Designing, where he combines his understanding of numerology with visual identity and business presentation.

Beyond numerology, his wider interests include Astrology, Vastu and Aura Scanning. These subjects form part of his broader exploration of spiritual and traditional systems of personal understanding.

What stands out in Abbhinav Grover's journey is the way curiosity gradually developed into a focused field of work. He continues to study, practise and explore different systems while helping people look at their lives from another perspective.



MANISH CHAUDHARY

**ENTERPRISE SALES MANAGER,
91SPRINGBOARD**

Commercial Real Estate, Enterprise Sales and
Client Partnerships

Manish Chaudhary's journey is not a story built around a perfectly planned career. It is a story of changing directions, learning from setbacks and gradually understanding where his strengths truly belong.

Growing up in a village in Gorakhpur, Manish learned early that progress often requires patience and the willingness to start again when things do not work as expected. During his higher secondary years, he prepared for the IIT entrance examination with the hope of pursuing a conventional engineering path. He was unable to clear the examination, but the experience became an important lesson. Rather than treating that moment as an ending, he learned to see setbacks as a redirection towards another opportunity.

He later pursued B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from KNIT Sultanpur and graduated in 2022. Engineering gave him a technical foundation, but during his college years he gradually realised that his interests extended beyond machines and technical systems. He became increasingly curious about marketing, sales, consumer behaviour and the way people make buying decisions.

That curiosity eventually changed the direction of his professional journey.

His first professional experience in Bengaluru came through B2C sales. Working directly with customers gave him practical exposure that no textbook could provide. He learned how to start conversations, understand customer requirements, deal with objections and negotiate while keeping the relationship intact.

Sales also taught him that people rarely make decisions based only on price or features. Trust, communication and understanding the customer's actual problem often influence the final decision just as much.

These early experiences helped Manish become more comfortable working with different kinds of people and strengthened his interest in business development.

As he gained experience, he wanted to move into a more challenging environment. This eventually led him towards commercial real estate and enterprise sales.

Today, Manish works as an Enterprise Sales Manager at 91springboard, where his role involves working with enterprise clients, managing relationships and identifying opportunities within the managed office and commercial real estate space.

For Manish, enterprise sales is not simply about closing a transaction. It requires patience and an understanding of how businesses think. A client may have several priorities around location, team size, cost, flexibility and future expansion. His role involves bringing these requirements together while maintaining a long term professional relationship. Alongside sales and real estate, another area that has increasingly caught his attention is Artificial Intelligence.

He actively explores how AI can improve productivity, decision making and everyday business operations. His interest comes from a simple curiosity about how emerging technologies can make traditional ways of working faster and more efficient.



BHISHMA MADHANI

SPORTS PERFORMANCE SCIENTIST

Strength & Conditioning Specialist | Fit India
Movement Ambassador

Bhishma's journey spans Bhavnagar, London and Dubai, combining world-class education, international experience and a deep belief in holistic athlete development. From professional sporting environments to his current work in performance and athlete development, his path has consistently remained connected to the science behind strength, human potential and the systems that help athletes progress over time.

Guided by his mentor, Yuvraj Jaiveerraj Singhji Gohil, and driven by purpose, Bhishma aims to bring global sports science and high-performance thinking into India's sporting ecosystem. His vision is not simply to build a successful career, but to help unlock Indian sporting talent, develop stronger systems and contribute to a future in which the next generation has the environment and opportunities needed to excel.

His experience at Watford FC's U-19 programme and Lord's Cricket Ground exposed him to high-performance environments where athlete preparation extends beyond individual training sessions.

Bhishma Madhani is a Sports Scientist, Strength & Conditioning Specialist and Fit India Movement Ambassador working at the intersection of sports science, high-performance systems and athlete development. His journey began in Bhavnagar, developed through London and continues today in Dubai, bringing together international exposure, scientific training and a long-term vision focused on elevating Indian sport and helping athletes realise their full potential.

With a BSc (Hons) in Sports & Exercise Science from Middlesex University, London, Bhishma has built experience across elite sporting environments. He has served as Head of Strength & Conditioning for Watford FC's U-19 programme and also gained experience at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground. These roles strengthened his understanding of performance programming, conditioning and the systems required to develop athletes beyond short-term results.

Now pursuing an MSc in Sports Directorship, Bhishma is looking beyond traditional coaching.

"Don't just train athletes to perform. Build them to last, empower them to believe, and prepare them to excel when it matters most"



BAANI BATHLA

FOUNDER & BRAND STRATEGIST
Entrepreneur & Podcaster

Baani's professional journey began in financial services, where she spent more than three years before choosing a different direction. Her experience at American Express formed part of that early professional chapter, but entrepreneurship eventually gave her the opportunity to work more directly across brand building, communications and partnerships. That transition from finance to entrepreneurship became an important point of reinvention in her career.

Her journey also extends beyond business into conversations that carry a distinct point of view. Through HumTum Unplugged, Baani explores relationships, emotional wellbeing, mental health, entrepreneurship and modern life. Together, her agency and podcast reflect the broader idea behind her work: there is no single definition of a woman's professional journey, and success can be built across different roles, industries and forms of expression.

Through Sushi & Sangria PR & Marketing, her work now spans brand strategy, influencer marketing, experiential campaigns and strategic partnerships across a diverse mix of industries.

Baani Bathla is an entrepreneur and podcaster building brands, strategic partnerships and conversation-led platforms across different industries. After spending more than three years in financial services, including her role as a Financial Advisor at American Express, she stepped away from corporate life and moved into entrepreneurship, beginning a journey shaped by reinvention, brand building and the desire to create meaningful impact.

As the Founder of Sushi & Sangria PR & Marketing, Baani works across brand strategy, influencer marketing, experiential campaigns and strategic partnerships. The agency has worked across luxury, hospitality, travel, fashion, beauty, technology and real estate, combining strategy, storytelling and measurable brand impact. Her work reflects an approach focused not simply on visibility, but on building brands with a clear point of view and long-term relevance.

Beyond her work in marketing and communications, Baani created HumTum Unplugged, a podcast platform built around real and meaningful conversations.

*"From finance to entrepreneurship and podcasting,
a journey of reinvention, purpose and building with
intention"*

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UNGA 81 Brings Global Priorities to New York

September brought the world's leaders back to New York for the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly. The session opened on 8 September, with the General Debate taking place from 22 to 26 September and again on 28 September. Under the theme 'Restoring trust, managing transformation: A United Nations that delivers for all,' governments gathered at a time of overlapping economic, security, climate and humanitarian pressures.

The agenda extended well beyond speeches. High-level meetings focused on climate action and a just transition, the growing threat of sea-level rise, pandemic prevention and preparedness, sustainable development and the continuing challenge of nuclear disarmament. Emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, also featured in the wider debate about how countries can manage rapid change without deepening global divisions.

For the international community, this year's gathering is less about a single headline and more about whether countries can find practical areas of cooperation in an increasingly fragmented world. The decisions and commitments made around the UN meetings will shape discussions on development, climate resilience, public health and global governance well beyond September.



“Restoring trust,
managing
transformation.”



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