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**Aparna PIRAMAL RAJE**  
Design Thinker, Author,  
Columnist HT Mint

Aparna PIRAMAL RAJE likes exploring intersections – primarily of business, design and leadership. Her popular column, Head Office, in the Mint newspaper, features the heads of organizations and has led to her authoring Working Out of the Box: 40 stories of leading CEOs, which was published by Penguin Random House. Aparna has received her undergraduate education at Oxford University where she read Politics, Philosophy and Economics and has an MBA from Harvard Business School. She has worked at VIP Industries, her family's luggage business and led BP Ergo, the family office furniture business, as its CEO. She also teaches as a visiting faculty member of the Anant National University in Ahmedabad on design and business. She is passionate about bringing design thinking to the social sector and supporting social enterprises such as the Makers' Asylum, and ARMMAN.

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**Lulu RAGHAVAN**  
Managing Director, Landor & Fitch  
India, Brand and Design  
Evangelist

Lulu RAGHAVAN is a leading authority on branding and design in India. She is the managing director of Landor Mumbai, a pre-eminent global brand strategy and design firm. Raghavan set up the Landor India office in 2008, which has consistently ranked at the top in Brand Equity's Agency Reckoner. Raghavan has worked on large branding assignments for some of India's most respected companies, including National Stock Exchange, Mahindra, Godrej, Aditya Birla, and the Taj Group, among others. When not naming brands and designing airports, Raghavan likes to cook—she even has a food blog. An avid reader, she devours books during the many long hours she spends traveling. Sporty by nature, Raghavan finds time to play a little tennis and practice yoga.

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### **Joshua Karthik**

Co-founder, Stories by Joseph Radhik, Award-Winning Photographer

Joshua Karthik is the co-founder of Stories by Joseph Radhik, India's internationally renowned wedding photography firm, and has co-founded PEP, where he works on strategy, product and UI. He is also an award-winning photographer, with wins at PX3 Paris, Tokyo Foto Awards and more. You can find him on [Instagram](#) and at [LinkedIn](#).

Acknowledged as an expert in the world of wedding photography — specifically with focus on the business — Joshua represents the industry in forums across India and abroad. Over the last ten years, he has had a direct impact on consumer behaviour in this segment through his work on product and business at Stories.

As an educator and mentor, he has worked with hundreds of entrepreneurs in this and allied spaces.

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### **Rohini Nilekani**

Founder, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies, Founder-Chairperson, Arghyam & Pratham

Rohini Nilekani is the Founder-Chairperson of Arghyam, a foundation she set up for sustainable water and sanitation, which funds initiatives all across India. From 2004 to 2014, she was Founder-Chairperson and chief funder of Pratham Books, a non-profit children's publisher that reached millions of children during her tenure. She is Co-founder and Director of EkStep, a non-profit education platform. She sits on the Board of Trustees of ATREE, an environmental think tank, and served on the Eminent Persons Advisory Group of the Competition Commission of India.

A former journalist, she has written for many leading publications such as Times of India, India Today, Mint, etc. Penguin Books India published her first book, a medical thriller called Stillborn, and her second non-fiction book, 'Uncommon Ground', based on her eponymous TV show. She has written several books for young children, published by Pratham Books including the popular "Annual Haircut Day". In 2017, she was inducted as Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is a member of the Board of Science Gallery Bengaluru and the Advisory Board of the Well Being Project from 2019.

Rohini Nilekani is a committed philanthropist and in 2017, she, together with her husband Nandan Nilekani, signed the Giving Pledge, which commits half their wealth to philanthropic causes.

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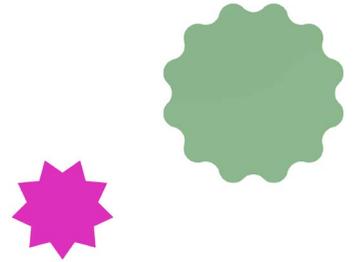


**Roopa Purushothaman**

Chief Economist and Head of Policy Advocacy, TATA Group  
Founder, Avasara Academy

Roopa Purushothaman is the chief economist and head of policy advocacy at the Tata Group. She is the co-author of the book Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology’s People Problem. Also a co-author of the path-breaking 2003 Goldman Sachs report, Dreaming with BRICS: The Path to 2050, she has contributed to a number of publications on globalization and development. Roopa is the founder of Avasara Leadership Institute. She is a graduate of Yale University and the London School of Economics.

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**Pooja Dhingra**

Chief Executive Officer at Le 15 Patisserie, Forbes 30 Under 30 India and Asia

Pooja Dhingra is the founder of the Le15 chain of patisseries. She is a graduate of hospitality from Cesar Ritz Colleges, Switzerland and trained at Le Cordon Bleu, Paris, for a Patisserie Diploma. Featured on the Forbes ‘30 under 30’ list both in India and Asia, Pooja has won acclaim from critics, the press and her customers not just for her extraordinary skills as a patissier but also for her incredible entrepreneurial journey. She is an INK Fellow, and hosts an extremely popular podcast called #NoSugarCoat. Pooja has published three books, one of which won 2nd place at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards. Her other books are The Wholesome Kitchen and Can’t Believe It’s Eggless.

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**Aadya Joshi**

Founder, The Right Green,  
Children’s Climate Prize Winner,  
2020

Aadya Joshi is the founder of The Right Green, an initiative that champions the cause of biodiversity restoration through research, education and advocacy on native plants. She has created the first of its kind research based database of over 15000 plant-insect feeding relationships for the Indian subcontinent and developed a BioPower Index to help landscapers, gardeners and civic authorities plant the best biodiversity supporting plants for their region. Through specially designed workshops, games, planting guides, and multimedia content, she disseminates this information to students and civic authorities.

Aadya is an incoming freshman at Stanford University. She has received numerous awards including the Children’s Climate Prize, North American Association of Environmental Education Global 30 Under 30 award, Earth Day Network Youth Ambassador and Rising Star, The Pollination Project Grant award and has been featured in “Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes”.

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**Aparna Jain**  
Millennial & GenZ  
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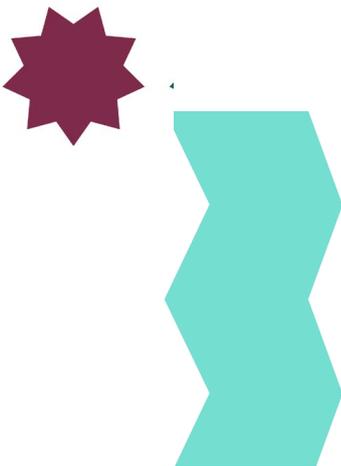
Aparna is the Co-Creator and Program Director for key early career programs across the Tata Group. Business experience of two decades with the backdrop of change management, business growth and Future of Work has honed Aparna's capability to identify and augment Gen Z and Millennial talent. She successfully leveraged this ability to propel the Tata Global Internships into a coveted student experience with top universities across the world, amplifying the Tata Employer Brand and reaching out to nearly 300 universities. Overall, she has helped evolve and manage significant 'Talent and Leadership' initiatives for the Tata group and works with a range of leaders to help define and build the digital learning offerings.

Aparna holds a Bachelor's degree in Accountancy and Finance from the London School of Economics, is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, England and Wales (ICAEW) and has pursued Executive Education with University of Michigan, Ross Business School. Having lived and worked across three countries, she has worked across Learning and Development, Admissions Consulting, Ed-tech, Audit & Assurance and Entrepreneurship.

Equally at ease to navigate between large companies such as Deloitte, KPMG, Credit Suisse, Royal Bank of Scotland, agile and forward-thinking start-ups such as Get Through Guides and ReachIvy, Aparna's highly non-linear career also includes her own disruptive start-up, 'Fotobug' – a chain of Kodak kiosks for digital print solutions.

When Aparna is not juggling her multiple hats as leader, mentor, entrepreneur, advisor, empathiser or mother, she reads voraciously and indulges in all things sustainable living. Aparna is also an active parent member of the Bombay International School (BIS), contributing to the vision of the school.

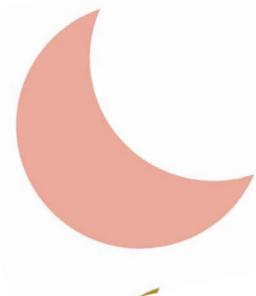
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**Chiki Sarkar**  
Publisher, Juggernaut Books, Fortune  
India Most Powerful Women List

Chiki Sarkar is the founder and publisher of Juggernaut Books. She was the founding editor in chief of Random House India and was a publisher of Penguin India from 2011 to 2015. She is a passionate publisher and is all about books. She has worked with authors including Amitav Ghosh, Vikram Seth, Anita Desai, Arundhati Roy, Twinkle Khanna and Rujuta Diwekar.

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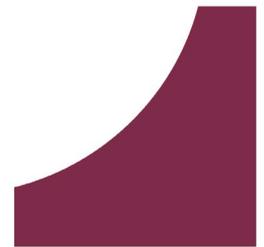




**Vandana Saxena Poria**  
Entrepreneur & Coach, OBE  
from HM The Queen, Top  
100 UK-India Influencer

Vandana Saxena Poria is a Mindset Expert, Disruptive Thinker, OBE from HM The Queen, Seasoned Entrepreneur, Chartered Accountant, Top 100 UK-India Influencer, TEDx Speaker, MC, Mentor, Coach, and a Mother to two teenagers. Her mission is to wake Corporates up and help them create frameworks to work out how to value their own life and others around them, to take action to become holistic leaders. As the Chief Alarmist of The Human Alarm Clock, she draws insights from people, education and the environment. She is also connected to Universities and eminent global experts who she gets the latest research reports and evidence from. She turns this into incredible training and consulting to help one re-imagine their business, their workplace, their internal processes, their relationships - in short their life. The Human Alarm Clock has a phenomenally diverse team that spans six generations, four continents and a multitude of life experiences. Vandana has worked with companies and leaders across the globe, to the street cleaners of Koregaon Park, and has been recognised on many levels for innovation and service – from global Institutes of repute to HM The Queen of England.

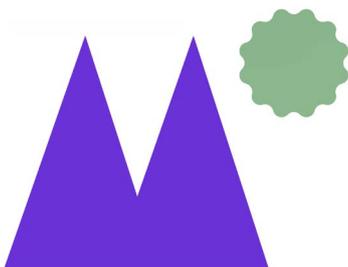
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**Dr. Aman Bhonsle**  
Author, Youth Mentor & Mindset  
Coach

Dr. Aman Bhonsle, Ph.D is a highly qualified Psychosocial Analyst, Youth Mentor, Relationship Counsellor & Trainer at the Heart to Heart Counselling Centre, Mumbai. He is also the author of Essential TA : A Common Sense Psychology & What the FUQ? - Frequently Unanswered Questions about Sex. Dr. Aman is professionally trained in a wide range of models of Psychological Counselling Modalities - Transactional Analysis (TA), Rational Emotive Behaviour Therapy (REBT), The Humanistic School of Rogerian Therapy (Robert Carkhuff Model), Psychodrama & Gestalt Methods. Aman holds a Doctorate in Psychotherapy from the European Global School & a Post-Graduate Diploma in TA from the U.K. He's received training in Transactional Analysis from the Berne TA Center, Singapore & is also a member of the TA Association of Singapore, the International Transactional Analysis Association (ITAA) & United States Of America Transactional Analysis Association (USATAA). Dr. Aman completed his MBA in the field of Communications Management from Flame University where he won the Best Graduation Project Of the Year. Dr. Aman has been quoted by & affiliated with prominent brands like - NDTV, CNBC, Mumbai Mirror, Hindustan Times, Men's Health, The Afternoon (ADC), The Free Press Journal, The Bombay Hospital Journal, Complete Wellbeing & Body & Beyond.

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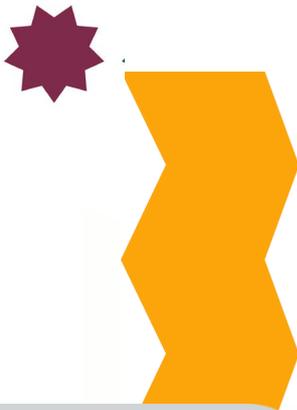




**Radhika Piramal**  
Vice Chairperson, VIP Industries  
Limited

Radhika Piramal is the Executive Vice Chairperson of VIP Industries Ltd, India's #1 Luggage Company. Ms. Piramal has been Executive Vice Chair since April 2017. Prior to this role, Ms. Piramal was the Managing Director of VIP Industries from 2010 - 2017 and she worked in various sales and marketing roles in VIP from 2000 - 2004. Outside of VIP, she worked as a management consultant with Bain & Company in New York from 2006 - 2008. Ms. Piramal is integral to revitalizing VIP Industries through several brand launches. Radhika was recognized in Economic Times India's 40 under 40 Business Leaders in 2015. She won the 'ET Panache Trendsetter Award, 2016' and also received CNBC-TV18's Award for Young Business Woman in the same year. She received the coveted Business Today's India's Most Powerful Women award for three consecutive years in 2015, 2016 and 2017. She featured on the Forbes India's list of 'W-Power Trailblazers in 2017 and also in Verve's (EM)Power List 2018. She has a BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Brasenose College, University of Oxford (2000) and an MBA from the Harvard Business School (2006). She serves as an independent director on the board of Chalet Hotels Ltd., a leading hotels company in India. She is a Fellow of the seventh class of the Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellowship and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. Radhika Piramal is India's only openly lesbian business leader and is a prominent speaker on issues of LGBTQ inclusion.

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**Joseph Radhik**  
Co-founder, Stories by Joseph  
Radhik, First Indian on Sony's  
Global Imaging Ambassador  
Program

"Joseph Radhik is one of India's most well-known contemporary wedding photographers. Over a career that has spanned 8 years and over 300 weddings, he has crafted a style that is unique, vibrant and full of joy. Joseph is the winner of IPA New York's global first place for weddings in 2015, a 3-time Fearless Award global winner, one of the top 25 wedding photographers in the world (2017 WPS), and one of the Top 10 Most Influential Photographers in Asia. He's also an active educator and community builder in the portrait and wedding photography scene in Asia, with an initiative called PEP. Speaking on various platforms (TEDx, Global conferences and others), he extols the importance of self-learning and goal-setting." As seen on [Sony Asia](#).

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**Rachana Bhide**  
Organizational Psychologist,  
Broadcaster, Ex Bloomberg

“Rachana Bhide is a broadcaster and organizational psychologist, with 20 years of experience across the financial services and management consulting industries.

Rachana’s media highlights include reporting headline news daily on Bloomberg Radio London, and moderating marquee events for Bloomberg Live — featuring interviews with a range of CEOs, political leaders and industry titans. Prior to her media work, Rachana spent 14 years as a management consulting leader at Accenture, in both the US and Europe.

Rachana is founder of “The Corner of the Court Project”, a program for women to publicly share success stories of their careers and positive impact of men as allies. She conducts live events and has spoken on some of the world’s largest stages for women, including delivering the opening keynote at Women of Silicon Valley, about developing male allies using positive psychology. The program has also partnered with South Asian women’s organizations to raise the voices of empowered women and male allies in India.

Rachana graduated with high distinction from the University of Virginia, and holds a master’s degree from Columbia University.” As seen on [SEEMA Magazine](#).

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**Dr. Bhramar Mukherjee**  
John D. Kalbfleisch Collegiate  
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Bhramar Mukherjee is a John D. Kalbfleisch Collegiate Professor and Chair, and is part of the Department of Biostatistics at University of Michigan (UM) School of Public Health. She is a Research Professor and Core Faculty Member at Michigan Institute of Data Science (MIDAS), University of Michigan. She also serves as the Associate Director for Quantitative Data Sciences, University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center. She is the cohort development core co-director in the University of Michigan’s institution-wide Precision Health Initiative. Her research interests include statistical methods for analysis of electronic health records, studies of gene-environment interaction, Bayesian methods, shrinkage estimation, analysis of multiple pollutants. Collaborative areas are mainly in cancer, cardiovascular diseases, reproductive health, exposure science and environmental epidemiology. She has co-authored more than 280 publications in statistics, biostatistics, medicine and public health and is serving as PI on NSF and NIH funded methodology grants. She is the founding director of the University of Michigan’s summer institute on Big Data. Bhramar is a fellow of the American Statistical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She is the recipient of many awards for her scholarship, service and teaching at the University of Michigan and beyond. Bhramar and her team have been modeling the SARS-CoV-2 virus trajectory in India for the last one year which has been covered by major media outlets like Reuters, BBC, NPR, NYT, WSJ, Der Spiegel, Australian National Radio and the Times of India.

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**Seema Kumar**  
Global Head, Office of Innovation,  
Global Health and Scientific  
Engagement at Johnson &  
Johnson

Seema is a member of the Communications Leadership Council at Johnson & Johnson and is responsible for maintaining the company's leadership position in innovation and global health. Prior to joining Janssen, Seema was the chief communications officer at the Whitehead Institute/Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Genome Research. She played a key role in enhancing worldwide public awareness and understanding of the Human Genome Project. Seema has published more than 200 news and feature articles on science and medicine, for which she has won several awards, including an Award of Excellence in writing from the American Medical Writers Association and three Gold Medals for Media Relations, Science Education, and Web Development. Seema holds a master's degree in science journalism from the University of Maryland, a fellowship at the National Cancer Institute, a bachelor of science and communication from the University of Maryland, a graduate diploma in journalism and mass communication, and a bachelor of science in physics from Stella Maris College, in Madras, India.

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**Vinesh Johny**  
Co-founder & Chef,  
Lavonne Academy, Forbes 30  
Under 30 Asia inaugural list

Vinesh Johny is the Co-founder and Executive Pastry Chef of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science & Pastry Arts, Bangalore. He worked with multiple luxury properties in India, in various capacities, before he found his calling to be an educator. He was on the inaugural Forbes '30 Under 30 Asia' list in 2016, made it to the 'All Star Alumni' list in 2017, and was one of CNN's '20 Under 40' in the same year. He is also the World Skills Expert, officially representing India at WorldSkills Abudhabi in 2017. He was also the official mentor for Team India and helped India achieve our first Silver medal ever in Patisserie! He along with his mentee will be representing India again at World Skill Russia in 2019, for Patisserie Skills. He was presented the prestigious Restaurant India Award 2016 for Pastry Chef of the Year. Additionally, Lavonne, under his able leadership, has been bringing home multiple awards. As an educator, he is known best for his engaging personality and his nonconformity to old-school methods of teaching.

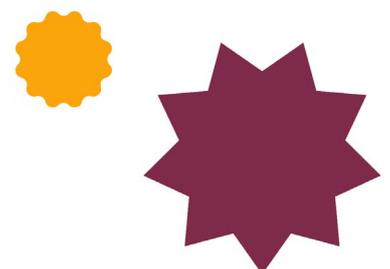
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**Amrita Mahale**  
Bestselling author, Milk Teeth,  
Artificial Intelligence engineer

Amrita Mahale is the author of the novel Milk Teeth, which was short-listed for the Crossword Book Award and longlisted for the JCB Prize for Literature and the Tata LitLive First Book Award in 2019. Amrita was trained as an aerospace engineer at IIT Bombay and Stanford University and currently works at an applied research lab focused on artificial intelligence for social good.

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**Shrayana Bhattacharya**  
Senior Economist, World Bank's  
Social Protection and Jobs Practice  
for South Asia, Author, *Desperately  
Seeking Shahrukh* (upcoming)

Ms. Shrayana Bhattacharya is a Senior Economist in the World Bank's Social Protection and Jobs Practice for South Asia. In her present role, she leads the Bank's development policy dialogue and projects on social protection measures with Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India following COVID-19. She also leads a series of state level engagements to strengthen crisis-responsive safety nets, Direct Benefit Transfers and social protection delivery through multiple projects, and leads a World Bank team tracking social protection impacts of the pandemic with CMIE. Prior to the World Bank, she worked with SEWA, ISST, CPR and the ILO. She completed her post-graduation in public administration and economics from Harvard University. Her writing on safety nets has appeared in EPW, HT and Indian Express.

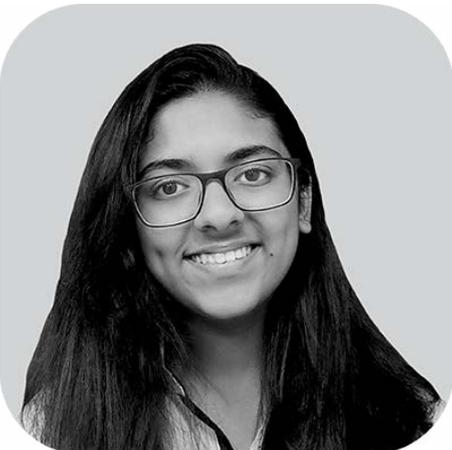
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**Ishita Malaviya**  
Founder, Shaka Surf Club, Forbes  
30 Under 30 Asia List

Anytime she's away from the sea, Ishita is like a fish out of water. Born and raised in the coastal city of Mumbai she was introduced to the ocean at a young age. Growing up, she always dreamed of traveling to California and learning to surf. Never did she imagine that she would one day not only start surfing in India but also go on to become India's first female surfer! While studying Journalism in Manipal University, it was in 2007 that Ishita started surfing - a time when surfing in India was practically unheard of. Bit by the surf bug, Ishita and her partner Tushar sold whatever they could to buy their first surfboard which they shared for the first two years of their surf lives. By age 22, they both daringly gave up the city life and moved to a fishing village and Co-Founded The Shaka Surf Club - one of the premiere surf schools in India. Breaking out of old traditions and forging her own path, Ishita is pioneering surfing for women in India. A Forbes 30 under 30 Asia 2019 Honoree in Sports and Entertainment, Ishita is a prominent role model for women around the world.

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**Diya Roongta**  
Founder & CEO, Finsnap

Being a strong votary of financial literacy, Diya founded Finsnap, a personal finance and digital education platform for teenage girls to make them financially mindful and digitally aware through fun, interesting and simple language. Finsnap is India's first personal finance platform for teenagers, by teenagers. She graduated from The Shri Ram School, Mousari and is an Incoming Freshman at Ashoka University. She was also the Creative Director of Girl Up at her school.

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**Priti Rathie Gupta**  
Founder, LXME

Priti Gupta is a reputed and well regarded finance professional, a valued expert and leading woman entrepreneur in the financial space. She is known as a born leader with not just an acute business sense but also a creative soul brimming with fervor, a serial achiever. She was instrumental in setting up the commodities desk, currency and Forex Advisory business. She leads the advisory team for commodity and exchanges globally with a keen focus on base metals and energy. Prior to joining the group, she was a director with Navratan Capital & Securities Pvt. Ltd. (a member of The National Stock Exchange of India). Today, owing to her proficient leadership, AnandRathi ranks amongst the top 5 financial services firms in Commodities & Currencies business and is well-known for its one-of-a-kind Forex Advisory. She has also established the group's association with international counterparts such as NATIXIS (an exclusive tie-up in India). Ms. Gupta has been awarded "Woman Leader of the Year" (Financial Category) by the 'Women on Top' and NDTV Profit in 2011, organized by Igroup. She was also recognized for "Special Contribution to Commodities Business" in 'Zee Business Best Analyst Awards 2013'. Known for her sharp business insights, Ms. Gupta has set up Lxme (pronounced Lakshmi) India's FIRST FINANCIAL Platform for Women. It's unique approach to making women build their financial planning acumen and invest seamlessly through the Lxme platform has already made a large footprint in the country.

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**Amrita Samant**  
Entrepreneur, Maternity and  
Child Photographer

A Sony Photography Artisan, A Profoto Mentor and an Ambassador of NCPAI, Amrita is a pioneer in the Maternity & Child photography Industry in India having started close to six years ago, when she sensed a gap in the Indian market. She started her business 'Mommy Shots by Amrita' in 2013 with set ups in India and Singapore, specialising in newborn and Baby portraiture. Bringing babies and photography together was only a natural move, given the love for the two. Amrita's completed over 1400 shoots across ten countries and has scaled her Business with an all-women's team, this being her way of supporting women in the creative field, hoping to bridge the opportunity gap in a small way. She spends her free time using photography as a medium to either help save NICU babies by raising awareness on Breastmilk Donation or Help raise funds to nourish kids fighting cancer. Also, an educator, she conducts her Photography workshops across the country and also personally mentors aspiring photographers. And really connects with Moms across countries helping them take better images of their children's early days.

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**Mae Thomas**  
Founder & Podcast  
Producer, Maed in India



Mae Mariyam Thomas is a presenter, podcast producer, journalist, entrepreneur and voice over artist, with over a decade of experience in the radio industry and 5 years in the podcasting space. She started her career as a News Editor/Journalist for a community radio station in Wales, UK. When she moved back to India in 2010, she continued working in radio as a presenter, producer and creative manager at Chennai Live 104.8FM and then moved to Mumbai hosting their afternoon request show, 'Mumbai On Demand' on 94.3 Radio One. Eventually from radio, she began exploring the growing medium of podcasting and now runs her own podcast production company. She's most well-known for being the host of India's first indie music podcast Maed in India which was selected by Apple as one of the Best Podcasts of 2018 in India. The show has been running for over 5 years and is a platform to showcase some of the best independent music coming out of India. With over 250 episodes out so far, it features interviews, new/unreleased music and live recording sessions with indie musicians. In 2019, she was chosen by GQ magazine for their 50 Most Influential Young Indians. Currently, she works as a podcast consultant to develop audio ideas, design shows, handle production and distribution of podcasts. Her ideal is to nurture ideas, be creatively bold, and help people find their voice.

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**Shivangi Walke**  
Founder & CEO, Thrive with Mentoring

Shivangi is a Master Trainer, Leadership Branding Coach, and Founder of the vibrant non-profit organization Thrive with Mentoring - a global women's mentoring network active across 8 countries that have catalyzed thousands of mentoring relationships. Known for her compelling drive, Shivangi has trained and coached leaders and management teams in over 40 countries globally for organizations such as Google, Johnson and Johnson, Airbus, Pfizer, Syngenta, and Swiss Re.

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**Beena Ammanath**  
Executive Director, Global AI  
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AnitaB.org, Founder, Humans For AI

Beena is Executive Director of Deloitte AI Institute and leads Trustworthy AI. Beena is an award-winning senior executive with extensive global experience in AI and digital transformation, spanning across e-commerce, finance, marketing, telecom, retail, software products, services and industrial domains with companies such as HPE, GE, Thomson Reuters, British Telecom, Bank of America, e\*trade and a number of Silicon Valley startups. She is also the Founder of non-profit, Humans For AI. A well-recognized thought leader in the industry, she also serves on the Advisory Board at Cal Poly College of Engineering and has been a Board Member and Advisor to several startups. Beena thrives on envisioning and architecting how data, artificial intelligence and technology in general, can make our world a better, easier place to live for all humans.

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**Ruchee Anand**  
Director Talent &  
Learning Solutions,  
LinkedIn



Ruchee Anand, Director, Talent and Learning Solutions, India at LinkedIn. As part of the senior leadership team at LinkedIn in India, Ruchee's focus is to lead and scale-up the Talent and Learning Solutions business and to help LinkedIn fuel the region's talent economy. She works with her team to provide consultancy to leading Indian enterprises on ways to plan, hire, develop and engage talent to drive business growth. Ruchee is also a strong DIBs (Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging) advocate having previously co-lead the Global Employee Resource Group "Women at LinkedIn", whose mission is to create an inclusive community that empowers women to advance their careers while being their authentic selves. She has been involved with "Women at LinkedIn" since 2015 as Mumbai lead for a year, followed by India lead for 2 years and then 2 years as Global Co-chair. She is passionate about training and equipping older girls with skills that will make them employable, as well as working towards bringing women back into the workforce after their break. As a certified coach under "Marshall Goldsmith Stakeholder Centered Coaching", Ruchee continues to mentor women inside and outside of LinkedIn, pushing them to challenge their self-limited beliefs and have relatable role models around us. She strongly believes in the motto "If she can see it, she can be it". With close to 20 years of experience, she has held various leadership positions in organizations like Info Edge- Naukri.com, AuthBridge and GTL Limited.

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**Puja Thakur**  
CFO India, GlaxoSmithKline  
Pharmaceuticals

Puja Thakur is the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer of GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited. Puja is a qualified chartered accountant and joined GSK in February 2004 from PWC. Prior to her current role she was Area Finance Director – GSK Middle East and Africa and was based at Istanbul, Turkey. She has done various roles and has an all-round experience of managing an integrated business between Commercial and GMS (Global Manufacturing and Supply) within GSK Consumer Healthcare, managing Board of Directors and investors for the "Listed Entity in India" and has led the overall supply chain for Consumer as well as other Sales and Audit experiences.

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**Aditya Vishwanath**  
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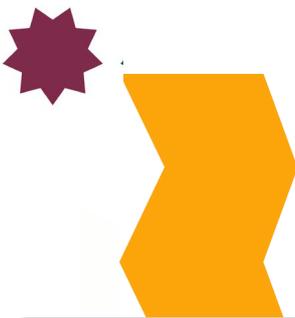
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**Shaheen Mistri**  
Founder, Teach for India

Shaheen grew up in 5 countries around the world, and returned to India when she was 18 to start Akanksha. For 17 years, she worked with teachers and students, building Akanksha to provide children from low-income communities the kind of education that would maximize their greatest potential. Today, Akanksha serves 9300 children through their School Project and after-school centres in Mumbai and Pune. In 2008, Shaheen founded Teach For India, with an audacious vision of providing an excellent education to all children across India through building a pipeline of leaders committed to ending educational inequity in India. Today, Teach For India directly impacts approximately 32,000 children across seven regions in India. Shaheen has also created projects like the Maya Musical, the Kid's Education Revolution which explore student leadership, creating platforms for student voice and partnership, and TFlx, which is a year-long incubator program for passionate entrepreneurs who are willing to adapt Teach For India's model to their context and region in rural areas. Shaheen serves on the boards of Akanksha Foundation, and Simple Education Foundation. Shaheen has been an Ashoka Fellow, a Global Leader for Tomorrow at the World Economic Forum, and an Asia Society 21 Leader. She is the author of the book, Redrawing India and the Miss Muglee Children's Books. She has a Bachelor's Degree from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai and a Master's Degree from the University of Manchester.

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**Manisha Girotra**  
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Manisha Girotra is Chief Executive Officer of Moelis & Company in India. She was previously Chairperson and Country Head for UBS in India, with a career spanning 28 years with UBS in Hong Kong, Mumbai, Delhi and London and with Moelis in India. She was the youngest CEO of a global investment bank in India at the age of 32. At UBS, Manisha oversaw the multiple businesses of the firm in India, including investment banking, equities trading, a propriety equity/equity linked investment book of US\$ 1bn, wealth management and a US\$ 1bn onshore lending book. Manisha has led successful executions of several landmark transactions including the US\$ 5bn merger of Grasim and Ultratech's cement business, Tech Mahindra's US\$650mn acquisition of Satyam Computers, Zain's US\$ 10.7bn sale to Bharti Airtel, Vodafone's US\$ 13bn acquisition of HTIL's interest in Hutch Essar, Warburg Pincus US\$ 500mn divestiture of stake in Bharti Airtel, Birla Group's US\$ 6b acquisition of Novelis, Essar Steel's US\$ 1.6bn acquisition of Algoma Steel amongst others.

Manisha set up Moelis and Company, a leading global Investment Bank, in India in 2012. Moelis specializes in Mergers & Acquisition, Debt and Equity Fund Raising. Some of the transactions led by her are the execution of £3.5bn investment by Vedanta Group in Anglo American, Intas Euro 800m acquisition of Teva, US\$ 1.9bn sale of Strides injectables division (Agila) to Mylan Inc, US\$ 800mn sale of Bharti's African towers to Eaton and Capital International, US\$ 2.5bn acquisition of Aleris by Novelis-Hindalco among others.

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