

TRAIL BLAZING WOMEN A CATALYST FOR BURGEONING EMERGENCE OF WOMEN EDUPRENEURS

An inspirational figure in her own right in the field of education Dr Manjula Pooja Shroff - MD & CEO Kalorex Group, shares her thoughts on the world's female success icons who have shaped her ambitions

The success tales of women who have broken glass ceilings and made their mark in the business world inspire me greatly as an edupreneur who is passionate about reforming education and empowering minds. Through their contributions to education, these great women executives have not only shown exceptional business acumen but also assumed responsibility for fostering future generations. It is encouraging to see the tremendous rise of female entrepreneurs and executives in an industry that has traditionally been controlled by men.

My path as an edupreneur has been influenced by my everlasting commitment to transforming education and empowering the next generation. I have met several remarkable women who have made a lasting impact on the corporate scene as I have pursued my endeavours. To mention a few, Roshni Nadar Malhotra, the first woman to lead HCL Technologies, is a transformative force in India's technology sector. As a visionary edupreneur, she advocates for education and empowers underprivileged students through the Shiv Nadar Foundation. Her leadership and philanthropy make her a powerful role model for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Oprah Winfrey is the pinnacle of success in the corporate world and has unmatched clout in the media and entertainment. Through the Oprah Winfrey Foundation, she uses her philanthropic efforts to provide young women and girls with educational opportunities. Oprah is a remarkable visionary whose commitment to literacy has motivated countless students and elevated her to a dominant position in both business and education.

Teach For America's founder, Wendy Kopp, revolutionised education by recruiting outstanding graduates to work as teachers in underfunded institutions. Numerous children and instructors are empowered by her global expansion with Teach For All, which is currently present in 50 countries. Her

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place as one of the most influential businesswomen has been solidified by a tireless pursuit of equity that has changed lives all around the world.

Ginni Rometty, a former CEO of IBM, is well-known in the tech community. Her ability to lead and strategize has been crucial in fostering innovation and success at IBM. Ginni's love of learning and the way technology can change the way we learn have inspired IBM to make large investments in educational programmes all around the world.

As I progress on my own journey, I am reminded that real success comes not just from our own achievements but also from how we inspire and encourage others. These trailblazing women have demonstrated to us that being a strong leader entails more than simply reaching professional milestones; it also entails using that strength to build a more just and enlightened society for all. Generations of men and women alike will definitely be motivated by their legacies to dream big, break through stereotypes, and leave a lasting impression on the commercial and academic worlds.