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Supria Dhanda is a business leader with more than 25 years of corporate experience in leading technology companies as Western Digital, SanDisk, Alcatel-Lucent and General Electric. Her last assignment was Country Manager- India and Vice President for Western Digital, provider of data storage solutions.

Currently, she serves as Board Member for ABS India, a leading System Integrator in the Telecommunications Industry and she is responsible for driving transformation and growth imperatives. She is also a PhD doctoral student at XLRI and ESEMP Fellow with AIB (Academy of International Business). Her chosen area of focus is Entrepreneurial Strategy and International Business, researching new, young, and innovative Born Global Firms, their antecedents and post entry-performance in emerging markets.

2. Leena Bokil, Space Educator and Science Communicator, ASTRO-EDU, PUNE
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Leena Bokil is a space Advocate, a science enthusiast and a hard-core Science Communicator, emerging to become a future space leader! She is a multifaceted, young and a dynamic achiever! She is a role model for many youngsters and her students. Yet for her – KALPANA CHAWLA is an icon and a role model. She wishes to continue the legacy of this legendary icon when it comes to space travel... and to top it all, she is one amongst us that made a reality of her dreams.

3. Shravani Pawar, Founder & Chairperson, Safe Hands 24X7 Services Pvt Ltd
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Ms. Shravani Pawar is the first woman social entrepreneur in security sector of Karnataka from Dharwad in North part of Karnataka. She has completed her graduation in Social Work from Karnataka University and completed her Fellowship training on Social Entrepreneurship from Deshpande Center for Social entrepreneurship Hubli, promoted by a US based Indian entrepreneur Mr. Desh Deshpande, an ex IITian. Shravani briefly worked with a local NGO, when she observed the plight of un/ under educated women from unorganized sector and come up with a unique idea to do empowering women. Employment opportunity for women in the security service industry Today this small idea has caught the attention of many budding woman entrepreneurs across the nation.

4. Smita Malipatil, Appsecco, CEO

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Smita Malipatil is the CEO of Appsecco, a specialist application and cloud security company.

With over 20 years of experience in technology and management spread across enterprises and start-ups, Smita Malipatil has a deep understanding of what it takes to run successful companies in this hyper-digital world. A successful entrepreneur in her own right, Smita was the Founder of one of the UK's leading digital production agencies for 7 years before it was acquired by a leading UK PLC in the communications sector.

She is also an alumna of Harvard Business School and a self-proclaimed geek and expert in the offshoring and outsourcing sectors. In this era of digital innovation and remote work, Smita aspires to provide leadership to enterprises and top-quality start-ups with global ambitions on how to win with a global workforce. She is also passionate about mentoring women and encouraging them to Lean In to take ownership of their work lives.

5. Cdr Prasanna Edayilliam rtd, Chief Marketing Officer, <https://dras.in/>

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Cdr Prasanna Edayilliam is retired Naval Officer who worked as an Air Traffic Controller in the Indian Navy. She is one of the 5 lady officers who initiated the fight for the permanent commission for women, which culminated on 17 March 2020 with a favourable Judgement from Hon Supreme court of India, after 10 long years. Entries for girls are open for NDA/RIMC/Sainik school after this judgement

A dynamic professional with 20 plus years of rich experience in the Aviation Industry across Airport Management, Operations' Management, General Administration. During her tenure she had demonstrated excellence in handling aircraft accident/incident procedures & investigative techniques. Prasanna has a record of streamlining the working procedures for enhanced operational effectiveness.

Excellent interpersonal, analytical & negotiation skills with proven track record of spearheading numerous cost innovation techniques during the career span. She is an exemplary motivator and excellent in conducting behavioural program for children. She had conducted adventure and leadership camps for the children of Sainik schools. She was a member of adventure cell of southern naval command. Participated in trekking camps, para sailing and mountaineering. During her student days, she was a state level Table Tennis player and an NCC "C" certificate holder. She is a recipient of "Inspiring Women of the Year Award from ASSOCHAM and Women Achiever Award by KNSS. Also, the most admired inspiring Indian award by Indian ex defence service employee chamber of commerce and industries and women of steel Shoorveer award by Mehnaz AG Nadiawala foundation.

An active social worker, heading Mahila wing of an NGO VDM India on the move and executive member of Distress management collective India. Married to Mr Balachandran Manikkath, Indian Tennis coach and mother of 15-year-old Bhavana, who is an avid dancer and artist.

6. Pallavi Malani, Training Head and International Coach, Write Your Destiny (WYD)

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Pallavi Malani is a recognized International Inspirational Woman Awardee 2022 as a Transformational leader and has been featured on the cover of Passion Vista Magazine as a Women Leader. She has also been bestowed as a women leader by TiE Hubli & NMCBI. She has worked as TiE Hubli Women's Wing Chairperson of 2021-22 and am Co- Chairperson Karnataka Chamber of

Commerce. Currently she is head Write Your Destiny (WYD) and spearheading the earning & Development Wing to work with clients to build strong organizational culture along with emotional intelligence, to help them accelerate their growth story.

7. Smt. Meena Nagaraj C.N, IAS, Director of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology Department Government of Karnataka and Ex-officio Managing Director Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS)

She is a bachelor's degree, in Psychology, Economics, Sociology from Bangalore University and Master's degree, in Psychology from Mysore University. As Director, Electronics, IT, Bt and MD-KITS, she is spearheading the implementation of various schemes and programs of the Department in the sectors of Information Technology, Biotechnology, Electronics Animation & Gaming and Start-ups.