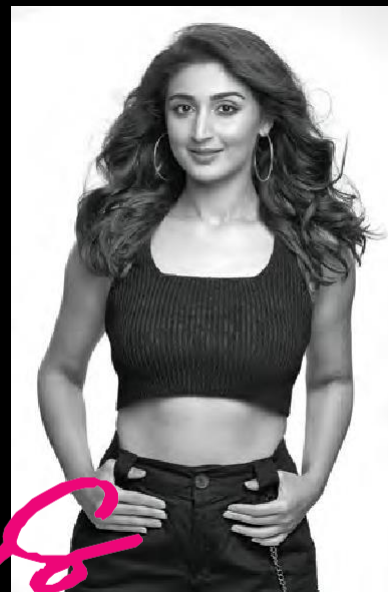


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The women who inspire us are the ones who make us believe that anything is possible, who have risen from the ashes or who have walked farther to establish themselves in their own right, who have challenged glass ceilings at the workplace or in the skies... The women who inspire us are too many to count, but this selection of 50 will motivate us to march ahead

DR SWATI PIRAMAL

Corporate Powerhouse and Philanthropist



Why you should know her:

Dr Swati Piramal did not wait to be at the top to make a difference. Even as a young doctor, she started an ambulatory healthcare centre in Parel, Mumbai (an area that was then known for polio) in 1982 even while still in medical college. Understanding that she could make a difference is what started her on the path of public health, deploying public health interventions by Piramal Healthcare and Piramal Foundation for several diseases, over the next decades. She went on to serve on the board of organisations, public sector companies, and government and academic institutions. In 2010, she was the [first woman](#) to become president of the apex chamber of commerce, The Associated Chambers of Commerce of India (ASSOCHAM) in its 90-year history. Her work on important public policies and governance related to healthcare is widely recognised, and has led to major policy changes that have helped reduce the burden of disease. She has also served on the Scientific Advisory Council and the Council of Trade of the Prime Minister of India.

Why we think she's fabulous:

She has carved the path for herself, and for those who want to follow her footsteps, to the top. She reached the pinnacle not just with her talent and hard work, but, as she puts herself, "By gathering the power of many hands joining together." Her exemplary work has seen her being recognised as one of India's leading scientists and industrialists whose contributions to innovations, new medicines and public health services have touched many lives. >

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