

BT MOST POWERFUL WOMEN



UMESH GOSWAMI

FAVOURITE QUOTE
Imagination is more important than knowledge

ZARINA MEHTA

Relishing Problems

Her child-like enthusiasm is infectious. Zarina Mehta, 49, Chief Creative Officer of Broadcasting at UTV, has recently launched a new channel, UTV Stars, and is busy getting programmes on air. "Everyone is expecting an edgy channel, not routine Bollywood," say Mehta. With no formal training in television, this Economics graduate who joined as an edit hand, has come far. "When things go smooth, I'm bored to death," she says. "I don't live for the result. I live for the actual act of fixing the problem." Recently, both Mehta and husband Ronnie Screwvala sold their stakes in the company to Walt Disney. How will things change? "I am sure I will continue working," she says.

ANUSHA SUBRAMANIAN

LEENA NAIR

Fittingly Flexible

Hindustan Unilever Ltd, or HUL, is back in Hewitt's list of best employers for the last two years. Nielsen, too, has adjudged it Employer Brand Number One. No one is happier than Leena Nair, 41, Executive Director and Vice President, Human Resources, South Asia, HUL. "We are continuously working at building capabilities and driving vitality at work," she says. To foster work-life balance at HUL, Nair has introduced flexi-hours. No employee is allowed to remain in office beyond 8 p.m. One day in a week, all employees can work from home. While a student at XLRI, Jamshedpur, Nair did her summer internship with HUL and was immediately attracted to the company. She joined it on passing out and has stayed with it for 19 years. Extremely fit, she is also a marathon runner and keyboard player in her spare time.



RACHIT GOSWAMI

MY DREAM PROJECT
To contribute to education, employability and women's empowerment in this country

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VINITA GUPTA

More Frequent Visits

Vinita Gupta, 43, Group President and CEO, Lupin Pharmaceuticals and Director, Lupin, is based in the United States, but has been in India a lot in the past one year. With an expanding role in Lupin's universe, Vinita has been spending more time outside the US, at times taking her six-year-old son, Krish with her. "He is getting exposure at a much younger age," she says. Gupta herself was exposed to business at the age of 11 by her father Desh Bandhu Gupta, Lupin's founder and Chairman. "We almost had a family board at home, discussing work," she says. Currently work goes well indeed, with Gupta taking new initiatives in India and also making the business more global. "I am focusing on drivers for growth in our business for the next five years," she says. Gupta is married to US-based businessman Brij Sharma.

SUMAN LAYAK

A GOOD DAY IS
When I have done something creative



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