

# THE PHILANTHROPIST

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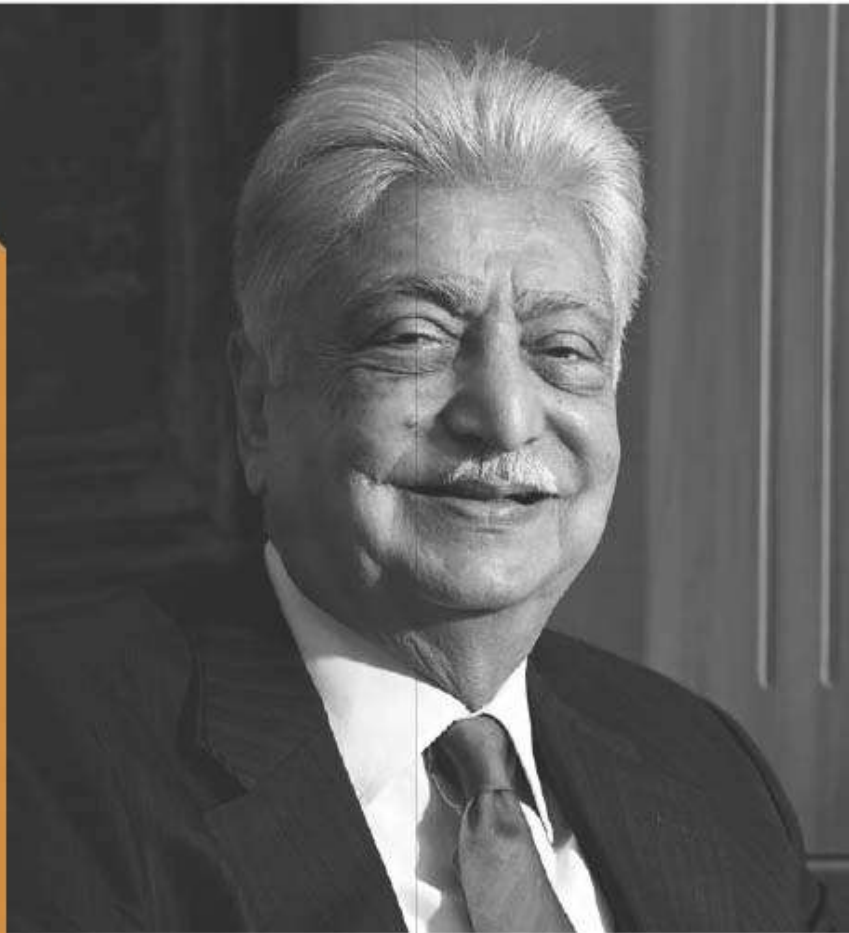
Azim Premji, the founder and chairman of the tech giant Wipro, is one of the world's wealthiest and most benevolent business tycoons. Crowned as one of Asia's top philanthropists, the Czar of India's IT industry, Azim Premji has not only transformed his family's business from a humble venture dealing in vegetable oil into one of the biggest global business conglomerates, but he has also changed the face of Philanthropy in India. Premji established the Azim Premji Foundation in 2001, the non-profit wing focused on enhancing education in India. He deeply believes that education is the only vehicle that can drive positive social change.

After piloting the company to humongous success, Azim Premji, with an astute vision and leadership has driven the non-profit organization to mounting heights. The organization began its journey with the purpose of bringing quality education to rural India and it has thus far worked with over 3,50,000 schools across seven Indian states. After a decade of groundwork in uplifting elementary education in India, Premji identified the challenges that children faced in pursuing higher studies. This led to the establishment of the Azim Premji University which contributed to the education sector through its advanced courses and scholarships.

This one-of-a-kind University in India also focuses on uplifting livelihoods, health, governance, and sustainability which contribute to building a better nation. Red with the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian award. Apart from education, the Azim Premji Foundation has collaborated with different organizations to drive a positive change by working on the fronts of gender equality, child care, mental and physical disability, and poverty.

He is also the first Indian billionaire to sign the Giving Pledge, an initiative by Bill Gates and Warren Buffet that encourages wealthy individuals to pledge half their fortunes to philanthropy. A billionaire by heart, Azim Premji donated Rs. 9713 crores towards philanthropy in 2021 and Rs. 7904 crores in 2020.

Renowned for his charitable works, he is the first Indian recipient of the Faraday Medal. His philanthropic endeavors also won him honorary doctorates from the Michigan State University, Wesleyan University, and the Indian Institutes of Technology at Bombay, Roorkee, and Kharagpur, among others. He is also the recipient of the Republic of France's highest civilian award, Knight of the Legion of Honor and in January 2011, he was hono



## Azim Premji

India's biggest billionaire philanthropist





A black and white portrait of Ratan Tata, an elderly man with short, dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is seated in a large, dark, upholstered chair, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

## Ratan Tata

A rare gem of a special breed



Ratan Tata, the ex-chairman of the Tata Group, is not only a successful industrialist but also one of India's most renowned philanthropists. Founded in 1868, as a trading company, the Tata Group boomed as a multi-faceted industry dealing in energy, automotive, engineering, and information technology. A Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardee, India's highest civilian honors, Shri Ratan Tata has played an instrumental role in transforming this Indian-centric company into a global business conglomerate that operates in more than 100 nations across the world. But this business tycoon has become the pride and icon of India for his magnanimous philanthropic endeavors. His contribution toward education, eradicating malnutrition, and nurturing the start-up culture, has made huge strides in shaping the face of modern India. Ratan Tata has been personally involved in the mission to alleviate poverty, making staple foods available for all, focusing on maternal health, and uplifting the people below the poverty line. He strongly believes that providing the right nutrition to children and

pregnant mothers is the key to uplifting the mental and physical health of the country. In addition to aiding the downtrodden, Ratan Tata is also actively involved in supporting education, medicine, and rural development. He invests more than 65% of his shares in charitable trusts. He endowed \$28 million Tata Scholarship Fund to Cornell University to provide financial aid to undergraduate students from India. In 2010, the Tata Group donated \$50 million for the construction of an executive center at Harvard Business School. In 2014, he made a generous donation of ₹950 million to IIT, Bombay. Apart from the company's notable contributions toward education and development, the humble entrepreneur goes above and beyond to make a difference in every life that he comes across. A rare gem of the special breed, Mr. Ratan Tata is an inspiration, an icon, and a legend who has enlightened this path of philanthropy and motivated many to follow this philosophy of giving back!



Shiv Nadar, the technology czar and founder of the multi-billion business group, HCL, has been on a mission to mould a socio-economic transformation in the country. In fact, the tech Moghul is one of the early philanthropists in the country who began his journey of generosity in the early 1990s, by establishing the Shiv Nadar Foundation in 1994. Over the past decades, the Shiv Nadar Foundation has expanded its efforts from education to arts to healthcare, thus touching and strengthening the very pillars of society.

The tech pioneer believes in the philosophy that giving back to society is not only about writing cheques, it goes beyond the papers and actually holding the hands to uplift others. He believes that true philanthropy lies in ensuring that the resources are used well for the right purposes. His model of philanthropy envisages the creation of institutions and health care facilities that would continue to impact future generations for centuries.

Shiv Nadar, the founder and visionary who started HCL technology in a garage, led it to become one of the leading technology companies across the globe and has transformed the entire IT landscape in the country. Under his apt guidance, HCL remains at the forefront of every technological revolution since 1976. Shiv Nadar ranked third in the Forbes list of India's 10 richest billionaires, in 2021. His net worth is estimated to be \$23.5 billion. This man with a shark brain and golden heart has committed over 10% of his wealth towards philanthropic ventures. To date, he has given about \$1 billion towards the causes that make an impact.

Shiv Nadar has ranked second on the list of top Philanthropists as of 2019, in India. His philanthropic endeavours have been widely recognized across the globe. Nadar has been awarded with several honors and accolades, including the most prestigious Padma Bhushan from the President of India in 2008.

## Shiv Nadar

The founder, philosopher  
and philanthropist







## Sudha Murthy

A force that changed  
the face of India



A prolific writer, engineer, professor, public speaker, and philanthropist, Sudha Murthy is a woman of rare treasure. A beam of light to a million souls, a ray of hope for the poor, and a pathfinder for the women in a deep-rooted patriarchal society, Sudha Murthy is a legendary woman who has paved the road to success for many future generations to come. Smashing the glass ceilings at a time when a woman's life was chained to the kitchen, Sudha Murthy went on to become the first female engineer to be hired by TELCO, India's largest auto manufacturer, which had an 'only-male' employee policy until then. A woman of rare grit, Sudha Murthy overcame every challenge she faced on this unexplored road with courage and resilience whilst nurturing warmth in her heart that was about to melt the world into a better place.

Sudha Murthy began her philanthropic journey in 1996 with the establishment of Infosys Foundation on December 6th. She deeply believed that philanthropy is not only about donating money for a cause but contributing to the cause in a way that actually makes a difference in people's life. For her philanthropy was about compassion and passion and so she chose the causes that were close to her heart, like public hygiene, healthcare, with a burning desire to see the country in its true glory! education, art and culture, and poverty alleviation. Coming from a time when there was no lady's toilet in her college,

she understood the importance of hygienic public toilets. This inspired Mrs. Murthy to contribute to constructing 16,000 toilets across India. Education has always been very dear to her heart, and this led her to contribute towards building 7000 libraries in schools, introducing computer facilities in schools, and establishing several scholarship programs. She also founded several orphanages, participated in rural development efforts, and contributed to the fight against natural calamities, healthcare, and infrastructure.

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Kiran Bedi is the first woman to have joined the officer ranks of Indian Police Service.

She is the 24th Lt Governor of Puducherry. Also served the United Nations as Civilian Police Advisor in Peacekeeping Operations.

She is PhD from IIT Delhi with a postdoctoral Nehru fellowship. She is the author of several books. The Latest is Fearless Governance.

She is an Asian tennis champion. Winner of gallantry award and the Magsaysay Award also known as Asia's Nobel Peace Award. She has a biopic on her life called Yes Madam Sir. Made by an Australian. She founded two Foundations, Navjyoti and India Vision Foundation which serve the underprivileged in rural, urban areas and in prisons for the last 30 years.

Her latest book Fearless Governance, now translated into Hindi and Tamil is based on ground realities as she saw in serving as the Lt Governor Puducherry as released by Ms Indra Nooyi, Prof Debashish Chatterjee and Smita Prakash.

They called it a "blueprint for Good Governance cutting across leadership qualities both, in the private and public sector".

## **Kiran Bedi**

Former Lt. Governor,  
Puducherry, First Women  
IPS Officer, India



## Rajat Sharma

Chairman and Editor-in-  
Chief of India TV



Mr. Rajat Sharma is the Chairman and Editor-in Chief of India TV -India's most watched news channel. Mr Rajat Sharma who has been bestowed with one of India's highest civilian honours, "The Padma Bhushan Award" is best known for his popular show 'Aap Ki Adalat'.

Aap Ki Adalat is the longest running television show in India's television history. The show has continued to captivate viewers for a record 29 years.

Mr Rajat Sharma holds Master's degree (M Com) from the prestigious Shriram College of Commerce Delhi. Back then Mr Sharma was actively involved in student politics in University of Delhi.

Mr Rajat Sharma is the President of The News Broadcasters Association of India (NBA) and Vice President, Strategic Affairs of The Indian Broadcasting Foundation.

Mr. Sharma has led the way with the motto, "credibility first." It is the result of the efforts of a self-made man who kept both his feet firmly to the ground, a journalist for whom the viewer's interest has been paramount. His shows have many times forced Governments to change their ways in dealing with social reforms, environmental issues, and public welfare.

Considered as the most powerful journalist in India Mr Rajat Sharma also enjoys stardom with a huge fan following.



## Dr. Pushpendra Pratap Singh

Dr. Pushpendra Pratap Singh, Country Head – Asia Shipping India is a person with positive approach, optimism, relentless hard work, dedication, passion, and kindness. Needless to mention, there are many traits that lead to his successful career in professional life, and all these attributed collectively resulted in his phenomenal success. He is a rare treasure in Shipping & Logistics Industry.



In a span of +22 years long career, he made remarkable strides in field of Pharma, White goods, Retail goods, Sanitaryware, Paper & Pulp industry. In his endeavour of Industrial growth, he carved niche in automotive sector. Having grass root level understanding, he has visited top line Industrial houses wherein he successfully delivered various conferences, seminars, group discussions and workshops. He formulated numerous ways & ideas to strategically reduce shipment life span with various cost effective measures by scheduling production, balancing product demand with plant capacity and availability of inputs.

He is a globetrotter and has extensively travelled to several countries. His natural positive approach captivated a strong International Partner network leading to company businesses grow manifold. He also has a profound knowledge of risk assessment in complex environment as circumstances are ever changing being logistics dynamic in nature.

Dr. Singh imparts his expertise and skills to younger generation of new age India pursuing their dreams in corporate world. He also uplifted many of peers who are now successfully working in higher positions. Dr. Singh is a corporate socialist, honored with Doctorate Degree by United Peace Institute of United Nations, recognized by Govt. of India in April this year. He was then bestowed with "Bharat Shree", "Bharat Gaurav Shree", Icon of Asia - "Acharya / Mentor of the Year-2022" award. Many articles & press releases have been published by major platforms in print & electronic media.

He actively participates in CSR activities in various institutes for social welfare. In this endeavour, he participated in organizing Blood Donation camp on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day and was appreciated for his outstanding contribution for saving lives with his blood donation. Dr. Singh contributed his valuable submissions to save environment by recommending introduction of electronic road transportation system, reduction in garbage produce by ships on water, improving efficiency of air planes, improvise on Rail Yard and Port Cargo Handling equipment etc. during "Environment protection and preservation" seminar. For his philanthropic work, he joined Daksh Foundation as Chief Advisory Board Member. Say "Yes to Life" & "No to Drugs" is principal focal point of Daksh Foundation. This organization helps grief-stricken, distraught and distressed people accustomed to regular use of Drugs. Devoted patriotic from core of his heart, he aspires to extend helping hands to alms, underprivileged & deprived section of the society. In his individual capacity, he tries to modestly support NGO's which help & promote welfare of the community. In this undertaking, he sponsors education for the poor and lends his hand for people in distress.

Taking note of his exceptional contributions, Indian CSR Awards presented by Brand Honchos conferred Dr. Singh with "Best Social Entrepreneur of the Year – 2022". The accolade was awarded by Hon'ble Chief Guest Dr. Kiran Bedi.

Dr. Pushpendra Pratap Singh is a perfect amalgamation of talent, intellectual skills and a social contributor that sums up to him being a true mentor and a monarch in Shipping & Logistics.



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