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Sharmila Kumbhat: A Changemaker Redefining India's Lighting Industry and Empowering Future Leaders



AS A CHANGEMAKER, SHARMILA KUMBHAT'S LEADERSHIP IN SMART LIGHTING AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IS TRANSFORMING INDUSTRIES AND INSPIRING NEW GENERATIONS.



SHARMILA KUMBHAT
Director of K-Lite Industries Pvt. Ltd.

In the rapidly evolving world of business, few individuals stand out as beacons of both industry transformation and social empowerment. Ms. Sharmila Kumbhat, Director of K-Lite Industries Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, is one such figure—a visionary leader who has left an indelible mark on the lighting industry while breaking barriers for women in business. Her story is one of perseverance, innovation, and an unyielding commitment to excellence, with a journey that spans continents and industries, all driven by her passion for transforming the world around her.

EARLY BEGINNINGS: A DETERMINED PATH TO SUCCESS

Ms. Sharmila Kumbhat began her business journey at sixteen, working in Metal Craft, a fabrication unit, where she honed her technical and leadership skills. At nineteen, she earned the prestigious "Best Female Entrepreneur Award" from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, marking a significant milestone in her career.

Keen to expand her knowledge, Ms. Kumbhat pursued design studies in New York. During her decade in the U.S., she

founded and operated two successful export-oriented companies, gaining deep insights into global business dynamics.

Driven by a desire to contribute to India, she returned to Chennai to join her family business, K-Lite Industries, a leading manufacturer of luminaires and decorative poles. Ms. Kumbhat introduced innovative design concepts and streamlined operations, transforming K-Lite into a modern, system-driven entity. Her emphasis on quality, modularity, and design excellence not only strengthened the company's position in India but also expanded its global footprint.

Under her leadership, K-Lite has supplied custom lighting solutions to prestigious projects, including the Indian Parliament area, the Parliament complex in Cairo, and renowned religious sites like

the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Ayodhya, and Varanasi.

Ms. Kumbhat's journey reflects her ability to blend design with innovation, driving K-Lite's success both locally and internationally. A cherished memory of hers is spending time with Mr. Ratan Tata, whose leadership and values profoundly impacted her.

A CHAMPION OF INNOVATION: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SMART LIGHTING

Ms. Kumbhat's visionary approach to business led her to focus on smart lighting solutions, which are increasingly important as cities around the world move toward energy-efficient and intelligent lighting systems. Recognizing the role that lighting plays in urban planning and smart city development, she led K-Lite's expansion into this space.

Her leadership resulted in the creation of K-Lite Europe in London, which serves the growing European market with advanced lighting solutions. This expansion has positioned K-Lite as a leader in smart lighting, catering to the evolving needs of modern urban environments.

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Sharmila Kumbhat is revolutionizing the lighting industry with innovation and empowering women to lead with purpose and vision.
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