



## Illuminating Success: The Inspiring Journey of Ms. Sharmila Kumbhat

From a teenage entrepreneur to a global business leader, Ms. Sharmila Kumbhat is redefining the lighting industry.

**M**s. Sharmila Kumbhat, Director of K-Lite Industries Pvt Ltd., Chennai, is a testament to determination, vision, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Her journey began at the young age of sixteen when she entered the professional world, working in a fabrication unit called "Metal Craft." By nineteen, her remarkable efforts were recognized, and she was awarded the "Best Female Entrepreneur Award" by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. This early achievement marked the beginning of her illustrious career, which would span continents and industries, positioning her as a true leader in the lighting industry.

### A Global Perspective

Ms. Sharmila's journey took her across the globe, where she continued her education and business ventures. She studied design in New York, gaining valuable insights into international markets and cultures. Her extensive travels and exposure to global trends further honed her design and business acumen. While living in the United States for over a decade, she founded and successfully ran two export-oriented companies. This experience solidified her entrepreneurial skills and deepened her understanding of global business dynamics.

However, her commitment to family and her desire to contribute directly to her homeland led her back to India. Upon returning, Ms. Sharmila joined K-Lite Industries, and under her leadership, the company flourished into a vibrant, forward-thinking organization. She brought her global vision and innovative mindset to K-Lite, continuously pushing the company to new heights.



**Sharmila Kumbhat**  
Director of K-Lite Industries Pvt. Ltd.

### Innovating for the Future

Ms. Sharmila's leadership transformed K-Lite into a leading manufacturer of indoor and outdoor luminaires and decorative poles. Her focus on innovation, quality, and design excellence has been the cornerstone of the company's success. With her philosophy of "taking one step at a time and giving the best," she guided the company through numerous challenges, always striving for excellence.

Under Ms. Sharmila Kumbhat's leadership, K-Lite has excelled in product innovation, creating designs that combine efficiency, modularity, and visual comfort. This has enabled the company to provide custom lighting solutions for prestigious projects, such as the outdoor lighting for India's Parliament area in New Delhi and Egypt's Parliament complex

in Cairo. K-Lite has also illuminated significant sites in Ayodhya, Varanasi, and Amritsar's Golden Temple. Sharmila's forward-thinking approach has positioned K-Lite as a key player in smart city lighting, driving its international expansion with K-Lite Europe now established in London to serve European markets.

Ms. Sharmila Kumbhat's leadership extends far beyond business success, as she passionately advocates for women's empowerment. At K-Lite, over 50% of the workforce is female, reflecting her commitment to fostering equal opportunities. She has transformed K-Lite from a promoter-driven company into a system-driven corporate entity, ensuring sustainable growth and long-term success. Sharmila's philosophy—"Everyone is born with different strengths and develops new ones. I never give up"—has inspired her team and peers alike. Collaborating with international consultants and designers, she continues to drive K-Lite's innovation, securing its position as a leader in next-generation lighting solutions.



Ms. Sharmila Kumbhat's visionary leadership transformed K-Lite Industries into an international leader in innovative lighting solutions.