

# Women Achievers in Haryana

## Women Achiever in Administration



IAS Topper Shena Aggarwal from Yamunanagar (Rank 1) – PMT Topper, AIIMS Doctor, 12th Topper, IRS Before becoming UPSC IAS topper (2011-12) she was already had a degree of MBBS from AIIMS, which she completed in 2009. Prior to this she was also a topper of the CBSE Pre Medical Test (PMT) in 2004.



Smt. Chandrawati (Sheoran) was born in 1928 in the Village Dalawas in District Bhiwani of Haryana State. Her Father Ch. Hazarilal Sheoran served in the Indian Army. 1964-66 Minister and 1972-74 she was Minister of State in Haryana, 1977-79 President of Janata Party and 1982-85 Leader of the Opposition, and later senior Congress Leader in Haryana. She worked as Lt. Governor of Pondicherry from 19th Feb. 1990 to 13th Dec. 1990. She is presently Chair-Person of Haryana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation.

## Women Achiever in Police



Haryana IPS officer Bharti Arora was among the 100 women achievers, who were felicitated by President Pranab Mukherjee at RashtrapatiBhavan. Arora, a 1998 batch IPS officer was awarded for her community mobilisation efforts. She introduced several community policing programmes, welfare programmes for jail inmates in Ambala and Bhondsi prisons and campaigns for prevention of sexual abuse of girls at Rewari and Faridabad. She was also credited for community policing the rail warden scheme. As joint commissioner of Gurgaon police, Arora launched a campaign 'Let's Take About Road Safety' for reducing road fatalities and introduced several initiatives like 'Traffic Tau' to spread awareness, 'Respect the road' campaign to stop drunken driving and Raahgiri- car free day. The President also hosted a lunch for the 100 women achievers at RashtrapatiBhavan. The women achievers were selected by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with Facebook, through a nationwide contest and public nomination.

## Women Achiever in IT Business



### Harjinder Kaur, CEO of IT firm

Harjinder Kaur was born in Jind, Haryana,

Ms. Kaur has 20 years of successful experience behind her, is a dynamic, result-oriented entrepreneurial leader with a strong track record and with good interpersonal skills who resolves multiple or complex issues as well as motivates staff to deliver maximum potential.

She is MD & CEO of [Comvision \(India\) PVT Ltd](#) and [Comvision Q Free](#), leading companies in system integration, e-governance as well as proven hardware/software solutions for automated toll management respectively.

Harjinder founded her \$5.0 million business in 1995 in India. In the last 21 years she has provided one stop shop for IT solutions in e-governance arena of India as well as Intelligent transport solutions and free flow traffic solutions.

The company has done international strategic partnerships to give specialized solutions in Indian roads and highways sector apart from being a domain expert in implementing solutions for Govt. sector in India.

She has received recognition in “India Today” Among top 10 Women CEO’s of India & India’s Most Deserving Men & Women, is ex – YFLO Chairperson, Hyderabad Chapter & Governing Board Member of FICCI.

## Women Achiever in Sports



**Saina Nehwal** is a professional [badminton](#) singles player from Haryana. Nehwal, the former world no. 1, has maintained her [world ranking](#) in the top ten since 2009. She has won over twenty international titles, which include ten [Superseries](#) titles. Although she reached to the world no. 2 ranking in 2009, it was only in 2015 that she was able to attain the world no. 1 ranking. And thereby becoming the only female player from India & overall the second Indian player – after [Prakash Padukone](#) – to achieve this feat. She has represented India three times in the [Olympics](#), winning bronze medal in her second appearance.

Nehwal has achieved several milestones in badminton for India. She is the only Indian to have won at least a medal in every [BWF major individual event](#), namely the [Olympics](#), the [BWF World Championships](#), and the [BWF World Junior Championships](#). She is the first Indian badminton player to have won an Olympic medal, along with being the only Indian to have won the BWF World Junior Championships or to have reached to the final of the BWF World Championships.<sup>[12]</sup> In 2006, Nehwal became the first Indian female and the youngest Asian to win a 4-star tournament. She also has the distinction of being the first Indian to win a Super Series title. In the [2014 Uber Cup](#), she captained the [Indian team](#) and remained undefeated, helping India to win bronze medal. It was India’s first medal in any BWF major team event.<sup>[13]</sup>

Considered as one of the most successful Indian female sportsperson,<sup>[14]</sup> she is credited for increasing the popularity of badminton in India.<sup>[15]</sup> In 2016, the [Government of India](#) (GoI) conferred the [Padma Bhushan](#) – India's third highest civilian award – on her. Previously, the nation's top two sporting honours, namely the [Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna](#) and the [Arjuna Award](#), were also conferred on her by the GoI



**Sakshi Malik** (born 3 September 1992) is an [Indian freestyle wrestler](#). At the [2016 Summer Olympics](#), she won the bronze medal in the 58 kg category, becoming the first Indian female wrestler to win a medal at the Olympics and the fourth female Olympic medalist from the country.<sup>[7][8]</sup> She is a part of the JSW Sports Excellence Program, along with fellow female wrestlers [Vinesh Phogat](#), [Babita Kumari](#) and [Geeta Phogat](#).<sup>[9]</sup>

Malik had previously won the silver medal at the [2014 Commonwealth Games](#) in [Glasgow](#), and the bronze medal at the [2015 Asian Wrestling Championships](#) in [Doha](#).<sup>[1][10]</sup>

Malik was born on 3 September 1992 in Mokhra village<sup>[11]</sup> of [Haryana's Rohtak district](#) to Sukhbir, a bus conductor with [Delhi Transport Corporation](#), and Sudesh Malik, a supervisor at a local *anganwadi* (health clinic).<sup>[12][13]</sup> According to her father, she was motivated to take up wrestling from seeing her grandfather Badhlu Ram, who was also a wrestler.<sup>[12][14]</sup> She began training in wrestling at the age of 12 under a coach, Ishwar Dahiya, at an [akhara](#) in Chhotu Ram Stadium, [Rohtak](#). Her coach and she had to face opposition from the locals for having taken up a sport "not for girls".<sup>[15]</sup>



**MamtaKharab** Captain of the Indian women's hockey team

**MamtaKharab** (born 26 January 1982, [Haryana](#)) is the former captain of the [Indian women's hockey team](#).<sup>[1]</sup> During the [2002 Commonwealth Games](#), she scored the winning goal which gave India the Gold. <sup>[1]</sup> She also served as the model for the character of KomalChautala in the 2007 [Bollywood](#) hit, *[Chak De India](#)*. Now she is working in Haryana police as a Deputy Supritendent of Police.<sup>[2]</sup> She is a recipient of the [Arjuna Award](#).

Known as 'golden girl' of Indian women hockey team, MamtaKharab was born on 26 January 1982. She was declared the best player and the best scorer in the Junior Asia Cup hockey tournament held in Malayasia, where India won the bronze medal. She has also played a leading role in India's victory in the Common Wealth Games held in Manchester in 2002.

She scored the Golden Goal in the final against England in which India won the gold medal after 32 years.

Mamta's native village is Givan in Rohtak district of Haryana. She did her schooling from Senior Secondary School Rohtak, Haryana. Her parents Kamla and Haripal reside in Model Town area, Rohtak.

Mamta's two sisters Poonam and Sushma have also played hockey at the national level. Sushma like Mamta, is still playing for the Railways.

Mamta's father Haripal Singh is a primary teacher and is posted in the village Bidhlan of the Bhiwani district.

Born in a lower-middle-class family where her school teacher father had six other children to feed, MamtaKharab's rise is an example of the struggle that women in Haryana have to make to realise their sporting ambitions

Ms. MamtaKharab is a graduate from MD University, Rohtak. She has played a number of National and International Hockey matches/championships for India. Her sports achievements as per certificate given by Indian Women's Hockey Federation are as under:-

1999 National (U-21) Tournament, New Jersey, USA, 1st Place.

2000 Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Milton Keynes, England

2000 3rd Junior Asia Cup, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Bronze Medal  
2000 U-18 AHF Cup, Hong Kong, China, Gold Medal  
2001 Test Matches in Australia  
2001 4th Junior World Cup, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
2001 10th Women's World Cup Qualification Tournament, France  
2002 1st Championship Challenge Trophy, Johannesburg, South Africa, Bronze Medal  
2002 4-Nations hockey Tournament, Manchester (England) 2nd place  
2002 10th Women's World Cup Qualifying play off matches in England against USA  
2002 17th Commonwealth Games, Manchester, England, Gold Medal  
2004 5th Asia Cup, New Delhi, Gold Medal  
2004 Test Matches in New Zealand  
2005 Training-cum-competition, Adelaide, Australia, 1 March to 2 April 2005  
2005 5th KT Cup International Tournament, Seongnam, Korea, 7–17 June 2005  
2005 4 Nation Tournament, New Delhi 1–8 October 2005 Silver Medal  
2005 7th Indira Gandhi International Gold Cup Women's Hockey Tournament, New Delhi 1–8 October 2005 Silver Medal  
2006 18th Commonwealth Games, Melbourne, Australia, Silver Medal

Moreover, she was declared Best Player of the Tournament and Best Scorer of the Tournament in Junior Asia Cup, Malaysia 2000. Above all, keeping in view her best performance in hockey, Haryana Govt. decorated her with prestigious "Bhim Award" and Govt. of India with "Arjun Award" in the year 2003.

Ms. MamtaKharab is a young, dynamic and versatile hockey player who is leading the Indian Women Hockey Team. As is evident from her sports achievements mentioned above, she played a number of matches and won bronze, silver and gold medals and was decorated with prestigious Bhim and Arjun Award.

In view of above, she has been appointed as P/DSP by the State Govt. vide their memo. No. 2/16/2007-IHGI dated 4.9.2007. She has joined on 5.10.2007 and has been further deputed for her Basic Training at Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban.

## Santosh Yadav

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**Santosh Yadav** is an Indian mountaineer. She is the first woman in the world to climb [Mount Everest](#) twice,<sup>[1]</sup> and the first woman to successfully climb Mt Everest from [Kangshung Face](#). She first climbed the peak in May 1992 and then did it again in May 1993. She was born in small



village called Joniawas in Rewari district of Haryana. During her Everest mission of 1992 she saved the life of another climber, Mohan Singh, by sharing oxygen with him.

She comes from an affluent family of Joniyawas village in [Rewari District, Haryana](#) state, India, and has five brothers. She attended [Maharani College](#) in [Jaipur](#), where she was able to see mountaineers from her room. She was inspired by this to join Uttarkashi's [Nehru Institute of Mountaineering](#) while successfully continuing her studies for the [Indian Administrative Service](#) (IAS) exams in a hostel provided by the [Indian Mountaineering Federation](#) at Connought Place, [New Delhi](#).<sup>[2]</sup>

Aged 20 in 1992, Yadav scaled Everest, becoming the youngest woman in the world to achieve this feat. Within twelve months, she became a member of an Indo-Nepalese Women's expedition, and scaled Everest the second time, thus setting the record as the only woman to have scaled the Everest twice. Currently she is an officer in the [Indo-Tibetan Border Police](#). She was part of the nine-nation international climbing camp-cum-expedition to [Nun Kun](#) in 1989.<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

Yadav was awarded the [Padma Shri](#) in 2000.<sup>[1]</sup>



## GeetaPhogat

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**GeetaPhogat** is a female wrestler from [India](#) who won India's first ever gold medal in women's wrestling in the 55 kg freestyle category at the [2010 Commonwealth Games](#). She is also the first-ever Indian woman wrestler to have qualified for the [Olympics](#). She comes from a [Hindu Jat](#) family of Balali village in [Bhiwani district, Haryana](#). Her father [Mahavir Singh Phogat](#), a former wrestler himself, is also her coach. Her sister [Babita Kumari](#) and her cousin [Vinesh Phogat](#) are also [Commonwealth Games](#) gold medallist

## Women Achiever in Literature



**Preeti Singh** (born October 26, 1971 in Ambala) is an author. Preeti has been working as a professional writer since last 15 years before authoring her two best-selling novels. Her [debut novel - \*Flirting With Fate\*](#)<sup>[3]</sup> was published by Mahaveer Publishers, India in 2012, followed by *Crossroads* which was published by Authors Press, India in 2014. Her second and latest book *Crossroads* has made its place in the *India Book Of Records* as the First Indian Fiction having real life people as characters. On December 17, 2015, She was felicitated with the *Swayamsiddha Award* for [self-made women](#) who have been self achievers in their fields, by the Anupama Foundation. She graduated from MCM DAV College For Women, Chandigarh with an English Honours and pursued her Masters In English Literature from [Punjab University, Chandigarh](#). Preeti Singh acquired a Post Graduation Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication from [IGNOU, Delhi](#) and began her career as an Editor with [Amity University, Noida](#). After completing her B.Ed( Bachelors in Education ) from [Annamalai University](#), she began teaching in Army Schools all over India before joining an SEO Company as a Creative Content Writer. She is now settled in Chandigarh with her family and freelances as an editor for a wide clientele, globally, via her official website Her major achievements are :-

- Nominated for the Commonwealth Booker's Prize 2012 and also Awarded the Best Debut Crime Fiction Novel of 2012
- Featured in the Coffee Table Book Of Leading Personalities of Chandigarh released by AneeshBhanot<sup>[13]</sup>
- Her novel *Crossroads* has made its place in the India Book Of Records as the First Indian Fiction having real life people as characters.
- She was felicitated with the *Swayamsiddha Award* for [self made women](#)

**Women Achiever in politics**



**Sushma Swaraj** (born 14 February 1952) in Ambala is an [Indian](#) politician, former [Supreme Court](#) lawyer and the current [Minister of External Affairs of India](#), in office since 26 May 2014. A leader of [Bharatiya Janata Party](#), Swaraj is the second woman to be India's Minister of External Affairs, after [Indira Gandhi](#). She has been elected seven times as a [Member of Parliament](#) and three times as a [Member of the Legislative Assembly](#). At the age of 25 in 1977, she became the youngest cabinet minister of north [Indian state](#) of [Haryana](#). She also served as 5th [Chief Minister of Delhi](#) for a brief term in 1998

In the [2014 Indian general election](#), she won the [Vidisha](#) constituency in [Madhya Pradesh](#) for a second term, retaining her seat by a margin of over 400,000 votes.<sup>[3]</sup> She became the External Affairs Minister in the union cabinet on 26 May 2014.

## Women Achiever in Acting & Modelling

- [Parul Gulati](#) , born in [Rohtak](#) is an Indian actress who has appeared mainly in Punjabi movies
- [Juhi Chawla](#), born in [Ambala](#) is an Indian actress who appears mainly in Bollywood films.
- [Baje Bhagat](#), was very famous classical singer of Haryanvi Dailects.
- [Mallika Sherawat](#), born in [Rohtak](#) is an Indian actress who appears mainly in Bollywood films.
- [Parineeti Chopra](#), born in [Ambala](#).