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Personality

Ms. Sharmila Kumbhat, Director, K-Lite Industries, Chennai started her professional career at the early age of sixteen in a Fabrication unit "Metal Craft" supporting her father Mr. Dilip Kumbhat. At the age of nineteen she won "Best Female Entrepreneur Award" presented to her by the Chief minister of Tamil Nadu. Later, she studied Design in New York, widely traveled around the world and gained further experience and understanding from different cultures; which continuously influenced her design and business acumen. While living in the United States for over a decade, she started and ran two very successful export-oriented companies. In order to be more directly involved in homeland, coupled with the emotional quotient of bringing up her children in India, she joined K-lite in 2012 and within a short span of time, she was able to earn the title of "Director Business Development".

K-lite has broken into international markets, progressed tremendously and the company's turnover has increased by more than 5 folds under her leadership. In 2017-2018, K-LITE was awarded "Asia One-World's Greatest Brands" for K-lite's architectural lighting & poles.



"Architecture & Interior Design-Global Edition" has recognized Klite as

"Best & Most Innovative Lighting Company of the Year 2021 (India) – under Quality Products and Premium Projects category" and "Outstanding Performance & Contribution in Business Domain".

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