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PIYUSH SACHDEVA, EMPLOYING THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP MINDSET FOR NATION'S DEVELOPMENT

Piyush Sachdeva, Founder and MD of High Times Solutions, a sports, entertainment and business consulting firm, envisions levelling the playing field for India on the global stage.

Piyush Sachdeva, an Indian philanthropist, is set to bring about betterment in the world and make his country move towards greatness. He is a parallel entrepreneur with several companies under him, several NGOs under him and an active sports promoter.

Along with being the Founder and Managing Director of High Times Solutions, he also has several other NGOs and organisations under him. These organisations include The Elders Group, Piyush Sachdeva Group (PSG), India Sport, WoMEN Sports Foundation (WSF), India Road Runners and Piyush Sachdeva Foundation (PSF), etc. Starting his journey at a very early age with big dreams fueled him to achieve big throughout. Along with being an entrepreneur, he never stopped believing that giving back to society is one's principal task in life. And therefore, today, despite being surrounded by several businesses, he manages to find ways to fix the problems prevailing around him with his NGO activities and continued efforts to educate people about the best that the world could witness with their actions.

Piyush's company, High Times Solutions, is a sports, entertainment and business consulting firm. It deals in intellectual properties, business ventures, sports promotions, lifestyle brands, branding visionary, transforming brands and liaising partnerships. With HTS being his primary venture, he also runs two lifestyle and apparel brands under his supervision, namely CheQmate and QuinCella. CheQmate is a luxury accessories and leather products brand operating globally at the moment. It also intends to expand further into lifestyle products with time. Another name that is initiating its entry into the market under his supervision is QuinCella. QuinCella is another one of his brands; it deals in luxury apparels and is a new initiative for the country market. It also deals in jewellery under QuinCella jewels. To top it all, a set per cent of the total revenue generated from these ventures is used for the social activities run by Piyush's NGOs and his other public initiatives. He has numerous sports, health and education-related initiatives running under his NGOs, namely India Sport, WoMEN Sports Foundation, Piyush



Sachdeva Foundation and India Road Runners. He started these as a gesture of gratitude towards his community, towards his visions, towards his nation.

Being closely associated with sports is also a significant part of who he is, which leads him to keep working towards its development with each passing day. He believes sports play a vital role in his life and have helped him reach where he is; therefore, we should update it with the changing trends to provide the same exposure to more individuals. To support this idea, he has programs like Sports is Education too, The land of champions - Haryana, Get in the Game, India Fastest Runner, Rising India Road Runners, Haryana Fastest Runner, 10K Run, Try Football, Undiscovered, Happy Feet Initiative on the go. He envisions building a multi-purpose international stadium and a sports village for the country to host international games. His dream of a sports village is set to include high-performance training centres of all sports, rehab centre, stadiums of every sport, indoor practice arena, gym, sports institute, club house for general public and a motel for players and visitors. This goal is to make India excel amongst all the nations out there.

He says, "Whatever I do, is done keeping the benefits of my country at the utmost priority. Being a responsible citizen of India, it is my responsibility to create opportunities for my community's growth along with mine." Further, talking about the technical advancements of the world, he adds, "As we all know, tech is changing rapidly and getting advanced with each passing day; therefore, we need to keep up the pace not to be left behind. We need to increase our decision-making speed as well. And all this will help us leave an impression on the world if we work with a bigger vision and plan. As all this is mandatory to excel in any area."

WHERE FINANCE MEETS AI

Founded in April 2018 by Mr Priyank Gupta, Director and Chief Technical Officer (CTO) and Mr Sunny Ralli, Director and Chief Research Officer (CRO), Praedico Global Research Pvt Ltd (PGRPL) is India's first AI-based Financial Neuron developing company; Website: www.praedicoglobalresearch.com

Praedico Global Research Pvt Ltd is a one-of-its-kind company that deals in Stock Market Training, Stock Marketing Predictive Software, Robotic Stock Trading, Global Equity Research, Portfolio Designing, Financial Literacy, and Stock Market Research using Deep Learning. With an aim to spread financial literacy, the company has designed an exploration model for Indian and global stock trades. Their basic aim is to empower people to access expensive financial products by bridging the gap and eradicating financial discrepancy and this can be made possible by developing financial products of the highest quality at an affordable price.

A veteran banker with work experience across major banks in India (HDFC, AXIS, CITI, and ICICI), Mr Ralli decided to step into the Fintech arena to help it evolve using AI. Co-founder and seasoned programmer, Mr Priyank put his knowledge and expertise in next-generation programming languages like python, Kotlin, R, node.js - JavaScript, etc to work for the amalgamation of finance and AI. He has already published several papers in the field of artificial intelligence.

Working on predictive data analysis, Praedico generated complex financial neurons, which produced multiple output solutions to the problem at hand without any human biases. The output data is then refined and tested with regression models in order to come out with high-level predictive data, which usually indicates the next financial outcome with great accuracy. Building a strong client base was the biggest challenge for them, however, once successful, they published a patent on their technology.

Praedico's extremely talented and efficient workforce comprising of AI-based trading software industry expert trainers has driven the company to success by developing neural networks—based on the structure of neurons in the human brain—to predict global stock markets around performances with precision (above 80%). Praedico is thriving to reduce an average investor's expenditure on advisory and research to zero from the current cost of 40k-50k. The



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company begins working on the grassroots level and moves upwards to provide solutions to each and every part of the problem. They have also created a software through which all the fund and technology analysis can be done through an app, which can be used across India.

Praedico—meaning 'predict' in the Italian language—truly standing by the word 'Fintech', stays steps ahead of its contemporaries in the sector by not relying on the old school methods of prediction and analysis. Their products do exactly the data scientists do (data mining, analysis, interpretation, etc) but with greater accuracy and at a way cheaper price.

Praedico can skillfully help the industry grow by working on next-gen technologies and algorithms in the field of finance. Making use of the latest languages and programmes, the company will introduce the industry to advanced technologies, unlike other companies. Making optimum use of technology and software programming techniques, the company is thriving to bring offer the best products in the industry. They are currently working on languages such as R, Python, SPSS, and all the data mining.

The future will see Praedico coming up with an app for the Government of India and increase their revenues up to 80 – 100 million dollars. Expanding their services to several foreign countries such as the US, Australia, Europe, and Southern America is also on the cards with its first office in Canada.

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A LIFE DEDICATED TO WELFARE

For over 30 years, educationist Achyuta Samanta has been striving for inclusive education as founder of KIIT and KISS.



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS

For educationist Achyuta Samanta, his success has come not through rich glories but from striving hard for the disenfranchised in Odisha. In 1993, he founded the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) with the aim of tribal upliftment and inclusive education, with just USD 100 (Rs.5,000). KISS includes KISS Foundation, an NGO headquartered in Bhubaneswar, Odisha; KISS School & College and KISS University. Also in 1993, he founded Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), with the aim to provide quality higher level education in the eastern part of the country.

Both the Institutes were founded at a time when the state lacked professional education awareness, let alone one for tribal education. Today, both have grown into promising educational avenues; they have been chronicled in the Limca Book of Records on 4 counts and created 4 Guinness World Records.

Educational background

Prof Achyuta Samanta began teaching at age 22, after completing his Master' Degree in Chemistry in 1987 from Utkal University and

Doctorate Degree in Social Sciences. Since then, Prof Samanta has contributed immensely in not just the field of education, but also in social service, rural development and spiritualism. He has been the recipient of 4 national and international fellowships: ISTE, CSI, ICA & APACH. To date, he has been conferred with 44 Honoris Causa Doctorate Awards from prestigious universities in India and abroad.

Humble roots

Born in 1965 to Late Neelima Rani Samanta and Late Shri Anadi Charan Samanta, in a family of seven children, Prof Samanta's struggles began when he lost his father at the early age of 4, after which his widowed mother took life head on as she struggled to make ends meet but encouraged her children to carry on with their education. His childhood was spent in the remote village of Kalarabanka in Odisha, where one night in 1971, his family lost their belongings in a storm and accompanying downpour, even as they were trapped in the dilapidated, thatched-roof house, cold and hungry.

Spiritual beacon

It was on that fateful night that Prof Samanta was first introduced to Lord Jagannath, the avatar of Lord Vishnu and the Hindu Lord of the Universe, by his mother. It was chanting his name that got him through the night and since then, his devotion has grown manifold. He attributes his blessings to the Lord, who is a solace for him in times of challenging situations.

Quest to end poverty, hunger and illiteracy

Having lived through the experiences of a hand-to-mouth existence in childhood and recognising the value of education in poverty alleviation helped to shape his mission to bridge the gap in education afforded to the poor.

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education from kindergarten to post graduation to 30,000 tribal children. It also has a strong alumni of 20,000 successful students, while another 10,000 students are enrolled in its various satellite centres, making it the first exclusive Tribal University in the world.

KIIT, which was started as a vocational training centre, with 12 students and 2 staff, took the shape of an institute in 1997, when an engineering degree programme was added to the curriculum. Declared a deemed university by the Govt of India in 2004, KIIT has schools in engineering, medical sciences, dental sciences, rural management, biotechnology, law etc. In 2014, it was conferred Category 'A' status by the government and Tier I accreditation (Washington Accord) by the National Board of Accreditation. It has been recognized as an 'Institution of Eminence' by the Govt. of India

Through his foundations, Prof Samanta has worked hard since 1987 towards his goal of 'Zero Poverty, Zero Hunger and Zero Illiteracy'. He has helped provide employment to 15,000 people, directly, and 1,50,000, indirectly. He was instrumental in transforming the remote village of Kalarabanka in Cuttack to a 'smart' village.

Foray into politics

After working tirelessly for the cause of education and the empowerment of tribals and the poor for 25 years, Prof Samanta's candidature for Rajya Sabha was accepted by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in 2018-19.

Currently, he is MP, Lok Sabha, as member of the Biju Janta Dal (BJD). As MP of Kandhamal, a tribal-dominated district in Odisha, Prof Samanta started a 500-bed hospital and ambulance service to improve health care services in the region. To aid development, he also signed an MoU with late Mahashay Dharampal Gulati, founder of MDH Groups, to open an MDH factory and a KISS branch in the district.

Accolades & achievements

In 2017, Prof Samanta was honoured with the National Award for Child Welfare, 2016, by President of India Ram Nath Kovind. His contributions have also been recognised internationally: he received the Gusi Peace Prize from Philippines, Asia's Peace Prize, and the ISA Award for

Service to Humanity from the Kingdom of Bahrain, along with a \$1 million cash prize. The World Academy of Arts and Culture (WAAC), recognised by UNESCO, conferred him with its highest Golden Gavel Award in 2019. Prof Samanta also served as the General President of Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) from 2017-18 & President of the 39th World Congress of Poets 2019. Currently, he is the President of Volleyball Federation of India and Designated President (India) of Democracy without Borders. He also founded the Parliamentarians for Indigenous People's.

Prof Samanta has served as member of many Government of India bodies, including National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), Coir Board and Council for the Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART). He was the Principal Advisor to the Department of Education in Manipur, nominated by the Governor of Manipur. He was also the first Odia to become a member of the University Grants Commission (UGC), which he held for two consecutive terms (2008-11 & 2011-2014) and the first Indian to be a member of both UGC and the Executive Committee of All Indian Council for Technical Education (AICTE), simultaneously.

Prof Samanta has dedicated his life to improving the lives of the impoverished and in service of humanity. His

commitment has led him to lead an austere life, in a two-room rented house, as a bachelor, so that he can devote his full time to the welfare of others. His initiatives have changed the education scene for tribals in Odisha and have become a pride of the state and country. Back when every stakeholder failed or did not have the courage to take the first step, it was only Prof Samanta's perseverance and strong belief that brought his dreams to fruition. His goal is to not just provide the deprived with opportunities and infrastructure but a holistic transformation through co-curricular activities. Apart from academics and education, Prof Samanta's contributions have permeated to woman empowerment, low-cost health care facilities, art and literature and spiritualism.

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ZEALOUS EDUCATIONIST, VISIONARY ENTREPRENEUR, AND A MAN OF SHEER WILL AND COMMITMENT - ER. SANJEEV AGRAWAL



We often see dreams but only few of us work hard and pursue them. The one who achieves their goals, plan, envision and work diligently to turn their every single thought into nothing less than reality. Such a dedicated entrepreneur and zealous educationist is Er. Sanjeev Agrawal, who is the Chairman & Managing Director of the prestigious The SAGE Group hailing from Central India. He is the man who is holding onto the fort of The SAGE Group from last four decades. Started his journey with a small real estate venture Agrawal Construction Co. in 1983, the Sage Group continuously grew and evolved, transitioning from a real estate company to a conglomerate touching and influencing innumerable lives.

He believes that the journey of a group isn't confined to a single person or family but goes beyond and is truly the proverbial roller-coaster ride. Sometimes you've reached a breakthrough to your next milestone, and sometimes an assumption you made along the way turns out to not be true and you've taken two steps back.

Commenced with real estate, education, industry now he has added healthcare in his group's portfolio. He is highly spiritual, selfless, devoted, dedicated and always up for helping others and empowering the society.

Er. Sanjeev Agrawal is a man of inventiveness that envisions new milestones every day. For him "Acquiring Success is to inspire and ignite young minds. Talking about his success, he got many Local and national awards and accolades by industry giants and most recently he got felicitated as Times Men of the year 2020" by The Times of India group.

His mission is nation-building through education and beyond as he thinks there is nothing more sacred than education (knowledge). SAGE Group aims at delivering not just the utmost quality of school and higher education to the students through an interactive, learning-oriented environment, world-class infrastructure, cutting edge and well-equipped laboratories, experienced and skilled faculty members but also through a holistic approach of life skills that will groom students to face the challenges of the industry in the years to come.

Our desires are changing rapidly, our demands are increasing day by day and the SAGE Group is matching pace with the changing India, upgrading India for quality life that is second to none. Education, real estate, industry, CSR, & health care young India wants everything and with global standards. Er. Sanjeev Agrawal along with his Sage Group embodies the spirit of 'Young India' with 'Traditional Values' where their mission is to build an enterprise which serves in every sector but more importantly which helps our nation to build a great future. His goal is to transform thousands of dreams into reality, to empower the community, the nation and later the whole world and the long-term goal is to bridge the gap between quality and quantity and for that he strives to elongate the businesses in the varied landscape of emerging human aspirations.

Talking about Sanjeev Agrawal, the first thing that comes in mind is "Self-made." The other factors that helped him to achieve and attain are his belief in spirituality and his faith in Avadhoot Swami Shivananda. SAGE believes in giving back to the society therefore the entire group is very frequent in CSR activities with True Sage Foundation.

His colossal empire has Agrawal Construction Co., Sagar Group of Institutions, Sagar International School, SAGE University Indore & Bhopal, Agrawal Power, Agrawal Media, True Sage Foundation and MySage Hospital Bhopal.

Every successful person has a family which supports him throughout by walking side by side, holding hand in hand and by empowering them with love and respect. Family aids, family heals and family revives and most importantly it stay no matter how bad the time turns. His parents always supported him, and his mother plays a vital role as a guiding light in his journey of evolving the façade of Central India's various domains.

His wife Mrs Kiran Agrawal (Chairperson of SGI & True Sage



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Foundation) always stands with him like a pillar. She didn't just witness but lived the journey with him. They have experienced all seasons together which strengthen their bond to the point that it became invincible. These two amazing souls are blessed with two equally amazing and jubilant daughters. The elder, Ms. Shivani Agrawal who is a wonderful architect, passionate, visionary and a born leader and the younger, Ms. Sakshi Agrawal who is enthusiastic and a power house of motivation just like her dad. Now both the daughters are taking up the legacy of the family and emerging as the new face of The SAGE Group.





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The Vice President of India Awarded Sage University as Top Private University in Central India (by Jagran Josh)



Er. Sanjeev Agrawal, Chancellor, SAGE University Felicitated with Times Men of the Year 2020 award for his exceptional benefaction in the education sector.



Awarded as "The emerging University of the Year in Central India" by ASSOCHAM at 13th Higher Education Conclave, New Delhi

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