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# ACHIEVING MILESTONES OF SUCCESS

As nations around the world celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, with the theme #EachforEqual, the number of companies that have had women in a leadership role continues to expand. But the list is still relatively short, and even when women have made it to power, they have rarely led for a long time.

Indeed, women are getting stronger and more engaged in careers, with age no bar. Some are taking greater risks, often to make a greater impact. Some have just stepped into the waters, while some have made it big through their hard work and determination.

Celebrating the power of womanhood, BioSpectrum has profiled leaders, entrepreneurs, and family business heiress in the life sciences industry, who are yet to achieve a milestone of 50 years of age, but are already adding to the company in ways that enrich it.



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**SUBHADRA DRAVIDA**

**Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Transcell Biologics, Hyderabad**

An experimentalist for long before turning into an entrepreneur in the same field, Subhadra Dravida is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hyderabad based biotech company Transcell Biologics. She is an entrepreneurial technocrat of global standing having worked in the USA, Canada and India in the domains of stem cell research, biobanking and product development. Under her stewardship, Transcell Biologics has evolved from its inception as an R&D unit in 2011 to a fully integrated biotechnology enterprise encompassing a well-balanced business portfolio offering indigenous technologies on biobanking and processing services with drug discovery research integrating regenerative medicine into clinical practice. Subadhra is a biologist by education with clinical informatics research experience having being associated professionally with the University of North Carolina, USA, and Ottawa Health Research Institute, Canada. Outside of work, she explores monasteries, night skies and reads science fiction.



**SAVITHA KUTTAN**

**Chief Executive Officer, Omnicuris, Bengaluru**

After spending over a decade working as a healthcare consultant in the United States and Europe, Savitha Kuttan returned to India in 2009 to take upon herself the task of improving the quality of healthcare in the country after losing someone in the family. Savitha started Omnicuris in 2016 as first-of-its-kind startup to provide online digital Continuous Medical Education (CME) of doctors by taking advantage of advanced digital technology. It is a cloud-based learning management program for medical practitioners. With over 35 collaborations and 700 Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) associated with it, Savitha's startup venture has trained over a lakh doctors across 15 states in different specialties. Before starting Omnicuris, Savitha had been serving as the Vice President at Mylan Laboratories Limited, which is when she learnt about the nitty-gritties of the healthcare industry.



**NUSRAT JAHAN M. SANGHAMITRA**

**Founder & CEO, CyCa OncoSolutions, Baleswar, Odisha**

Best described as a scientist, entrepreneur and motivator, Nusrat Jahan M. Sanghamitra is committed to make a difference in people's life by her scientific and personal endeavors. She is a chemist by training with a fascination for biology. After actively pursuing research at the institutes of international repute, she founded CyCa OncoSolutions in 2017 to translate her ideas and research from bench to bedside, to make an impact in oncology and to make significant contribution to the global fight against cancer. The startup, mentored by Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), has developed an efficient, non-toxic in vitro and in vivo delivery method to battle cancer. It is a molecular drilling device that can directly inject the anti-cancer drugs to the affected cells with precision. Adding motivation to her efforts, Nusrat's startup venture was placed third at the She Loves Tech Global Startup Competition held in 2019 in Beijing. Her long term vision and dream is to establish a one stop solution centre for cancer in her native place in Odisha.

