



Rakesh Prakash Agarwal

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Rakesh Prakash Agarwal is one of the most distinguished business leaders and an innovator. He is respected for his vision, business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit. He is one of those entrepreneurs who has potential to help bloom an inchoate idea and venture. He is an epitome of boldness and courage. He has reached pinnacle of success by his innovative practices, hard work and positive vision.

Shri Agarwal soon after obtaining his bachelor's degree in Paint Technology from HBTI, Kanpur in 1974, decided to take after the business of his father Shri Raghunandan Prasad Sarraf, a renowned jeweller of his time and a pioneer of the jewellery business in western U.P. in 1918. Initially, handling this business was not easy for him as he had no formal education in this field but he had a strong will power to face all the hardships. Thus, with his regular efforts and the grace of God, he became successful in establishing the fair practice Jewellery organisation –Raghunandan Jewellers Pvt. Ltd. For then, he stopped no-where. Young entrepreneurs learn “business determination” and “establishment in unfavourable situations” type attributes from him. He is known not only for the successful orientation of the business but also for his constant urge for quality education to all. This way, he has also, established himself as an educationist and altruist.

He is the Chairman of Bharat Institute of Technology, Meerut which is one of the most prestigious institutions in the country. As a Chairman, he has made tremendous contributions in making the institute reaching new heights of success. He has always been a constant source of inspiration for the students. He established U.P.'s biggest film institute named “Indian Film and Television Institute” in 2009. The Institute inspired to promote young talent in the field of Media and Entertainment by imparting education and real time training. He believes that multifacet education with equitable heart and brain development is the right of every child irrespective of its birth. Therefore, he established a school with vision–BIT Global School.



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He firmly believes in full dedication, honesty and foresightedness towards the work. It is his strong determination, honesty, positive attitude and vision which has established a high niche for him in both Business and Academic world today. To acknowledge his business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit, one of the prestigious channel ZEE NEWS has chosen him

as 'Jewel of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand', 'A Few Amongst Those Who Drove Industrialization' in the year 2011.

He is a God loving human being and belongs to a religious Hindu family. He firmly believes two principles– “Tamso Maa Jyotirgamay” and “Karmanye Vadhikaraste, Ma Phaleshou kada Chana”. According to him the nature is the biggest classroom for learning all the lessons of how to live a good life. He preaches that a person should become more kind and helpful as he grows in life just like a tree bends down more everyday as it grows taller. He possesses many qualities. He is smart, intelligent, hardworking, a true struggler, positive thinker, energetic, enthusiastic, humble, focused and ambitious with a strong will power and the list is never ending. He truly lives his dreams and always look out for new opportunities to grow bigger and better. He believes in learning and creating new employment opportunities to help make a better India. Mr. R.P. Agarwal found a strong support in the form of his wife Mrs. Mala Agarwal, M.A. in psychology in 1979. He has one daughter Iti Agarwal who has completed her masters degree from Melbourne, Australia and one son Tanmay Agarwal, who has completed his M.B.A. and now looks after the entire Raghunandan Jewellery Business.

He believes a lot in contributing to the society and is an active member of Red Cross Society, Kabir peace mission, Ismail postgraduate college, Alexander club, Meerut club, Meerut College, trustee of Neem Karoli Seva Ashram Trust and Vaishya Hindu (Agrasain) and Mantri of Sarrafa Association.

Shri Rakesh Prakash Agarwal ji is an apostle of learning and doing. He is a constant learner, energetic and full of positive approach. Journal of Commerce & Trade salutes his spirits and contributions in the fields of business innovation and education.

