Book Review

Change makers
by Venky Vembu



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About the Author

The annual Business line Change maker awards are given to different trends setters and change makers of India. The editorial team has instituted Business line Change makers Awards from the year 2018 to celebrate pioneering agents of change who have demonstrated uniqueness in transformation of the life's of the people. Venky Vembu is a series Editor, The Hindu -Business Line who has compiled in brief the life achievements of individuals, organization, society and the economy at large.

Appreciation and Critique

The life stories of well-known innovators and pacesetters are being narrated along with information of their accomplishments, modifications brought into the life of millions of people by a handful of Change Makers. The book highlights the dramatic change and revolution that has taken place in the life of various individual's as well as that of the society over decades. In this book the editorial team has brought out the opinions of individual change makers and composed them in briefly. The chapter starts with a narration on the life of Dutee Chand a female sprinter 100m race and her achievement to be qualified for Olympic from a rural part of Odisha. The next one describes the success story of Indian Space research Organisation (ISRO) frugal Innovation and its contribution towards space research and an Rs.450Crore Mangalyaan Project. The next chapter narrates the steps taken by the Government and the Goods and Services Tax (GST) council through its "The Consensual politics" and introducing breakthrough changes in Taxation.

The chapter also had Supreme Court's land mark judgment given in the year 2018 read down the Section 377 of Indian Penal Code there by the fellow LGBT citizens can live a life with dignity, respect, equality, life and personal liberty and freedom of expression.

The financial trends brought in by the Unified payment Interface in managing payments systems in India and the support UPI has established by facilitating the Bank to Bank payments as a major change maker of the growing economy is another achievement for India is being described.

The book also has narrative on the struggle of Murugananthan Arunachalam who designed a small sanitary pad making machine which will bring in a dramatic change in the life of women across India

The success story of Dr. Rani and Dr. Abhay Bangs in handling the infant mortality rate in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra is exquisitely recounted.

The author has considered the contribution of the youngsters like Rashid K, Vimal Govind, Nikhil NP and Arun George who have brought out innovated device known as Genrobotics Bandicoot which help the Sewage workers in cleaning the swearers thereby ensuring the sanitation and good health for these

workers.

As a Ongoing narration of young change makers the book also has information on the life of a 17 year old youngster Pradeep Mewada who brought a change in the life of People of Raipur Nayakheda Village in Bhopal. Highly motivated individual would wake early morning before sunrise and would dispatch few fellow teenagers in smaller teams across villages, to confront the villagers who would be defecating in the open spaces.

The book also narrates the life of a born blind entrepreneur Srikanth Bolla, the disability, struggle to overcome all obstacles and his journey to become the founder of Bollant Industries limited which employees disabled people.

There are 23 success stories which have significantly made modifications in the life of millions of people in India. Each of the chapter is a contribution of an author which has been compiled by the editorial team in a simple narrative style. This book is first of its kind to highlight the change makers who were highly motivated not for personal glory, but as a sense of doing some transformations in the society. Even though their area of achievement was meant to be commercially driven, the pioneers desired to take it as socially responsible and uplifting mission.

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