

Biography

Ms Nita Mukesh AMBANI

Country IND (India)
Born 1 November 1962

Education

Commerce Graduate from Mumbai University; Diploma holder in Early Childhood Education

Career

Founder and Chairperson of Reliance Foundation (2010-); Board Member of Reliance Industries (2014-); Board Member of East India Hotels (2011-); Owner of Mumbai Indians cricket team (2008-); Founder and Chairperson of Dhirubhai Ambani International School (2003-); President of Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre (2014-); Board of Visitors of MD Anderson Cancer Centre (2014-); Advisory Board Member of the Massachusetts General Hospital Centre for Global Health (2014-)

Sports administration

Founder and Chairperson of Football Sports Development Limited. Nita has shown extraordinary commitment to developing sports talent at the grassroots level across various sports. The grassroots programmes in sports that she has initiated have reached over 3 million children – across cricket, football and basketball. She leads a grassroots football programme to identify and develop talent from all over India that has reached over half a million children in the very first year and is estimated to reach out to another half a million children in the second year. Similarly, the Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA Programme has reached out to nearly 2 million children across 2,200 schools across 18 cities in India.

Member of other associations

Brand Ambassador of the *Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan* ('Clean India Campaign') (2014-)

Awards and distinctions

Over the years, Nita has received many awards and honours. In 2013, Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya (SCSVMV University), Kanchipuram conferred on her the Honorary Doctoral Degree (D. Litt) in recognition of her contributions to the social sector. In 2015, the All India Management Association (AIMA) conferred on her the Entrepreneur of the Year award and Business Today conferred on her the Most Powerful Women in Indian Business, for her visionary leadership in many path-breaking initiatives, positively impacting millions of lives. India Today ranks her 25th in their Power List of 50 Indians recognising her work in the areas of sports and the social sector. The April 2016 issue of Forbes Magazine ranks Nita amongst Asia's 50 Most Powerful Woman