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Press Release

**Jamia Professor Mini Thomas in the list of 100 most influential women of 2025 by Business World <https://lnkd.in/gSgRb4hE>**

'Business World', the prominent Business Magazine, released the list of 100 most influential women of 2025 Powering growth, Fueling GDP, on International Women's day 2025. Prof. Mini Shaji Thomas, Dean of Faculty of Engg & Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia is listed among 'The Champions' along with many women Industry leaders. The list includes 7 categories, starting with 'The Titans' with Honorable President Droupadi Murmu, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman and other Illustrious Corporate leaders, Policy Makers, and Social Influencers representing sectors such as Tech, Healthcare, FMCG, Beauty & Personal Care and BSFI this year. The BW Most Influential Women 2025 reflects these women leaders whose work in the past year has made a difference not only to their businesses and their work but also to the industry and the Indian economy".

Dr. (Mrs) Mini Shaji Thomas who is featuring in 'The Champions' in the list is currently Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology and Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering, JMI, and was the Director of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NIT, Trichy) from 2016-2021. As the Dean of Engineering, she has revamped the curriculum of UG and PG as per NEP 2020, with Minors and Honors, and started 3 new B Tech and 2 M Tech programs in Emerging Areas in 2024.

Dr. Thomas was the founder Director of the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE), Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), and was the Central Public Information officer (CPIO) of JMI from 2008- 2014 and the Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering from 2005-2008. She graduated from University of Kerala (Gold Medalist), completed her M. Tech from IIT Madras (Gold Medalist, Siemen's prize) & PhD from IIT Delhi, India, all in Electrical Engineering. Dr. Thomas received the prestigious Distinguished Alumnus Award (DAA) 2022 of IIT Madras.

At NIT Trichy, Dr. Thomas and her team, developed the Strategic Plan for the Institute, which propelled the Institute to 8<sup>th</sup> from 12<sup>th</sup> in 'Engineering', and to 24<sup>th</sup> from 34<sup>th</sup> in 'overall' position, in the NIRF India rankings during her tenure. She set up the first of its kind Centre for Excellence (COE) in manufacturing at NIT Trichy, at an investment

of Rs. 190 Crores, in collaboration with Siemens Industry Software, and many other notable achievements.

Dr. Thomas has done extensive research work in the area of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, Substation & Distribution Automation and Smart Grid. She has published over 150 research papers in International Journals and Conferences of repute, supervised 17 Ph. Ds, has successfully completed many research projects. She has set up the first of its kind SCADA laboratory and Substation Automation (SA) Laboratory at JMI, with Industry involvement and started the first M Tech Program of the Faculty.

Dr. Thomas is currently on the Board of Directors of the IUSSTF- Indo-US Science and Technology Forum and was the President of Shastri-Indo Canadian Institute (SICI) 2020-21, She is a 'Distinguished Lecturer' of IEEE Power & Energy Society. Dr. Thomas is very active in Professional societies with over a decade of experience on the international boards and committees. Dr. Thomas has traveled extensively around the globe, delivered lectures in prestigious universities and has interacted with technical experts from all over the world.

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# Most Influential Women 2025



En route to contributing \$14 trillion to India's GDP by 2047

## THE TITANS

Droupadi Murmu, President of India | Nirmaala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs | Nita Ambani, Chairperson, Reliance-Disney India & Reliance Foundation | Preeti Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals | Sangita Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals | Shobana Kamini, Promoter Director, Apollo Hospitals, Executive Chairperson, Apollo Health and Apollo Pharmacies | Sineeta Reddy, Marketing Director, Apollo Hospitals | Nisaba Godrej, Executive Chairperson, Godrej Consumer Products | Arundhati Bhattacharya, President & Chairperson, Salesforce - India & South Asia | Zia Moody, Co-founder and Managing Partner, AZB & Partners

## THE INDUSTRY CAPTAINS

Harman Dhillon, Executive Director, Beauty & Wellbeing, Hindustan Unilever | Prabha Narasimhan, MD & CEO, Colgate-Palmolive India | Ameera Shah, Promoter and Executive Chairperson, Metropolis Healthcare | Irina Ghose, Managing Director, Microsoft India & South Asia | Daisy Chittilappilly, President, Cisco India & SAARC | Preeti Lobana, Country Manager & Vice President, Google India | Prativa Mohapatra, Vice President & Managing Director, Adobe India | Geetika Mehta, Managing Director, Navaa India | Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman and MD, Tractors and Farm Equipment | Radhika Gupta, CEO, Edelweiss Mutual Fund, Asset Management Company | Shanti Ekambaram, Jt Managing Director, Kotak Mahindra Bank | Sindhu Gangadharan, MD, SAP Labs India & Chairperson, Nasscom | Sulajja Fireodia Motwani, Founder & CEO, Kinetic Green | Suparna Mitra, CEO, Watches & Wearables Division, Titan Company | Susanne Pulverer, CEO & CSO, Ikea India | Vibha Padalkar, MD & CEO, HDFC Life

## THE TORCHBEARERS

Tanya Dubash, Executive Director & Chief Brand Officer, Godrej Group | Isha Ambani, Non-Executive Director, Reliance Industries | Lakshmi Venu, Managing Director, Sundaram-Clayton & Director, TAFE | Radhika Piramal, Executive Vice Chairperson, VP Industries | Ananya Birla, Artist & Businesswoman | Mansi Kirloskar Tata, Vice Chairperson, Toyota Kirloskar Motors | Ransini Piramal, Chairperson, Piramal Pharma | Nivrika Holkar, Executive Director, Godrej & Boyce | Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson & Non-Executive Director, Hindustan Zinc & Vedanta | Sushama Chaudhan, CEO, Parle Agro | Meena Ganesh, Co-founder & Chairperson, Portea | Smita Jaitia, Vice Chairperson, Westlife Foodworld | Dipali Goenka, MD & CEO, Welspan Living | Shalika Jindal, Chairperson, Jindal Foundation and Chancellor, OP Jindal University (Raigarh)

## THE CHAMPIONS

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## THE VANGUARDS

Anita Dongre, Chairwoman, Founder, Chief Creative Officer, House of Anita Dongre | Avani Lekhara, Athlete, Shooting | Bharti Kher, Artist | Bhumi Pednekar, Actor & Climate Warrior | Deepika Padukone, Actor, Producer, Entrepreneur and Mental Health Advocate | Kiran Nadar, Chairperson, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art & Trustee, Shv Nadar Foundation | Kiran Rao, Filmmaker | Manu Bhaker, Athlete, Shooting | Pernia Qureshi, Stylist, Fashion Entrepreneur | PV Sindhu & Anmol Kharb, Athlete, Badminton | Rimple Harila, Managing Director & Co-founder, Rimple and Harpreet | Swagata Liddle, Historian, Writer, Art Curator, Heritage Conservator | Zoya Akhtar, Filmmaker

## THE DISTINGUISHED

Annapurna Devi, Union Minister of Women & Child Development | Annapurni Subramaniam, Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics | Anupriya Patel, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Chemicals and Fertilisers | B V Nagarathna, Judge, Supreme Court of India | Bela W Trivedi, Judge, Supreme Court of India | Nimrudra Banishankya, Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution | Poojamma Gupta, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research | Raksha Khadse, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports | Savitri Thakur, Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development | Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, and Labour and Employment | Varitika Shukla, Chairman & MD, Engineers India

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