

## **Curated Resources for Women Leaders**

### **1. Recommended Books**

Enhance your leadership mindset with these insightful books:

- **Lean In** – *Sheryl Sandberg* (Women in leadership and career growth)
- **Dare to Lead** – *Brené Brown* (Courageous leadership and vulnerability)
- **How Women Rise** – *Sally Helgesen & Marshall Goldsmith* (Breaking career-limiting habits)
- **The Memo** – *Minda Harts* (Leadership advice for women of color)
- **Playing Big** – *Tara Mohr* (Overcoming self-doubt and stepping into leadership)
- **We Should All Be Feminists** – *Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie* (Feminism and gender equity)
- **Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men** – *Caroline Criado Perez* (Gender data gap)
- **Good to Great** – *Jim Collins* (What makes companies and leaders exceptional)
- **The One Minute Manager** – *Kenneth Blanchard & Spencer Johnson* (Effective leadership techniques)
- **Who Moved My Cheese?** – *Spencer Johnson* (Embracing change and adaptability)
- **Don't Beg, Inspire** – *Suman Srivastava* (Influencing and leading with impact)
- **The Five Dysfunctions of a Team** – *Patrick Lencioni* (Leadership and team-building)
- **Girl, Woman, Other** – *Bernardine Evaristo* (Diverse experiences of women leaders)
- **How Not to Be a Superwoman** – *Sharon Spence* (Managing expectations and work-life balance)
- **Everybody Loves a Good Drought** – *P. Sainath* (Leadership and systemic change in India)
- **Lessons in Chemistry** – *Bonnie Garmus* (Breaking gender stereotypes in male-dominated fields)

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### **2. Recommended Articles & Reports**

These articles and reports provide valuable insights on **leadership, gender equity, and career transitions** that are relevant to India-based women leaders:

- [McKinsey Women in the Workplace Report](#) – Latest insights on gender equity
- [Catalyst Report on Women and Sponsorship](#)
- [5 Workforce Trends for Leaders in 2025](#)

- [The Social Sector Needs More Women in Leadership Roles](#)
- [Women's Leadership in the Development Sector Leadership Stories of Indian Women in the Social Sector](#)
- [Women, Prosperity, and Social Change in India](#)
- [Authentic Leadership: What It Is & Why It's Important](#)
- [Critical Competences for Social Impact Leaders](#)
- [Discovering Your Authentic Leadership](#)
- [To Build Leaders for Social Impact, Universities Must Adapt](#)

### Harvard Business Review Articles:

- [What Makes a Leader?](#) – Daniel Goleman on emotional intelligence
  - [Why Should Anyone Be Led by You?](#) – Understanding effective leadership
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## 3. Influential People to Follow

Follow these inspiring **leaders and organizations** for insights that can guide your career transition in the social impact space:

### Global Thought Leaders in Social Impact & Gender Equity

- **Melinda French Gates** – Philanthropist, co-chair of the Gates Foundation, and advocate for women's empowerment
- **Hillary Clinton** – Former U.S. Secretary of State, advocate for women's rights and global development
- **Jacinda Ardern** – Former Prime Minister of New Zealand, known for progressive leadership and social policies
- **Reshma Saujani** – Founder of Girls Who Code, advocating for women in tech and leadership
- **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** – Director-General of the WTO, champion for women's economic inclusion

### Indian Leaders in Social Impact & Development

- **Rohini Nilekani** – Philanthropist, founder of Arghyam and EkStep, driving social change in water and education
- **Vidya Shah** – CEO of EdelGive Foundation, supporting grassroots organizations in gender and education
- **Anu Aga** – Former chairperson of Thermax, actively involved in social work and philanthropy

- **Priti Patkar** – Co-founder of Prerana, working on anti-trafficking and child rights
- **Shaheen Mistri** – Founder of Teach For India, focused on education equity

### **Entrepreneurs & Change-Makers in Gender and Equity**

- **Chetna Sinha** – Founder of Mann Deshi Bank, supporting women entrepreneurs in rural India
- **Sonal Kapoor** – Founder of Protsahan India Foundation, working on gender justice and youth empowerment
- **Urvashi Sahni** – Founder of Study Hall Educational Foundation, focused on gender equity in education

### **Public Policy & Development Leaders**

- **Srilatha Batliwala** – Thought leader in feminist leadership and development policy
- **Yamini Aiyar** – President of the Centre for Policy Research, expert in governance and public policy
- **Dr. Renu Swarup** – Former Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, focused on research-driven social development