



Worldwide the garment industry is the third largest employer of women and in India 80% of the people employed in the garment industry are in fact, women. Owing to this we can safely say that the industry welcomes women in varied job capacities and provides great prospects for our growth and development. But women in the industry are yet to attain strong roles of leadership and development. This is not to say that we are weak performers, but is an indication that women have the opportunity to face the plethora of challenges that the industry carries and prove their excellence. Having said this, I would also like to point out that the aforesaid '*challenges*' can be accomplished only if the industry is willing to allow women to attain roles of management, guidance and control. Currently this is not the case everywhere and women do face discrimination at some point or the other. So, if we say that the garment industry is a '*good*' place to be, then good is not better until it is the best."

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