

Success Stories with Sukruti

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Let us tread her Success Story's journey with Sukruti! Bhuvaneswari is a technophile and IT Blogger, who meticulously and picturesquely depicts the events that inspires and influences her. Since 2009, she blogs at <https://installjournal.blogspot.in/>, about the tools & technologies that she has mastered and offlate in <https://dev.to/bhuvanasa>. She has won many international awards like AWS re:Invent UG leader diversity scholarship, #WomenOfInfor, WS Community Hero, Spotlight on Infor Women, AWS DevTools Hero, AWS hero of the year 2022, AWS Ambassador, AWS Rockstar of Infor, and so on in an international platform.

1. From a graduate in Computer Science to Masters in Business administration to a renowned AWS Hero to an international women! What was the SPARK that made you do ALL these?

I am just a mediocre woman trying to balance between work and family, alongside Unlearning-Learning-Sharing. My association with AWS Community was the base for taking my enthusiasm for speaking to the worldwide tech events & transforming technical expertise into tech blogs, further gave a platform for organizing and hosting AWS cloud conferences which lead to the first honorary recognition from AWS in 2019 and journey continued uphill. My employer, Infor and VP - Vynessa Alexander also have been very encouraging and quite supportive for being part of the tech community.

2. The society, where you had been brought up, has its own merits and demerits. One of the major setbacks is that society has not been very appreciative of women achievers. Yet, you have gone ahead and achieved and created your own identity. How do you see this as?

So true that many things in life have to be taken with a grain of salt. Workplace and the AWS Cloud Community gave me the freedom to uphold my individuality without compromising the originality, which helped me to create an identity despite several glorious success and few devastating failures.

Looking back gives me an eternal bliss, self-contentment & pride. My hearty thanks

- who had lit the lamp of consciousness in me;
- who had enabled me to embrace the external competencies,
- who are the sole reason for what I am today.



3. You would have met 1000's of women Globally through your inspiring initiative. What are the 5 strengths of women that you Observed almost in ALL woman?

Meeting people from various walks of lives, vaarious parts of the globe is the exciting part. I get to learn a lot from those whom I meet. Some of the strengths that amaze me are

- a. Master in Multi-tasking
- b. Strong determination
- c. High degree of confidence
- d. Consistent delivery with commitment
- e. Compassionate at heart with clarity in thought

4. Also, what are the key areas that a Woman falls short from becoming a Superhuman? What are the Lessons learnt the hard way in your Life? Can you share it with our Audience?

Women are always trained or socially cultured to do things they are told so. They face a lot of low self-esteem often. I also see a lot of hesitation to seek help from the right people. Remember, it is okay to seek help. And, remember, women must learn to lit themselves too, while holding the torch for others. Well talking about some lessons, the one that tops my list is , "Learn to say a NO". Yes need not be an answer always! Also, follow your heart and instinct no matter what.

5. How many times have you been dejected in your life and what is your learning outcome?

Ups and downs are part of life, at times later could outnumber. To prevent the past failures from ruining the present and future, I have channelized my energy to learn new tools and technologies, accredited with certifications or personified with blogs.

Despite the timely motivations from well-wishers, low energy can be charged with self-motivations to reiterate reason to revive and here is one such poem from me to myself

**Time and Time again,
Thorny new troubles,
Dawns and dies silently.
Wake-up to view the wonders,
Appreciate the Alchemy behind,
Avoid mourning the melancholy beneath.
Young and old,
Need to be bold,
To deck up the world,
As a better place hold,
The budding generations.
Let your sparkling illusions,
Wade-off Thorny troubles as delusions.**

6. When you were a kid what was the area of work that you said to yourself: "I will do this if I grow up" ? And, is what you dreamed and what you are now doing the same?

As a first graduate in the family, I grew up watching women only in two professions - my teachers and doctors. Always have high regards for doctors and great admiration for teachers. I am an accidental engineer! Thanks to my Dad & BITSathy, where I got to switch from English Literature to Engineering; but did secure distinction and several university ranks. Learning spree continued since then.

7. Keynotes on disruptive topics need a lot of research. Despite your busy schedule, how do you devote time to do your learning?

Generally, spend 30 mins to 1 hour per day to learn something new related to the domain and atleast once in a month explore the new learnings to solve a technical problem with practical implementation. And the passion for technical blogging and knowledge sharing helps to solidify the knowledge gained.

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8. Being a Technocrat, what will be your advice for the college grads and the fresher? Where should they start focusing in the Technology World?

Educate yourself with the trending tools & technologies in the market, pick-up something resonates with your interest and ideology, learn deeper from abundant resource available over the web, attend conferences/ meetups to learn from the pioneers in the field, accredit your learning with a relevant certification and implement pet projects. Update your profile with accolades and accomplishments to stand out from the myriads of budding engineering grads.

9. Technology - is it a boon or a bane ? To many of us, technology has become a double edged knife. It troubles both the user and the receiver. What are your thoughts on this?

Constant technological revolution brings astonishing advancement to the essentials and these gifts of life have got in all the comfort. But still there certain moments where we window to the world which got the global education to the common man, but overwhelming information led to too many distractions.

Technology gave the freedom to express ourselves in different means, but the face-to-face communication is fading and privacy being compromised.

As rightly said, Too much of anything is good for nothing, hence let's use them wisely.

10. Women empowerment and Women in family - what are your thoughts?

Women empowerment is what we hear and Women in family is what we experience. 😊

11. As self-made woman in the technological world, What do you think is a must possessed quality / attitude, to win in this fast paced world?

Think deeply but act swiftly, stay positive, enjoy what you do by putting your head, heart & soul, and that passion will drive you to victory.



Everyday is born with some learning to be imparted; and at various moments of the day, each one of us are both teachers and students, consciously or unconsciously. Have zest and zeal to be a life-long learner.

12. People say “Failures are the Stepping Stones to Success”. Do people need to actually fail to be successful? Can't things be learnt in a Winning Path?

Success gives you a self-contentment and might put you into a comfort zone where the future success could be a compliment but not a compulsion. However, the pain from the failure would rekindle the burning desire deep rooted in you and ignite the spark that lives within to help you strive to succeed.

13. I am sure You would have created your Success Formula. Especially when you started your career, the field was dominated with men. What's your success formula? What will be your Advice to the Women who want to follow your path?

Do not believe in waiting for reservation or fighting for equality but just keep the spirits high at all times with loads of positivity and I can do it attitude. Take feedback from mentors & seniors, try to improve but know to keep the cribbing critiques at bay.

Stay focused, Stay humble, and Spread a Smile. 7