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As we ease into 2013, we've got our eyes on some powerful women who have managed to make a mark in the 21st century and who we think will continue to do so in the New Year. Rhea Dhanbhoora & Priyanka Singh tell you which women you should watch out for this year



wasn't spectacular year for women, it had its moments and from emerged a number powerful, successful women that we're sure will take this year by storm. From excelling in business, healthcare fields and technology to wowing us with their novels, contributing to society and the arts — women are raising the bar higher than ever before. Take a look at some of the faces we'll be keeping a close eye on this year.

### **PAVNI DIWANJI Google+ Director**

Pavni Diwanji, originally from Ahmedabad, is a woman we'll be watching very carefully in 2013. The founder and leader of Google Apps for Business, she's already contributed a lot to our daily lives. The former software engineer at Sun Microsystems, holds a masters degree in computer science from Stanford University and is a director of Google+. We're looking forward to seeing what she and Google have up their sleeves this year.

### **CHANDA KOCHHAR** MD & CEO of ICICI

It's always refreshing to see women doing well in fields such as finance Chanda technology and Kochhar has taken the financial world by storm. The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI bank, she also heads its corporate centre and is a recipient of the Padma Bhushan Award. This seems to be the year for more international clients' foray in to the

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Indian markets, so we've got our eye on her to see what reforms she continues to bring in.

### TISHANI DOSHI Journalist, dancer, author and poet

This dancer, journalist, author and poet is a multi-tasking genius. Performing all over the world with the Chandralekha group as the lead dancer, she's also a freelance journalist who writes a column for the New Indian Express and has a bevy of published works to her name, including the award winning poetry collection, Countries of the Body, critically acclaimed novel, The Pleasure Seekers and more recent collection of poems, Everything Begins Elsewhere.

### NEHA KIRPAL Founder & Fair director of India Art Fair

Neha may have started the India Art Fair way back in 2008, but over the last two years, was expanded by leaps and bounds. The New Delhi resident may still be thrilled over the great reception that the art fair got last year, but since this year's fair begins on January 31 (it is held at the NSIC Exhibition Grounds), she's probably also busy getting set for the fifth edition of the cultural event. She's definitely made up for the lack of contemporary art fairs in the country, bringing art to the forefront again. We're excited to see how this year's fair goes and we'll be watching what her contributions to the art world will be this year.

### HALLE TECCO Co-founder and CEO of Rock Health

Business and health are a funny combination, right? Well, Halle Tecco has managed to marry the two — and it's a marriage that's really working! She co-founded Rock Health, a website that works with digital healthcare start-ups. They offer investments, goods and services, office spaces and medical support. She also founded and used to run the non-profit Yoga Bear website, letting people in on the benefits of healing yoga for absolutely free.

# MASABA GUPTA Fashion designer



Indian designer Masaba Gupta has been turning heads in the fashion industry and for all the right reasons. Masaba has individuality in her work that makes her stand out from the rest of the young and upcoming designers. The unconventionality in the designs and prints that she uses on her fabrics are mainly responsible for her success. She also tries to keep a tie with the motherland by using a lot of likat and silks in her creations. She was also recently appointed as the creative director for Satya Paul and we're sure that 2013 will see her receiving prestigious recognition for her work that's evolving with each passing year.

### CHIKI SARKAR Publisher, Penguin India

Whoever said publishing is dead, obviously never met Chiki Sarkar. You might have read about her recently as she became the publisher of Penguin India. So, all you aspiring authors up there, sit up and pay attention. The former head of Random House India is keen on spotting new talent this year! We're waiting to see what she has lined up for us in the literary world in 2013.

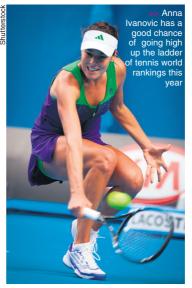


### NIKKI HALEY South Carolina Governor

She was named as one of the '12 Power Women to watch out for in 2013' by Forbes magazine and for more than one good reason. According to the magazine, Indian American Nikki Haley is especially notable this year as she's been selected to deliver a keynote at the Republican National Convention, which is, according to some, a blatant indicator that she's being groomed for an important party position. Haley was the first woman to be elected as the governor of South Carolina in 2010. These uphill developments obviously indicate that Haley can turn out to be an impactful figure in the world of politics in the near future and we are eagerly waiting to see her rise.

### ANA IVANOVIC Tennis player

The Serbian tennis star was formerly number one in the world rankings and is now 13, but there are chances that this could change this year. After a successful 2012 that saw her finally find her way back into a grand slam quarter final, she kicks off 2013 with her second appearance at the PTT Pattaya Open on January 27.



## **MAYA JANE COLES**

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From Armin van Buuren to Tiesto, there are many male DJs that have haunted our electronic dance music playlists since eons! Now it's time for female DJs to take over. You can heave a sigh of relief as we have no intentions of naming Paris Hilton. We are talking about Mary Jane Coles, who was among the 25 DJs that rule the earth in the list by Rolling Stones international magazine. She has been an active and popular part of the underground EDM scene for years, but now she's started to make that transition into the hip section of mainstream with remixing tracks of bands like Florence & The Machine, which only makes her more lovable. We have our bets on her to turn into a rage in the EDM scene in 2013.

# YAEL COHEN Entrepreneur

This 25-year-old started looking at things very differently after her mother was diagnosed with cancer. After this revelation, Yael Cohen went ahead and made a t-shirt with a slogan that said, 'F\*ck Cancer.' This simple t-shirt message has now grown to become a successful non-profit organisation in South Africa, with her being at the helm of it. 90% of cancers are curable, as long as they're detected early and the organisation works in order to spread the same message. What she aims to do is encourage the younger generation to spread the word: give your parents 'The Cancer Talk' like they gave you 'The Sex Talk.' We think that we'll be seeing a lot of her speaking at important forums on this issue this year.

### MITHALI RAJ Indian women's cricket team captain

In 1999, against Ireland, when she scored 114 runs without getting out, we were sure that a star was in the making. She came into the limelight again for her score of 214 runs in a test match against England, which broke the record for the highest score in women's Test cricket, until she was surpassed by Kiran Baluch of Pakistan in 2004. In 2010, she also became the number one batswoman in the ICC World Women's Cricket rankings. But, why do we think that this year will be particularly important for her? It's because she's heading the women's cricket team of India for the upcoming 2013 ICC Women's World Cup, due to take place by the end of this month.

# OTHER WOMEN WE'RE WATCHING

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PRIYANKA CHOPRA: No, we're not planning to look at her Bollywood career at all, but are more interested in how her career as an international musician pans out. Her international tours abroad and audience's reactions to the same will be worth the wait.

MARY BARRA: The Senior Vice President of Global Marketing Development at General Motors had a pretty good 2012 and seems like she will be continuing her winning streak this year as well.

INDIRA NOOYI: Consistently propped on the most powerful women lists around the world, we're eager to see what the Chairman and CEO of PepsiCo. brings to the fore.

**SAINA NEHWAL:** Well, she needs no introduction. It wil be interesting to see how her badminton career fares this year and our expectations are, frankly, quite high.

