



Kanika Dewan



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Born in India, raised in the Middle East and educated in England and the United States, Ms. Dewan, 36, earned herself a place in the Guinness Book of World Records in 2012. Ms. Dewan has won three entrepreneur of the year awards, selected consecutively from 2010 to 2013, in India and in the Middle East. A member of the Hindustan Times Leadership Consort, she was selected as a Young Achiever of the Year by Society Magazine. The Kolkata-born entrepreneur was responsible for all the stone works of the two largest airport projects in India: the Terminal 3 at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, which was completed in 2010, and the new Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport. Her other major works include the Leela Palace hotels in Chennai and Delhi; the Philippe Stark building in SoHo, New York; and the Bridgewater Hindu temple in New Jersey.

Journalists have praised Ms. Dewan for designing and building all stone works at the New Delhi International Airport. She played a key role in the project, overseeing all of the stonework design and installation for T3's flooring, lifts and lobby areas.

Ms. Dewan's design acumen extends to art work in stone designed for the world's largest luxury yacht for the King of Oman. Also, her mission of "life improvement" has led her to design a one of a kind, environmentally friendly stone paneling system for the seven-star Leela Palace hotel in Delhi.