

# Beyond *limitations*

IN CITY ON TUESDAY, SMINU JINDAL SHARES HER NEW POLICIES OF MAKING INFRASTRUCTURE ACCESSIBLE IN CHANDIGARH

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**S**minu Jindal, managing director of Jindal Saw, who has taken the initiative of making incredible India an accessible India through her charitable trust Swayam, is on her way where she will promote the dignity of people who have reduced their mobility naturally or accidentally. And for that, the first and most important solution is to make

every destination easy to reach, without negotiating on age, she feels.

In city, on Tuesday Sminu shares her new policies of making infrastructure accessible in Chandigarh. We catch up with her to know more about the subject and her courageous journey so far.

## Accessible for all

Her vision seems clearer when she states that in a country where internet accessibility is growing at a faster pace, there should be a thought drawn towards those who have lost their abilities to approach the places that are easily accessible to a normal person.

"It isn't the fault of a disabled person but the infrastructure," she says.

Also, she continues, "If it is about adaptation then it should be the infrastruc-

ture where adaptations and transformation should be enforced."

Today, Sminu with her team will be starting accessibility project at the Government Multi Specialty Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh and soon her team will work towards making PGIMER infrastructure accessible.

"I think doors with proper width, and ramps with proper slope are two major requirements at every public building.

"We are fulfilling our duties to make the building easily accessible to all but after that it's the responsibility of people to use and maintain them properly," she adds.

As the mission of the team is to move towards a barrier free environment, Sminu says that they are also hoping to transform society so that ev-

eryone is treated and respected equally. "I don't believe that disabled people should be given a special attention or sympathetic behaviour. They should be provided with tools to find their abilities so that they can work equally as a normal person does," she says.

And for that, she emphasises on awareness. "Change comes when people are aware. People should know that why they need accessibility who will be benefited if every site is easily approachable. "At least, those who have retired will not have to jail themselves in homes only because of lack of easy transport," she shares.

"I dream of a country, a livable community where there are no roads that cannot be accessed and no destinations unreachable." On this note, she signs off.

