

Breaking

CELEBRATING HISTORY-MAKING WOMEN

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Women breaking records across various fields has been a growing trend in recent years, inspiring millions of young girls and women around the world to dream big and aim for the stars. From the world of sports to politics, entertainment to technology, women are breaking barriers and challenging gender norms, proving that there is no limit to what they can achieve.

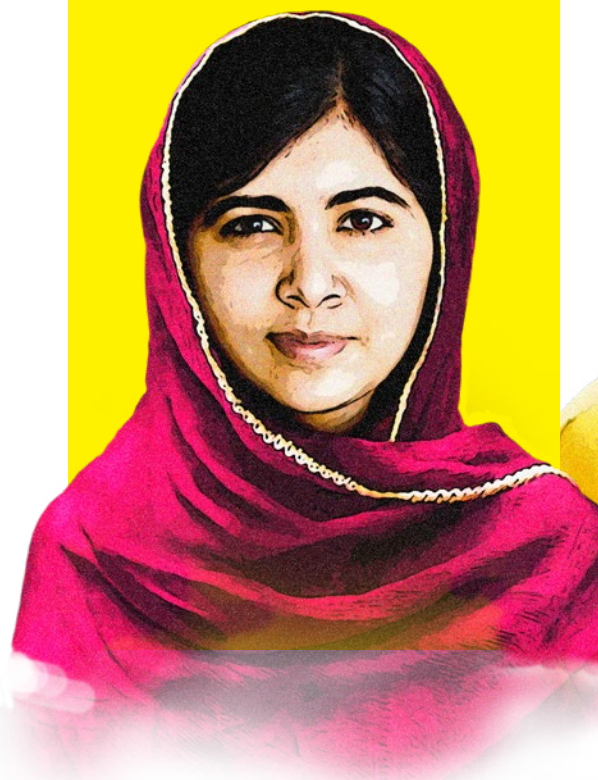
In sports, women have broken countless records and shattered longstanding barriers. From Serena Williams' record-breaking 23 Grand Slam titles to Simone Biles' domination of the gymnastics world with a jaw-dropping 30 Olympic and World Championship medals, female athletes continue to rewrite the history books and redefine what it means to be a champion.

Outside of sports, women are also making waves and breaking records in other areas. Kamala Harris, for example, made history in 2021 when she became the first female vice president of the United States. In the entertainment industry, actresses like Viola Davis and Regina King are paving the way for diversity and inclusion, breaking barriers and smashing records with their outstanding performances. Women in technology are also making strides, with leaders like Susan Wojcicki and Sheryl Sandberg blazing trails and inspiring the next generation of female tech pioneers. They say it is a man's world, but it will be an understatement to say that this man's world has been built upon the shoulders of pioneering women. In our women's special edition, we wished to acknowledge and celebrate all the women who have broken the barriers of patriarchal dominance and created a record for themselves. Check them out below —



MALALA YOUSAFZAI

Malala Yousafzai made history back in 2014 when she became the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. The Pakistani female education activist achieved this feat at just the age of 17 years. Malala endured a lot when she was left seriously injured after being attacked in Pakistan for her campaign work by an extremist terrorist group. Since then, Yousafzai has emerged to become a prominent figure for women's education around the world.



Barriers



GRETA THUNBERG

Greta is often seen in the news getting carried away by government officials usually at a protest. The Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg set a record for being the youngest Time 'Person Of The Year' at the age of just 16 years and 354 days. Thunberg gained prominence in August 2018 when she protested against her own government in Sweden to step up and deliver on its environmental commitments. In 2022, Greta Thunberg made headlines for trolling the infamous social media influencer Andrew Tate which led to Twitter having a field day.



ZARA RUTHERFORD

All of us dream to travel around the world. Be it the hustle of New York or the serenity of Switzerland, we want to experience it all. But would you be willing to travel across the world solo in a microlight aircraft? Sounds crazy but Zara Rutherford achieved this feat just at the young age of 19! Zara is an aviator who at the age of 19 became the youngest female pilot to fly solo around the world and the first person ever to complete a circumnavigation in a microlight aircraft. She completed her journey in five months. Interestingly, Zara's brother at the age of 16 has broken the same record becoming the youngest person to fly around the world.



CHRISTINA KOCH

"I'd love to go to space" is something I find myself saying at least once a week. The realisation that we're just specks of dust when it comes to the universe is a humbling experience and witnessing outer space would be a privilege. However, it's not for the faint of heart and Christina Koch is the exact opposite of it. US astronaut Christina Koch broke the women's record for the longest time in space. As a part of a long-duration mission, Christina Koch spent 328 days in space making it the longest single spaceflight by a woman. The record was previously held by Peggy Whitson who spent a total of 288 days in space.





WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS IN INDIA

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India has been seeing an increasing number of women entrepreneurs in recent years. Women in India are breaking the glass ceiling and stepping out of traditional roles to make their mark in the entrepreneurial world.

Be it from starting their businesses to running successful startups, they have been breaking barriers, fighting societal norms and achieving success in the Indian startup ecosystem. Let's take a look at India's top 10 women entrepreneurs who have been disrupting various industries and inspiring millions of others to follow their dreams.

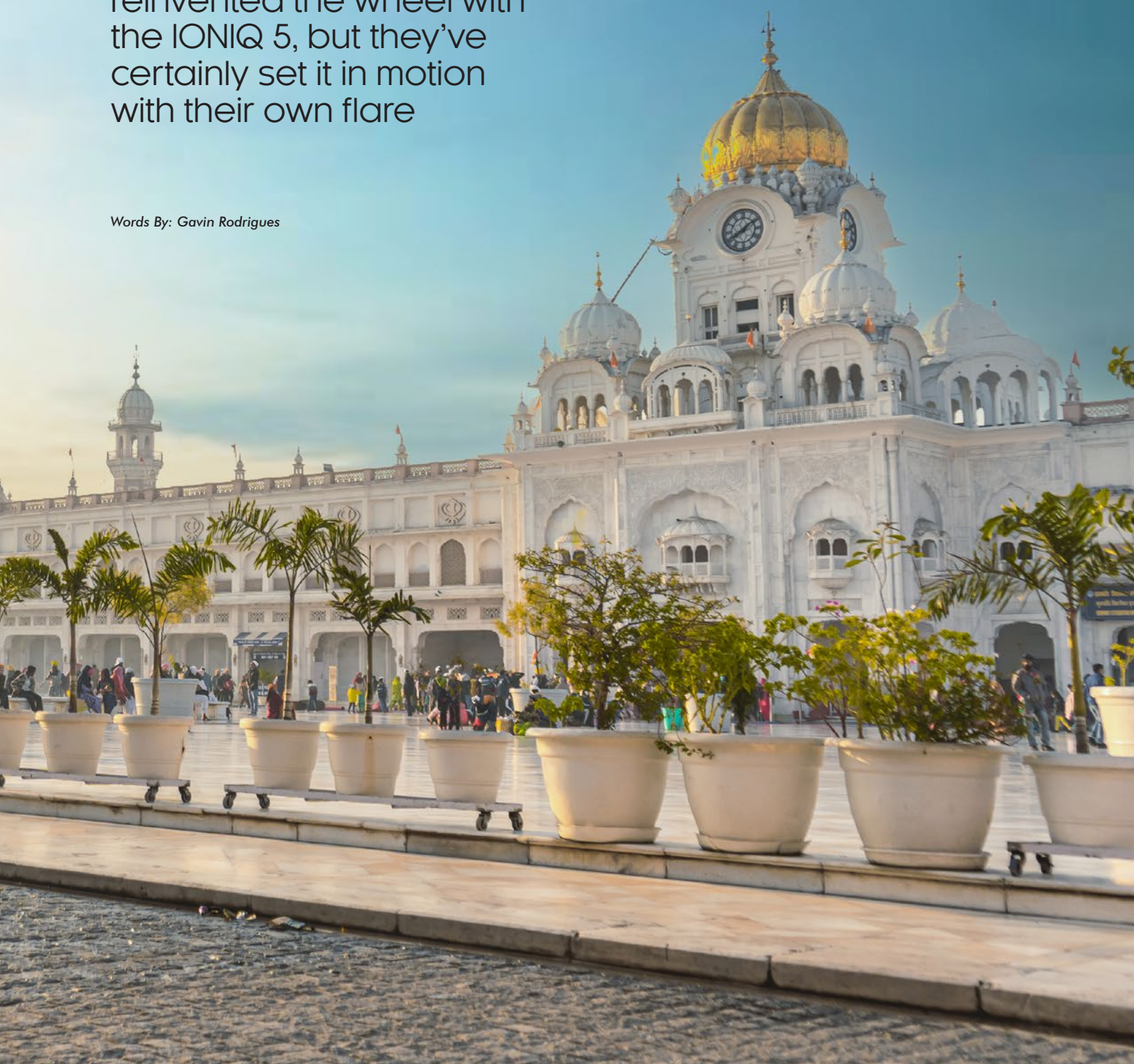
HYUNDAI IONIQ 5

FASTEST EV TO COVER 7 WONDERS OF INDIA



Hyundai hasn't
reinvented the wheel with
the IONIQ 5, but they've
certainly set it in motion
with their own flare

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WOMEN WHO SHAPED THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

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We talk about famous women who have significantly influenced the attraction of vehicles, whether via inventions, technological advances, leadership, bravery, or remarkable triumphs behind the wheel.

Female pioneers have been instrumental in the successful creation of the modern driving experience throughout the history of the vehicle. Women invented the windscreen wiper, car heating, Kevlar fibers, and other technologies. Women made pioneering travels with the first motor vehicles at the start of the 20th century. A lady completed the first automobile tour of the planet in 1929. A lady became the first trans person to complete the 24-hour race around Germany's famed Nurburgring circuit, breaking through to the public and establishing herself as a role model in the process.

MARY ANDERSON

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Mary Anderson saw how difficult it was for automobiles to maneuver through New York City's streets during heavy weather. They frequently had to exit the vehicle to clean their windscreens in the rain and snow. The requirement for an automated wiper blade was apparent to the young lady. Mary Anderson submitted a patent application for her creation and received US Patent Number 743,801 from the US Patent Office on November 10, 1903, for her "Window-cleaning system" for cars and other vehicles that was designed to "remove snow, rain, and sleet off the glass in front of the motorman." At the height of the steering wheel, her gadget included a hand-operated lever that the driver could use. A spring-loaded swing arm with a rubber band would be triggered and then return to its starting position if the lever was pulled. Despite the fact that mechanical windscreen wipers were a required feature on automobiles by 1913, Mary Anderson never made money off of her invention. However, as the creator of the windscreen wiper, Mary Anderson was one of the women who contributed to laying the groundwork for the advancement in automotive engineering.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF

WOMEN

IN NUMBERS

Women-owned businesses worldwide increased by 58% between 2007 and 2018.

58%

49.72 %

The percentage of women in the workforce has increased from below 20% in 1950 to over 49.72 % in 2023.

Women have won 59 Nobel Prizes in various fields, including physics, chemistry, and medicine.

59

As of 2021, approximately 65% of women in India are involved in the labour force, with many working in agriculture and the informal sector.

65%

2019

In 2019, Wing Commander Shivangi Singh became the first woman fighter pilot to fly the MiG-21 Bison aircraft, considered one of the most challenging fighter planes to fly.

In 2021, Kamala Harris became the first person of Indian descent to be elected as the Vice President of the United States.

2021

Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani activist for female education, became the youngest Nobel laureate in 2014 at the age of 17.

17

Women have been granted the right to vote in over 190 countries, with New Zealand being the first in 1893.

190

2010

In 2010, Marissa Mayer became the first female engineer at Google and later became CEO of Yahoo.

Sally Ride became the first American woman in space.

1983