

Mekin Maheshwari - Founder & CEO of Udhyam Learning Foundation



Mekin Maheshwari is the Founder and CEO of Udhyam Learning Foundation, a non-profit organisation based in India. He is driven by a strong belief in human capability and a profound commitment to drive equitable growth in India by giving every individual the means and agency to unlock their untapped potential. Mekin's journey as a leader at Udhyam is marked by his determination to foster entrepreneurial mindsets among Indian students and nano-entrepreneurs. So far, Udhyam's work has reached over 29 lakh students from government school and ITIs across 12 Indian states; and has led to an annual income uplift of Rs. 29 crore for 6,600+ Nano-entrepreneurs.

Mekin's passions lie in secondary education, skilling, job creation, and entrepreneurship. As a technologist, he is driven to guide people in <u>using technology for impact at scale</u>. He wears various hats as a philanthropist and changemaker.

Beyond his role at Udhyam Learning Foundation, Mekin is also a Co-Founder of the <u>Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (G.A.M.E)</u> and an active contributor to Social Change at <u>ACT Grants</u>.

He serves as a board member for non-profit organisations such as TeamLease and Sikshana, while also acting as an angel investor for a diverse range of social enterprises, tech companies, and educational initiatives including Urban Company, ReapBenefit, AlohoMora, Inqui-Lab, and The Nudge Foundation.

He is deeply involved in education reform and was a part of the Delhi board's committee responsible for drafting a revised curriculum framework

An Engineer by education, Mekin's strong association with technology remains a key part of his identity, and he continues to apply his engineering mindset to diverse domains. His career began at Yahoo!, and he embraced entrepreneurial roles throughout his professional journey. He played an instrumental role in Flipkart's growth story, starting from its humble beginnings in a two-room house to eventually serving as Head of Engineering and then Chief People Officer for a 35,000-strong team, spearheading the formation and leadership of one of the most impactful technology teams in the country.

Mekin is also an avid sports fan, with a particular love for badminton.

Mekin Maheshwari's leadership is defined by his deep-seated belief in human potential, his tireless efforts to empower people, and his commitment to creating a positive **impact** at scale through education, technology, and entrepreneurship.