

# Break stereotypes and follow your instincts: Thangam

**T**hangam Meganathan, the chairperson of Rajalakshmi Institutions, is well known in higher education. From gender-related issues in business to women's empowerment, she has a lot to share. Excerpts follow...

**As a women entrepreneur have you ever faced discrimination?**

Being in the company of erudite and thorough professionals, I have never felt that I faced discrimination.

**Do you think the status of women in business has changed over the years?**

Today, women are heading powerful posts in MNCs and large banks. I personally feel women who set high standards and have great work ethics alone become role models and make it big.

**Tell us about your work-family balance.**

I have come this far because

of the encouragement of my family and it motivates me to achieve more. Having a healthy balance between family and work is crucial. But I am happy to have a family that completely understands me and gives me that space.



**On this Women's Day, what is your advice to other women?**

Be prepared to break stereotypes and follow your instincts. Have the passion



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to learn. Be confident of your roles and responsibilities. I am very optimistic that a society with zero-violence against women is very much a possibility in the near future.