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From left to right
 Cricketer Smriti Mandhana
 Entrepreneur Karan Adani
 Actor Taapsee Pannu
 Politician Aaditya Thackeray
 Rocketmaker Pawan Chandana

THE NEXT 100

YOUNG ACHIEVERS IN POLITICS, BUSINESS, CINEMA, SCIENCE AND THE ARTS WHO SYMBOLISE INDIA TOMORROW

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“We intend to make our products available in smaller towns and cities and grow the positive social and environmental impact created by Ecoware. Pollution is a global problem that requires a concerted solution”



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 ENTREPRENEURS

PLANET SAVER

RHEA MAZUMDAR SINGHAL, 39

Founder and CEO, Ecoware Delhi

On a mission to make sustainable packaging a way of life, Singhal has introduced the likes of national food giant Haldiram's to using cutlery made of biodegradable materials. Distressed at the amount of plastic waste generated by disposable cutlery—with the attendant environmental consequences—Singhal worked to find an appropriate replacement material. She settled on sugarcane bagasse (the residue left from the extraction of sugarcane juice), and today, her firm claims its cutlery degrades into soil in just 30 days. Founded in 2010, Ecoware currently has a turnover of about Rs 30 crore, which Singhal aims to raise to Rs 100 crore. She has a growing list of major clients, including Indian Railways, Cinnabon, FabCafe, Subway and Chaayos. The firm also caters to hotels (including the Taj, Leela, Lalit, Novotel and the Oberoi), as well as the office canteens of JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs and Bain Capital. She was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar by President Ram Nath Kovind in 2019. ■

— Shweta Punj

THE EARLY BIRD... Singhal wakes up at 5.45 am every day for a vigorous workout; she says this grounds her and keeps her motivated