



**Its never too late
to set a new goal,
or Dream a new dream..!”**

-Mariam Shaikh

Educationist

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She is an avid, passionate and a devoted woman who leaves no stone unturned to make education an integral part of life and its values, her endeavours in making Dubai an educational hub for International universities has augmented to its growth as an Academic City.



Mariam Shaikh, winner of 3 Awards the GCC Woman of the Year Award for Leadership in a ceremony at the capital, Abu Dhabi. Followed by The Global Super Achiever Award in Mumbai, India for Internationally promoting education Globally and at the start of the New Year with being conferred with the commendable Lifetime Achievement Award this January 2020 gets in talk with **Vidhi Guglani** Editor in Chief, **THE EXPLORE** Journal and imparts her visions and success of transforming a better tomorrow for the foreign students coming to Dubai, UAE.

Mariam Shaikh has a list of life time achievements in the Gulf Region as an educationist, and her valuable contribution is nothing short of greatness, the landmark goals she has attained in promoting education locally and Internationally are admirable. She has always kept upbeat from the time Dubai decided that it will establish itself as the Educational Hub of the Region. She has been with Dubai in this endeavour since the very beginning when Dubai embarked on this journey from Knowledge Village to the present world recognised Academic City which hosts some of the topmost Universities in the World and is expanding at a rapid pace. She has held key positions with various Universities actively drawing students from all over the world to Dubai. The most recent position she held was Vice President of AMITY University for their Dubai Campus. She has spoken at several Conferences and News channels, foreign & local, to offer the world class educational facilities that have been established at the Academic City. She has travelled extensively in the region as a Brand Ambassador, individually, as well as in a delegation, with various education agendas, and has contributed obstinately to establishing Dubai as the educational hub.

Her progressive drive of her career started off small in the early 80's with her own Nursery School and went on to head many schools as their Principal and when big changes were happening in UAE in the field of Higher Education, she quickly moved on to higher goals to develop the International market for the region. During the course of these activities she sponsored a Foreign Campus in Dubai, The University of New Brunswick at Dubai Knowledge Village, which was a pioneering to encourage the foreign Universities to set up their campuses in Dubai. She again moved fast and higher up securing important key positions with various other renowned educational institutes like The Canadian University of Dubai, Heriot Watt University from Scotland, and Amity University of India in Dubai and actively contributed towards the successful development of the student population in these institution's foreign campuses.

She is a very fervent and a zealous woman about her work and being socially vigorous and operational. Mariam Shaikh has held the position of President of the Indian Ladies Association and is an active member of the Canadian Business Council. She strongly believes in the development of society through education, it's value system, to leave a profound legacy for the future generation. She is of the opinion that international exposure and amalgamation of various cultures will help to create a tolerant and peaceful global society that will be progressive and will establish a bright future for the coming generations.

