

Modern Day Achievements

Hindus have established themselves as the leaders in science, technology, and innovation. In addition, they are also competitive in the areas of language, literature, and the arts.

Accomplishments include:

1. Nobel laureates such as, Chandrasekhar Venkataraman (Physics)-1930, Subramanyan Chandrasekhar (Physics)-1983, and Gobind Khorana (Medicine)-1968 have expanded human knowledge and contributed immensely to scientific progress.
2. Rabindranath Tagore (1913) and V.S. Naipual (2001) both won the Nobel Prize for Literature.
3. Hindu scientists in the West have been deeply involved in contributing to research and entrepreneurship.
 - Arun Netravali, was the ninth President of the famed AT&T Bell Labs and also held the post of Chief Technology Officer at Lucent.
 - Kalpana Chawla was selected as a candidate for NASA's 15 th Group of Astronauts and participated in the Columbia Space shuttle mission.
 - Currently, an estimated 16% of the US Department of Defense research is being conducted by Indians [[learn more](#)]
4. Many US technology firms are founded or run by Hindus. Indians have been prominent in Silicon Valley, with at least an estimated 10% of firms being run by Indians.
 - The founder of Sun Microsystems and partner at Kleiner Perkins, Vinod Khosla, is regarded as one of the most powerful venture capitalists in the world.
5. Hindu Entrepreneurs have also enjoyed a lot of success in Canada:
 - Suresh Gupta, CEO of Easton's Group of Hotels and Companies, came to Canada with about \$100 and now heads a company with revenues in excess of \$400 million.
 - Rani Advani came to Canada in 1969 with \$10 in her pocket and now heads OnCorp Direct Inc., a company that acts as an electronic gateway to vital government services for various levels of government in Canada.
6. In medicine, it is estimated that 5% of practicing doctors in America are of Indian origin, whereas Indians only account for less than 1% of the total population. Indians have occupied important directorial and executive posts at the American Medical Association as well as many famed US hospitals and clinics.
7. In addition to entrepreneurial achievements, Hindus have achieved success in senior executive positions at some of the largest corporations in the world. During the 1990s the

CEO of American Airlines, US Airways, and Managing Director of McKinsey Consulting were all of Indian origin.

- Prem Watsa, CEO, Fairfax Financial Holdings, a company with assets totaling \$31 billion U.S.
- Arun Sarin, CEO, UK based Vodaphone, the world's largest mobile phone provider.
- Lakshmi Mittal, founder and CEO of UK based LNM, the world's largest steel maker.

Hindus have enhanced progress and contributed to advancements both in India and the West. In particular, the presence of Hindus in the US has contributed greatly to American predominance and leadership in technology. As a peaceful and successful people coming from an advanced democratic nation (India), Hindus are easily assimilated into fellow democracies in the West.