PRIYA LAKHANI

Founder CEO of Award Winning Education Technology Company





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Priya Lakhani OBE is the Founder CEO of CENTURY Tech, the award-winning education technology company that develops Al-powered learning tools for schools, colleges, universities and employers across the world.

In 2008, Priya left her career as a barrister to launch a successful FMCG business, which through its charitable foundation provided millions of meals and thousands of vaccinations to the underprivileged in India and Africa.

She was appointed to the UK government's Al Council in 2019 and co-founded the Institute for Ethical Al for the education sector.

Between 2021 and 2023, Priya was appointed as Non-Executive Board Member to the UK Government Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS), with specific focus on online safety and technology.

Most recently, Priya was selected by the World Economic Forum as a Tech Pioneer for her work at CENTURY and has received a number of prestigious awards including the MIT SOLVE award (2018), the National Economic Innovator of the Year by The Spectator (2019), The Mayor's Fund Special Recognition Award (2016) and Business Entrepreneur of the Year by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (2009).

Priya holds numerous trustee and non-executive posts, and was awarded an OBE in 2014. She is an Honorary Vice President of the Council of British International Schools and in 2020 she received an honorary doctorate from Coventry University's engineering faculty. She is a regular commentator on global news for the BBC.

Apart from her expertise in delivering compelling keynote sessions, Priya Lakhani also takes on the roles of hosting business awards and chairing panels and fireside chats.