

On The Fast Track

The correct number would be closer to 4,500. There must be as many or more women out there, who deserve to be in here. But since we are celebrating our 45th anniversary this year, we sifted through the young and upwardly mobile to find 45 women, who are making their presence felt on the fast track.

Mind our words, we know how to spot talent. We have done it for 45 years. And today, most of the ones who have stood the test of time, from a Shobhaa De to a Poonam Sinha (nee Chandiramani) to a Madhuri Dixit and a Sushmita Sen will vouch for the fact that they were celebrated by Femina much before they became full-fledged celebs in their own right.

We've scanned various disciplines and scoured the length and breadth of the country to shortlist 45 fine young women who will burn bright in the coming years. Whose grit, determination and inner strength, combined with their vision, will shape their destinies and that of their universe too.

More power to them!



Mithu Sen

Identity: 'I hate pink' was how poet-artist Mithu Sen put across her views on gender politics existing in the Indian society at her last solo show where all her 35 works were in pink! For Mithu, it was just her way of putting across her innermost feelings. But then, you can trust the Shantiniketan product and Charles Wallace India Trust Award (2000-2001) winner to be completely original: "I know what I want to do, how to convey my main message. Sometimes my art is weird, like working with my hair. That's my reaction to the outer world."

Why we think she rocks: With solo shows and major exhibitions at home and abroad from New York to Edinburgh, London to Pakistan. After a one-year postgraduate programme (Visiting) at the Glasgow School of Art, she is presently an Art Omni International Resident Artist in New York.

Winning attitude: "I want my work to speak for itself. I'm not a page-3 artist."