

**Verve Magazine: Verve's 50 power Women**

A game changer for more than two decades, Chitra Ramkrishna started off in finance, joining the project finance division of IDBI Bank, sharpening her skills at the treasury and fixed-income departments. At a fairly early stage in her career, she made a lasting impression on reputed members of the industry like RH Patil and SS Nadkarni, who hand-picked her to join them in setting up the National Stock Exchange(NSE). Ever since, Ramkrishna has contributed greatly to its remarkable growth and, two years ago, took over as the managing director and CEO of the NSE- the first woman in this position. She continues to keep pace with Indian and global market developments as reigning queen of the country's stock markets.



**The Growth of the NSE:** NSE stuck with its convictions and not with the obvious choices to become the successful organisation that it is today. They are a bunch of people who passionately enjoy what they are doing in creating this world-class institution.

**Defining Power:** She feels that power is about executing one's responsibilities and, ultimately, if they contribute to the economy or society, then some purpose is served.

**Words of Wisdom:** 'Failure is a part of your life which will move you in another direction. So don't overlook that. Obvious choices are there for everyone to see but that can only give you so much growth. Always ask what it is that make you come alive. Go and do that rather than worrying about what the world need from you.'