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Poonam Barua is a renowned global leader, economist, founder and CEO of the "Women in Leadership Forum" (Forum WILL) in New Delhi (<https://www.willforumonline.com/about.php>). Founded 14 years ago to encourage women to take on leadership roles, Forum WILL has more than 6000 women from 250 global companies and more than 1000 mentors. She is also a co-founder of the Rise and Lead Women Summit in The Hague, a member of the Advisory

Board of Global Women Connect in Hong Kong and a board member of the Vedica Scholars Programme for Women in New Delhi. She has received several awards including "The Inspiring Achievers Award 2015: Global & Emerging Leaders" from Roshni Media, New York. She has led a series of WILLMeetUP! web conferences on women in leadership around the world in Amsterdam, Paris, Austria, Slovenia, Vancouver and the US, and the annual "WILL Forum India-USA" conference in New York, sponsored by global firms KPMG, BlackRock, Thomson Reuters, Merck and many others. She is the author of "Leadership by Proxy: The Story of Women in Corporate India", published by Bloomsbury in 2015 and has authored several other bestselling books. Poonam Barua was the Regional Director for India at the Conference Board in New York for over ten years. She has been awarded the Ford Fellowship for Women in Security Studies at School of Advanced International Studies of the University of Johns Hopkins, Washington, a Visiting Fellowship at the Henry L. Stimson Center, Washington, and an Advanced Management Program Fellowship at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Vedica Scholarship Fund for Women and a Director of PAMASIA Global New Delhi, a firm specializing in global corporate advisory and leadership development for diverse stakeholders. Beneficiaries of PAMASIA Global's services include organizations around the world, including Financial Markets Inc., USA, Eisenhower Fellowships USA, East-West Center USA, Ford Foundation New Delhi, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Chamber of Commerce and Industry and many private companies. Poonam Barua was also named a "LinkedIn Top Voice" or global online influencer on the topic of women in leadership in 2019.