



LIGHTS



K-LITE BEGAN A LONG JOURNEY OF INNOVATION IN LIGHTING PRODUCTS

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Sharmila Kumbhat, the Director of K-Lite Industries in Chennai, started her career at the age of 16, working with her father at a grill manufacturing unit. At 19, she won the "Best Female Entrepreneur Award" presented by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Later, she studied at the Parsons School of Design in New York, gaining experience from different cultures around the world. Kumbhat started and ran two successful export-oriented companies in the US, but she decided to return to India to be more involved in her homeland and raise her children there. In 2011, she joined K-Lite and earned the title of "Director of New Business Development," helping the company break into international markets and increasing its turnover by 400%.

K-Lite began innovating in lighting products in 1977, with a focus on the quality of light and how it influences our lives. The company has showcased a range of innovative products under various portfolios, all using energy-saving and environmentally friendly LED lighting. This includes retail, office, consumer, architectural, facade, pathway, in-ground, tree-uplighter, up-down, billboard, vertical light bars, wall washers, area



lighting poles, and street lighting with sleek polar lighting solutions. K-Lite has supplied lighting for many prestigious locations, including the Amritsar Golden Temple Complex and the Chandigarh-Mohali Highway. The company also has expertise in manufacturing custom-built luminaires and has worked closely with the Indian Railways to cater to their luminaire requirements. K-Lite has provided specially designed luminaires for the Rajdhani Express, Shatabdi Express, Jaipur Metro, Delhi Metro, Bangalore Metro, Kolkata-Metro, and Sri Lankan Metro coaches. In 2017-2018, K-Lite won the "Asia One- World's Greatest Brands" for its architectural lighting and poles in Dubai.