

Indra Nooyi world's most powerful businesswoman

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw Ranked 99th In *Forbes'* List

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LEDED by soft drink giant PepsiCo's India-born chief Indra Nooyi, business executives account for nearly two-third of the world's 100 most powerful women's list compiled by US magazine *Forbes*.

Chennai-born Nooyi has moved up to the third rank in this year's list—up from the fifth last year—to become the highest-ranked woman in business as she expands the food and beverage giant internationally to counter a decline in Americans' preference for soda and chips.

The list has been topped by Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel, for the third year in a row, followed by Ms Sheila C Bair, who chairs the US government agency Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

While business leaders dominate the list, two out of three women representing India in the list are politicians—Congress party president Sonia Gandhi,

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RANK	Name	Occupation	Country
1	Angela Merkel	Chancellor	Germany
2	Sheila C Bair	Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp	US
3	Indra K Nooyi	Chairman & CEO, PepsiCo	US
21	Sonia Gandhi	President, Indian National Congress	India
59	Mayawati	Chief minister, Uttar Pradesh	India
99	Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw	Chairman & MD, Biocon	India



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ranked 21, and Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati at 59. The lone business leader representing India on the list is Biocon chairman and MD Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, ranked at the 99th place.

The ranking showcases women who have beat out men for top posts this year, including Lynn Laverty Elsenhans (No 39), the new chief of Sunoco, and Jane Mendillo (No 42), who was just named to run the \$35 billion Harvard University endowment.

About Nooyi, *Forbes* said: "Nooyi continues to grow PepsiCo, the \$39-billion food and beverage giant, through new product offerings and acquisitions. She orchestrated a major expansion into international markets, most notably with a \$1.4-billion acquisition of a 75% stake in Russian juice giant Lebedyansky."

About Ms Shaw, *Forbes* said: Now a top-20 global biotech company' chairman is the dean of India's rapidly growing biotech industry."